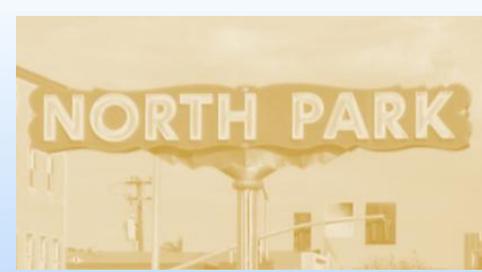


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Recreation Element



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Recreation Element Components:

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



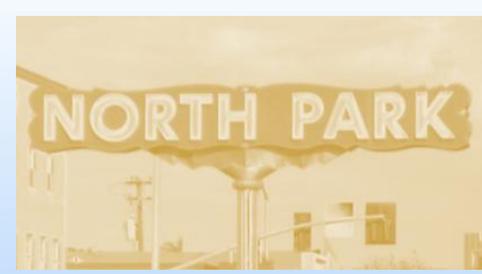
North Park Recreation Center



Garfield Elementary School Joint Use

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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 – Park Inventory



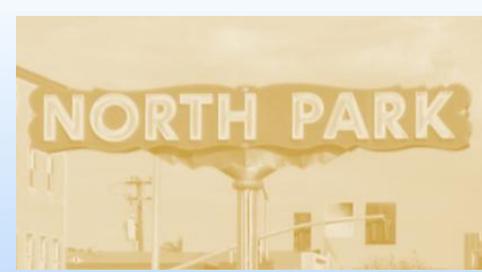
Red Area Represents a 2030 Park Deficit of 154.40 Acres

- Birney Elem. School Future Joint Use
- Garfield Elem. School Joint Use
- North Park Community Park
- Alba School Joint Use
- Future Jefferson Elem. School Joint Use
- Future North Park Theatre Mini-Park
- Future Roosevelt Junior High Joint Use
- Morley Field Area – Balboa Park
- Bird Park Area – Balboa Park
- Future 32nd Street Mini-Park
- Future McKinley Elem. School Joint Use
- Montclair Neighborhood Park
- Open Space, Typical
- Cedar Ridge Mini-Park



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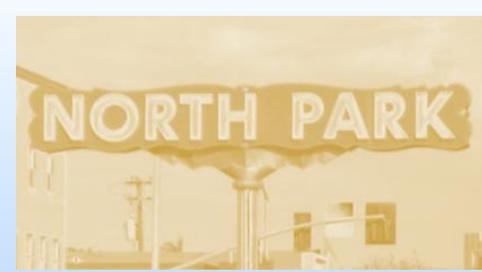


The City has struggled to meet park standards in the older urbanized communities such as Greater North Park, for several reasons:

- 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 Existing Park Inventory



North Park Community Park:

- ❑ Provides approximately 7.9 acres of useable multi-purpose parkland.
- ❑ A portion of the park is included in a joint use agreement with the San Diego Unified School District.



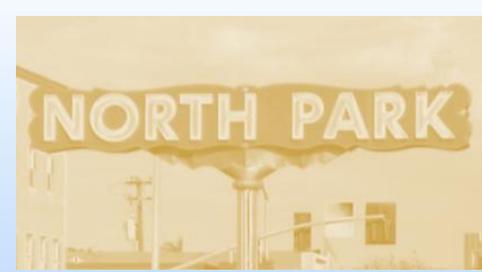
North Park Community Park Lighted Field



North Park Community Park Play Area

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Park & Recreation Existing Park Inventory



Alternative Learning for Behavior and Attitude (ALBA) Joint Use Improvements:

- ❑ 2.63 acres of the North Park Community Park.
- ❑ The joint use agreement includes 0.24 acres of school property.
- ❑ Joint use area may receive future improvements from SDUSD.



