



HIDDEN VALLEY REGIONAL PARK MASTER PLAN

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01 INTRODUCTION

Hidden Valley Regional Park is a 480-acre park located in southeast Reno, close to the Storey County border, approximately 6 miles from Downtown Reno. At present, approximately 65 of the total 480 acres are developed. The park parcel, currently identified as Assessor's Parcel Number 051-330-01, was acquired from the Bureau of Land Management through three separate Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act patents in 1966, 1968 and 1969.

Master Plan Update

Several master plans have been prepared for Hidden Valley Regional Park, one in the early 1990s and the most recent adopted in 2004. Prior to the 1990 master plan a horse arena, practice arena, parking, retention pond and drainage interceptor channels were constructed. Some of the improvements from the master plans were constructed including the playground, tennis courts, restroom, dog park, small group picnic area, trailhead parking and trails in the northern portion of the park. In the southern portion of the park a small group picnic area, playground and parking area were built. The park contains an extensive trail system. Other improvements described on the plan have never been constructed.

Additionally, the park hosts two water tanks that are owned and managed by the Truckee Meadows Water Authority and a special use permit application was approved in 2021 for the construction of an additional water tank on the property to store treated effluent water from the South Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility (STMWRF). With the approval, the park's existing potable water irrigation system would be converted to a reclaimed water irrigation system, opening up potential opportunities for the development of additional landscaping and park development options that can utilize effluent water and add value to the community. Initial ideas for these types of facilities included the creation of constructed wetlands and ponds with a public access trail system. This would create wildlife habitat and natural resource value, provide an aesthetically pleasing recreational amenity, align with the goals of the CSD Sewer Utility, and be consistent with the Regional Open Space and Natural Resource Management Plan.

With the desire to program park amenities that can utilize effluent and due to the significant amount of time passed since the last master plan

was adopted and improvements were made, the County required an updated master plan to ensure conformity with the community's current recreational needs. In July of 2021, Washoe County approved an agreement with Stantec, Consulting, Inc. for professional consulting services to prepare a master plan for the park.

The Hidden Valley Master Plan update was informed by stakeholder and community input that identifies the collective vision for: enhancing the user experience, maximizing public safety and site use; employing best management practices to conserve natural resource values and open space qualities; balancing community needs with the need to support the distribution of treated effluent; and improving ADA accessibility.

Context

The park is split into a northern section, accessed via Parkway Drive and a southern section, accessed via Mia Vista Drive. The northern section of the park has a horse arena, group picnic area, tennis and pickleball courts, a volleyball court, a playground, and an incredibly popular dog park. The southern section of the park has a group picnic area and playground. The park also has an extensive trail system. The trail system is primarily used by hikers and mountain bikers but is also open to equestrian use. The trail system connects these two areas, but there is no roadway connectivity through the park. The undeveloped portions of the park are characterized by native upland shrub communities and pinyon-juniper woodland. Several areas near the eastern and southeastern border of the park are made up of altered andesite soil where the special status plant species altered andesite buckwheat (*Eriogonum robustum*) may be found.

History of Hidden Valley and the Park

Hidden Valley

Hidden Valley resides on Wa She Shu (Washoe) Indigenous land. It was surveyed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) General Land Office (GLO) in 1863. Minimal settlement was recorded in the area until 1950, when several roads and gold/silver mines were constructed to the east of the present-day park (USGS Virginia City, NV 1950).

The concept of the Hidden Valley neighborhood was originally created by four young business executives in 1956: Emmett Saviers, Link Piazza, Del Machabee and William Kottinger Sr. Knowing that the

"Biggest Little City in the World" was growing quickly, they dreamed of building a golf course and country club. Soon others got on board with the idea and it gained momentum. After initial feasibility studies were completed, the Birbeck Ranch was selected as the site location, consisting of 900 acres of land. A down payment held the land until they were able to raise enough to purchase the property. Articles of Incorporation were filed with the



secretary of state in Carson City on Feb. 27, 1956 under the name of Hidden Valley Properties Inc. Soon the clubhouse and golf course would be completed along with several homes. The development struggled with water quality issues and eventually the Washoe County Health Department imposed a building moratorium lasting eight years. New wells were drilled under different ownership and were eventually bought by the Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA), who operates them today. (Hidden Valley Homeowner's Association).

Hidden Valley Properties sold its last large tract of land in the late 1990s to the firm Braddock & Logan. The western part of this tract was developed into the Hidden Valley Highlands and the eastern part was sold to the Seno Corporation who built The Bluffs development. Hidden Valley has grown to a total of more than 1,300 private homes.