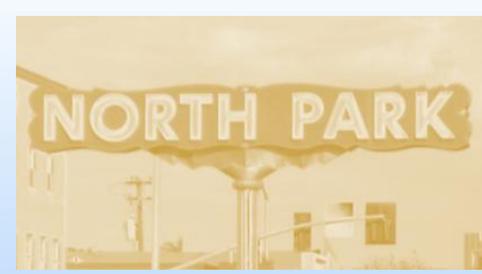
ALBA Campus



Joint Use Agreement Boundaries

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Montclair Neighborhood Park:

- ❑ Provides approximately 4.97 acres of multi-purpose parkland.
- ❑ Construction of a new, larger children's play area has begun.



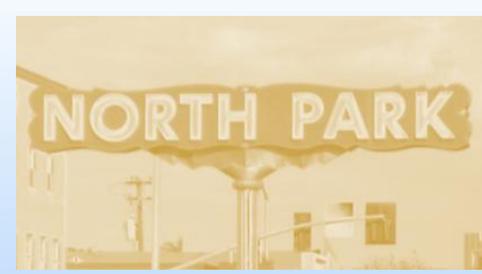
Montclair Neighborhood Park



Montclair Neighborhood Park

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Cedar Ridge Mini-Park:

- ❑ Provides approximately 0.27 acres of multi-purpose parkland.



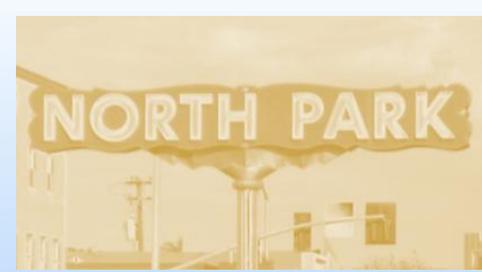
Cedar Ridge Mini-Park



Cedar Ridge Mini-Park

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Garfield Elementary School Joint Use Improvements:

- ❑ Provides for approximately 0.70 acres of useable parkland.
- ❑ The area provides for a multi-purpose turf field, multi-purpose courts and walkway areas.



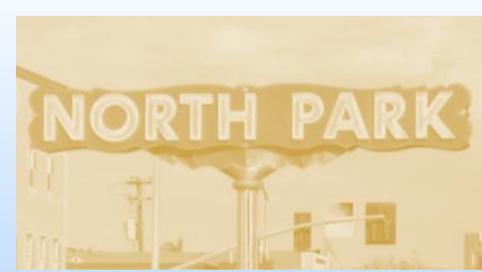
Garfield Elementary School Joint Use



Garfield Elementary School Joint Use

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Park & Recreation Future Park Inventory



Future 32nd Street (Redwood) Mini-Park:

- ❑ Provides for approximately 0.14 future acres of useable parkland.
- ❑ The area is currently not developed.
- ❑ Development will be limited *passive activities*.



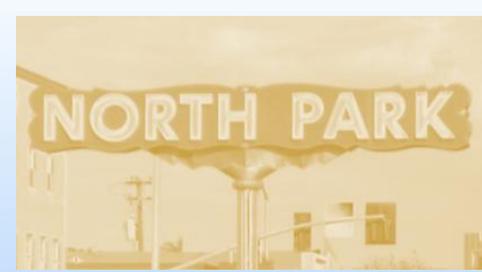
Future 32nd Street Mini-Park



Future 32nd Street Mini-Park

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Future North Park Mini-Park:

- ❑ Provides for approximately 0.50 *future acres* of useable parkland.
- ❑ Redevelopment and City partnership to develop the mini-park & streetscape master plan.



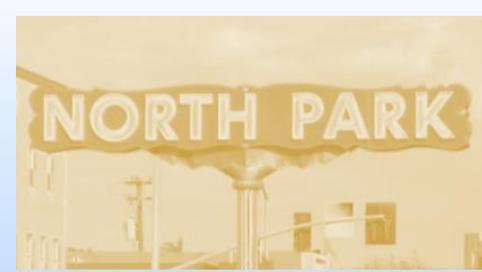
Future North Park Mini-Park



Future North Park Mini-Park

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Park & Recreation Future Park Inventory



Future Jefferson Elementary School Joint Use Improvements:

- ❑ Provides for approximately 1.0 *future acre* of parkland.
- ❑ Project is being designed and built by the *San Diego Unified School District*.
- ❑ Will *connect* with the 0.5 acre North Park Mini-Park via enhanced streetscapes.



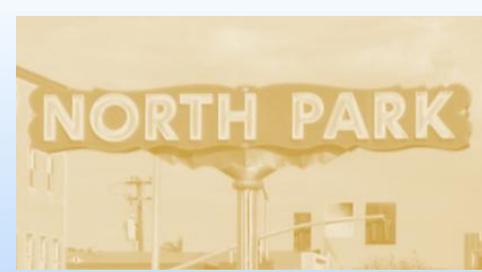
Future Jefferson Elementary Joint Use



Future Jefferson Elementary Joint Use

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Future McKinley Elementary School Joint Use Improvements:

- ❑ Provides for approximately 1.75 future acres of useable parkland.
- ❑ Funding has not been identified for this project.



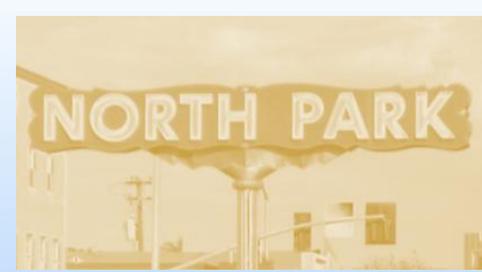
Future McKinley Elementary Joint Use



Future McKinley Elementary Joint Use

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Park & Recreation Future Park Inventory



Future Roosevelt Middle School Joint Use Improvements (Uptown):

- ❑ Phase I provides for approximately 2.23 future acres of useable parkland.
- ❑ May be a shared facility with Uptown.
- ❑ Phase I is currently in the design phase with E&CP.



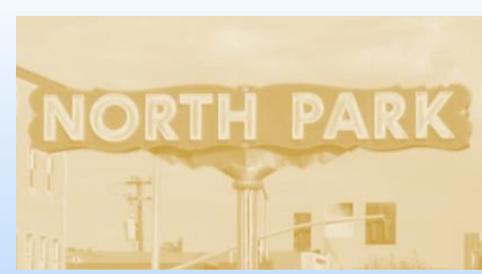
Phase I Future Roosevelt Elem. Joint Use



Phase II Future Roosevelt Elem. Joint Use

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Future Birney Elementary School Joint Use Improvements:

- ❑ Provides for approximately 1.82 future acres of useable parkland.
- ❑ Shared facility with Uptown.
- ❑ Currently under construction with E&CP.



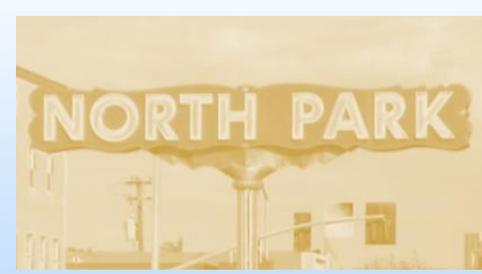
Birney Elementary School Joint Use Area



Birney Elementary School Joint Use Area

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Greater North Park Recreation Center Access:

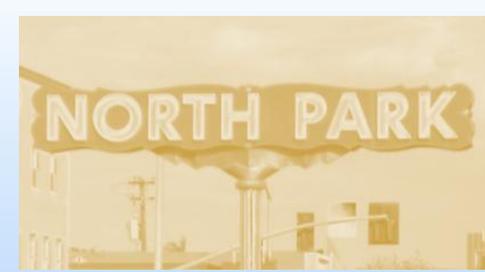
- ❑ Greater North Park is currently served by the North Park Rec. Center.
- ❑ North Park Recreation Center's size is currently 11,232 s.f..
- ❑ North Park Recreation Center contains a *gymnasium*.