Hidden Valley Regional Park

Shortly after the construction of a portion of the Hidden Valley neighborhood, Hidden Valley Regional Park was built. Hidden Valley Regional Park was constructed on 480-acres deeded to Washoe County from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and was completed in 1969. Hidden Valley Park was constructed by the County using funds allocated from park bond issues approved by voters in 1962 and 1967.

The dog park is named after one of the original founders of the neighborhood, Lincoln "Link" Piazza. Born in 1918, Link served as a pilot in WWII. After the war, he took up philanthropy which benefited several local organizations including Hidden Valley Park. Piazza passed away in 2014 at the age of 95 at his home in Hidden Valley.

The horse arena complex is named after Clarence K. Bath, who came to Reno in 1922. He was an avid horseman and helped to form the Nevada White Hats in the 1940s, a group that strived to keep traditions of the Old West alive through education, camaraderie, and horsemanship. He was Nevada's first American Horse Show steward and a life member of the Nevada State Horsemen's Association. Bath spent much of his time helping youth become good horse owners until his death in 1967 (Washoe County Parks).

The original park featured riding and hiking trails, picnic areas, restroom facilities, and the horse arena. In 1978, the County added tennis courts, jogging paths, and additional picnic areas. New playground equipment, lawn and a picnic shelter were added in 2007. A new dog park was added in 2008 (Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation).

Washoe County Planning Policies

Southeast Truckee Meadows Area Plan

A Washoe County Planning Document that directly addresses the Hidden Valley area is the Southeast Truckee Meadows Area Master Plan (SETM). This document was created in response to "a citizen-based desire to identify, implement and preserve the community character that has evolved throughout the diverse communities in the Southeast Truckee Meadows over time." A series of public workshops were hosted by the Department of Community Development and Planning Commission to identify the unique characteristics of Southeast Truckee Meadows communities and how to preserve them. The purpose of this plan is to implement and preserve this community vision and character. According to the plan, this purpose can be accomplished by managing development in a way that:

- "Respects the scenic, and suburban character of the area by encouraging architectural and site design standards that are responsive to this heritage.
- Respects private property rights.
- Preserves the composition of mature neighborhoods in the planning area.
- Provides additional open space and recreational opportunities.
- Addresses the conservation of natural, scenic and cultural resources.
- Ensures that infrastructure is coincident with development and appropriate in scale and character to the community character.
- Coordinates resource availability with the construction of infrastructure through the implementation of facilities and resources plans".

Much of the land in the Southeast Truckee Meadows (SETM) was once ranches and agricultural land. Now it consists mostly of subdivisions and other accessory land uses. The SETM planning area is different than most others in the county because it consists of mostly private property and does not contain large tracts of public lands. The most scenic aspect of this area is the Virginia Range that forms the eastern boundary of the planning area. These mountains are the backdrop to the SETM and are entirely privately owned and divided into 40-acre

parcels. There are concerns about the visual impacts to the land if development occurs.

The area contains a number of perennial streams and water channels: Boynton Slough, Dry Creek, Steamboat Creek, Thomas Creek, Whites Creek, and many unnamed intermittent streams. Steamboat Creek is the natural feature that provides a common bond for the entire planning area as it winds its way from south to north eventually emptying into the Truckee River. Steamboat Creek holds a huge potential as a natural, scenic, and recreational amenity for the area and the county should plan cooperatively with all interested parties to restore and enhance this natural feature of the area.

Below is the description of Hidden Valley in the SETM Master Plan:

"Hidden Valley is a semi-rural community within the unincorporated county that borders Reno to the West, University of Nevada (UNR) Farms and the Truckee River to the north, the Virginia Range and Storey County to the East, and the Huffaker Narrows area to the south. Wild horses have grazed on this land for many years. They graze in the hills to the East of Hidden Valley Regional Park and also roam into the areas south of the park. Hidden Valley was a part of the Emigrant Trail taken by pioneers who were California bound in the mid-19th century. The infamous Donner party was known to have traversed through Hidden Valley following Steamboat Creek and passing to the south of Huffaker Hills before resuming their north and westward movement. In places their wagon ruts can still be seen. The hills surrounding Hidden Valley are home to coyotes, rabbits, raccoons, birds of all kinds, including the Mountain Bluebird and Golden Eagles. The wetlands are home to herons, ducks, geese, and the occasional wildfowl visitor as a resting place when migrating on the Nevada flyway."