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Park & Recreation Guidelines

Greater North Park Pool Access:



- ❑ Greater North Park is currently *not served by a swimming pool within its strict boundaries.*
- ❑ North Park's closest pool is *Bud Kearns Pool in Balboa Park.*
- ❑ The City currently has **18** shared municipal swimming pools.



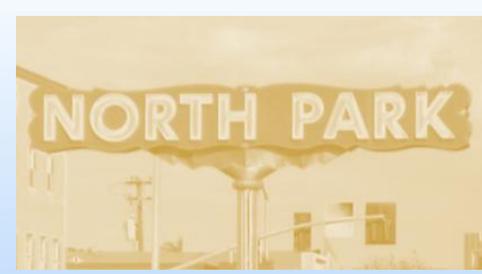
Bud Kearns Pool in Balboa Park



Bud Kearns Pool in Balboa Park

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Park & Recreation Guidelines



Greater North Park Dog Off-Leash Area Access:

- ❑ Greater North Park is served by **one** dog off-leash dog area, the **Morley Field Dog-Off-Leash Area**, located in Balboa Park.
- ❑ **Morley Field Dog Off-Leash Area** serves the surrounding communities as well.
- ❑ **Grape Street Dog Off-Leash Area** may serve some residents.



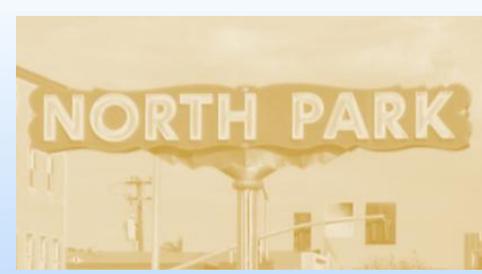
Morley Field Dog Off-Leash Area



Grape Street Dog Off-Leash Area

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Greater North Park Senior Services Recreation Access:

- ❑ *Recreational activities are offered out of the North Park Recreation Center.*
- ❑ *ElderHelp and Mental Health America, non-profit organizations, offer programs.*
- ❑ *Other senior services are located in the Clubhouse Senior Center in Morley Field; or the Senior Lounge in Balboa Park.*



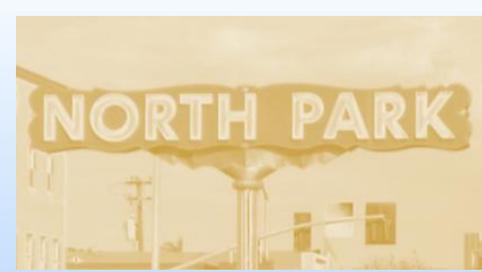
North Park Adult Center



North Park 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.*

Morley Field Sports Complex

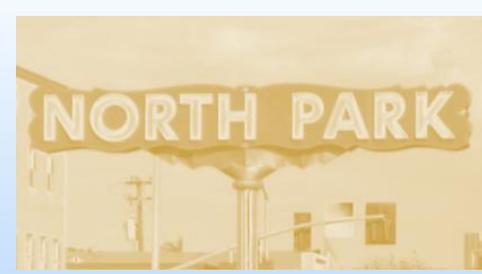


Bird Park – Balboa Park



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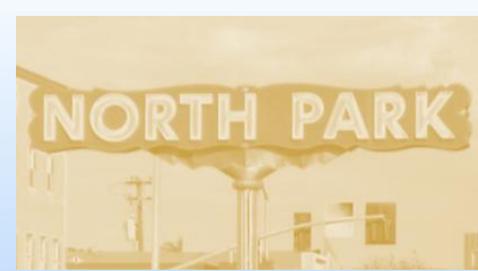
- ❑ *Create park equivalencies that count towards population-based parks. Examples would include utilizing:*
 - ❖ *Portions of Balboa Park.*
 - ❖ *Portions of Public Rights-of-Way (ROW) or open space.*
 - ❖ *Portions of trails within open space areas.*
 - ❖ *Future joint use agreements with the SDUSD.*



Pershing Play Area – Balboa Park

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Recreational Opportunities



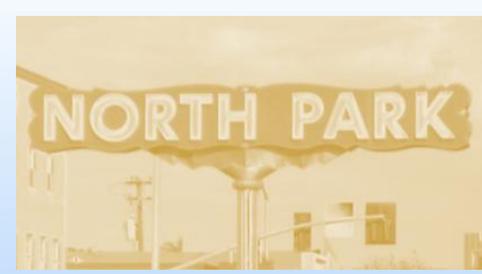
❑ Other options for gaining park land:

- ❖ *Opportunistic Purchases of Land.*
- ❖ *Utilization of Caltrans or City 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 North Park?

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

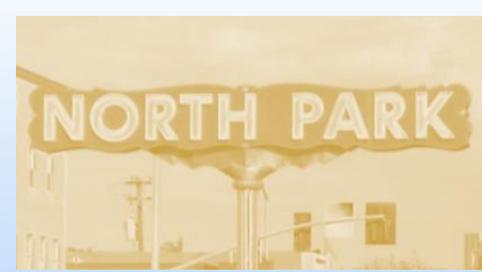
- Page RE-11 notes that alternative methods of providing recreation facilities need to be available.*
- Table RE-4 shows facilities that can qualify as equivalencies.*



Morley Field Picnic Area – Balboa Park

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Recreational Opportunities - Equivalencies



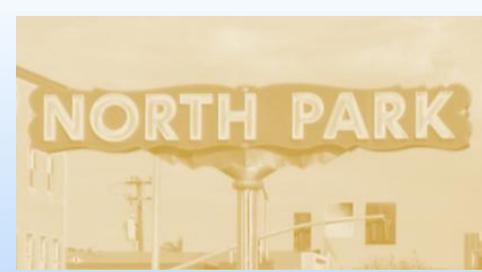
So what is the nexus between using portions of resource-based Balboa Park as equivalencies, counting towards population-based parks in Greater North Park?

- ❑ **Current Greater North Park Community Plan :**
 - ❖ *Notes that Balboa Park and Morley Field serve the neighboring communities.*
 - ❖ *States to ‘Provide or maintain adequate access to Balboa Park.’*
 - ❖ *Notes that the proximity of Balboa Park to North Park must be taken into consideration.*

- ❑ **East Mesa Precise Plan, Balboa Park:**
 - ❖ *East Mesa provides activities for the adjacent 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



Benefits of Using Equivalencies within the Greater North Park Community:

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

Morley Field Sports Complex



Bird Park – Balboa Park

Tennis Club – Balboa Park

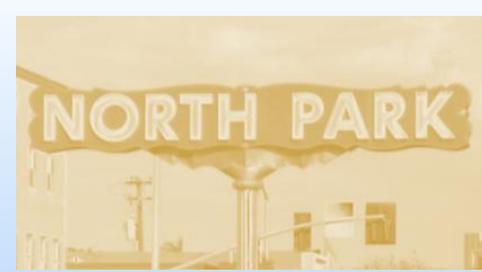


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Recreational Opportunities - Equivalencies

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.*



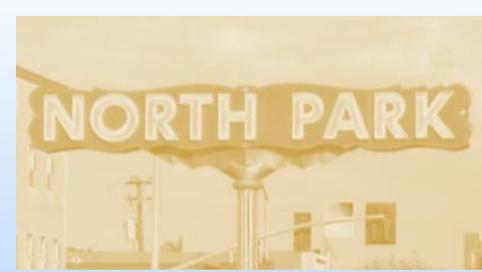
Morley Field Sports Complex



Bird Rock – Balboa Park

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Equivalencies – Public ROW and/or Open Space



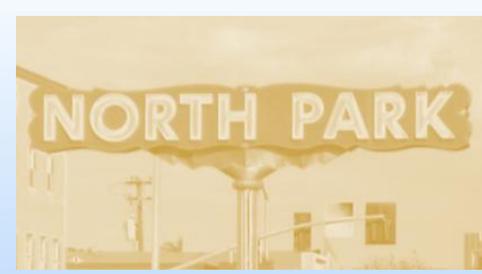
Criteria for Using Portions of Public Rights-of-Way (ROW) or open space, such as canyon edges or paper streets as Equivalencies:

- 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 – ROW and/or Open Space



Boundary St. and Madison Avenue

Site is disturbed. There is an small flat area adjacent to the street. A small mini-park here would likely be possible. Size = approximately 5,000 s.f.



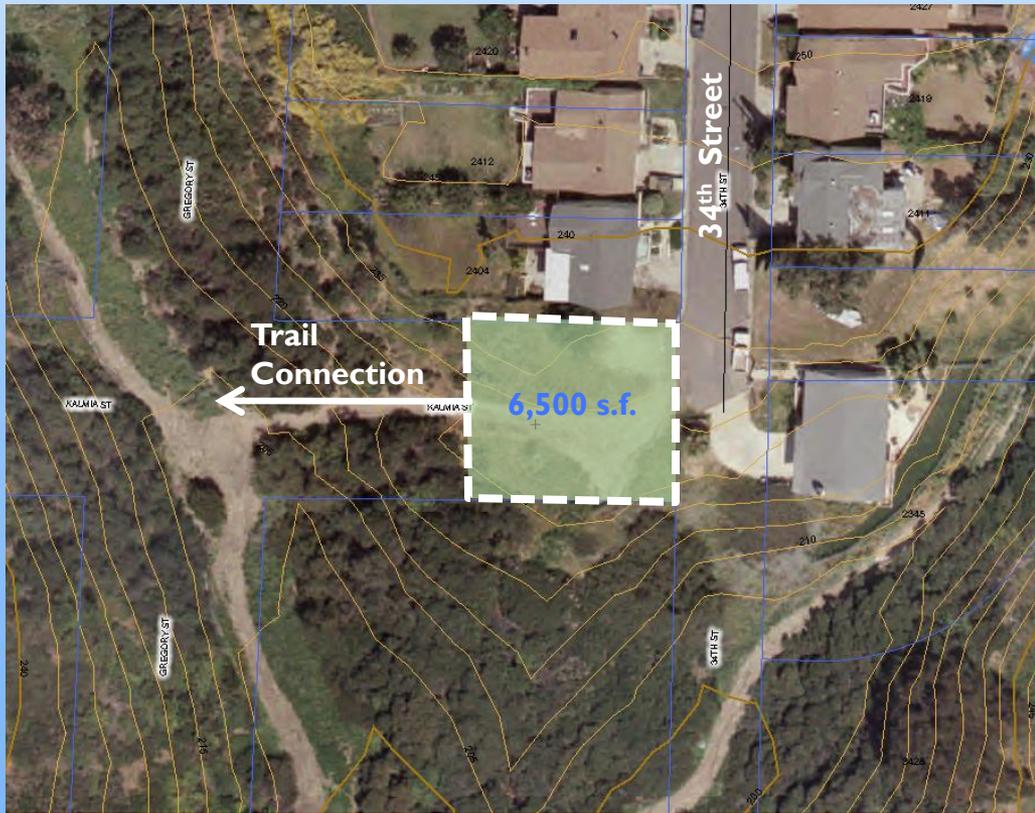
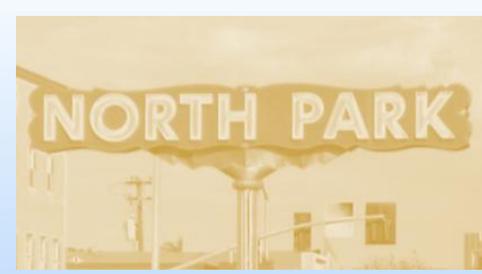
Existing View of Site



Existing View of Site

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Equivalencies – ROW and/or Open Space



End of 34th Street South of Maple St.

Site is disturbed and relatively flat. Size = approximately 6,500 s.f.. Area could possibly be a trail head as it is in MHPA area, with links to the open space below.



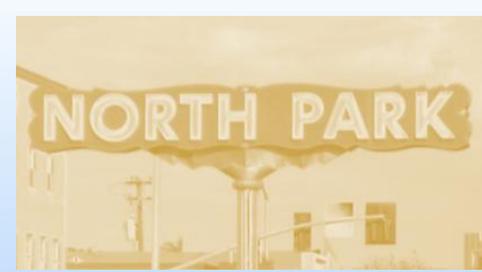
Existing View of Site



Existing View of Site

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Public / Private Partnerships



Whaley Avenue Cul-De-Sac

Site is disturbed and relatively flat. Size = approximately 5,000 s.f.. Area could possibly be a trail head, as it is adjacent to MHPA areas. This site is privately owned by Friedrich Manor HOA. Opportunity for a public / private partnership.



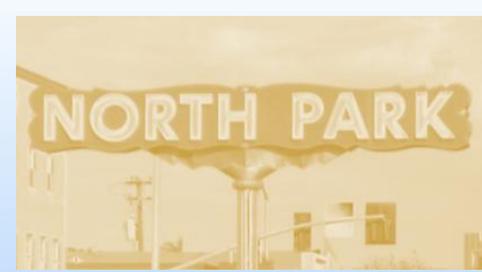
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Public / Private Partnerships



St. Augustine High School

A public / private partnership could be looked at between St. Augustine High School and the City to increase park acreage. St. Augustine has over 3.0 acres of turf.



Existing View of Site



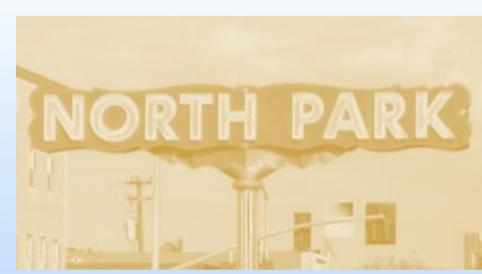
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Equivalencies – Trails in Open Space Areas

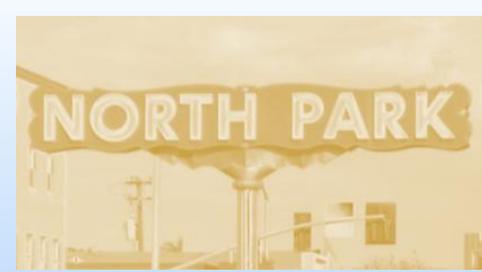
Criteria for Using Portions of Trails Within Open Space Areas:

- ❑ **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

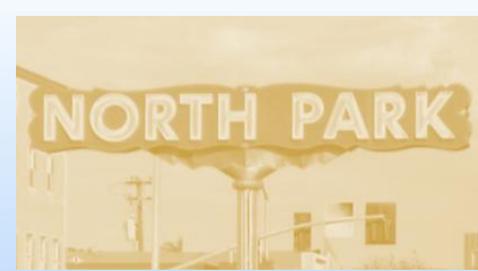


Guiding General Plan Goals:

❑ 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 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 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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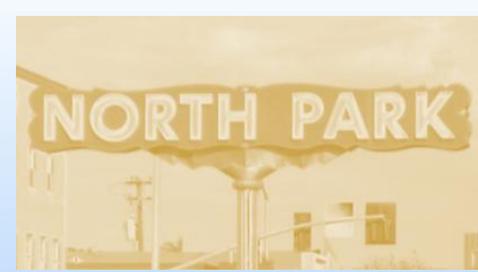
Joint Use, Partnerships and Open Space Lands

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 North Park Community.*

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Recreation Element



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