Other important aspects of Hidden Valley Park include:

- The roads that encompass the Valley are local access roads, which provides a quiet atmosphere free from traffic noises.
- There are no streetlights in Hidden Valley which provides a view of the night stars that is not available to others closer into the city. There is an astronomy club that uses the accessible areas of Hidden Valley Regional Park to view the stars with telescopes because the darkness of the surrounding neighborhood permits better viewing.

- Hidden Valley has a desert climate typical of arid western valleys, ranging from extended drought to flood conditions and is extremely sensitive to prevalent environmental conditions. Steamboat Creek provides essential water to sustain wildfowl life and marshland along its borders.
- The Rosewood Lakes marshlands and nature center (former public golf course) that is owned by the city of Reno and operated by the Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation borders the valley also serve as water retainers in times of floods, providing important acreage for floodwaters to spread out. While some Hidden Valley homes have been affected by floodwaters, this has been relatively rare.
- Residents of this semi-rural area create and maintain homes consistent with a lifestyle which values privacy and peacefulness combined with nearness to the city.
- Housing density is low, with homes being built on a minimum of 1/3 acre lot sizes, with many more being larger.
- Some residents in Hidden Valley maintain their own wells and septic systems, while others have water and sewer service.
- There is no commercial or industrial activity in the area. The residents believe that there is no need for further commercial or industrial activity in the area. Such non-residential development would serve to destroy the rustic feel of the Valley.
- While available to be used by others in the community at large, Hidden Valley Regional Park is modest in its recreational features and fits well within the semirural nature of the community. Residents prefer that any future development of any type take into consideration the serene nature of the area and be designed with consideration of the impact such development would have on the character and charm of Hidden Valley. Residents believe in the necessity to preserve their natural resources for the benefit of present and future generations of residents.

The following Goals and Policies are identified in the SETM Master Plan:

Goal Two: Establish development guidelines that will implement and preserve the community character commonly found within the individual communities of the Southeast Truckee Meadows planning area.

SETM.2.1

- Minimize disruption to natural topography.
- Utilize natural contours and slopes.
- Complement the natural characteristics of the landscape.
- Preserve existing vegetation and ground coverage to minimize erosion.
- Minimize cuts and fills.

Goal Four: Hidden Valley Suburban Character Management Area (HVSCMA). Establish a land use pattern, site development guidelines, and architectural guidelines that will implement and preserve the Hidden Valley community character as described in the Southeast Truckee Meadows Vision and Character Statement.

SETM.4.5 Approval for uses that generate noise will require full mitigation to equal or exceed Washoe County noise standards (Article 110.414).

SETM.4.8 Additional standards specific to Hidden Valley are located in Article 212 of the Washoe County Development Code. These standards are applicable to grading, slope stabilization, revegetation, residential buffers, sidewalks, allowed uses, building materials and heights and setbacks.

Goal Eight: Maintain open vistas and minimize the visual impact of hillside development.

SETM.8.2 The Washoe County Departments of Community Development and Public Works will establish and oversee compliance with standards for grading that minimize the visual impact of all residential and non-residential hillside development.

SETM.8.3 The grading design standards referred to in Policy SETM.8.2 will, at a minimum, ensure that disturbed areas shall be finished and fill slopes will not exceed a 3:1 slope, and that hillside grading will

establish an undulating naturalistic appearance by creating varying curvilinear contours.

SETM.8.4 Washoe County will support the acquisition/dedication of private land with prominent ridgelines, rock outcroppings, canyons, and the steeper sloped portions of the Virginia Range in order to preserve the scenic backdrop to the area and provide for wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities.

SETM.8.6 New water storage tanks will be sited on hillsides in such a way as to be shielded from view by the natural topography as much as possible and will not be located within areas designated as Open Space or near trails.

Goal Nine: Public and private development will respect the value of cultural and historic resources in the community.

SETM.9.1 Prior to the approval of master plan amendments, tentative subdivision maps, or public-initiated capital improvements in the Southeast Truckee Meadows planning area, the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources will be contacted and can require that an archaeological investigation be conducted.

SETM.9.2 Washoe County will cooperate and participate with Tribes and State, Federal agencies in the planning and conservation activities of those agencies related to cultural and historic resources.

Goal Ten: The Southeast Truckee Meadows planning area will contain an extensive system of trails that integrates with trails in adjacent jurisdictions, recreational facilities, the Regional Trail System, public lands and schools, and transit facilities; and contributes to the preservation and implementation of the community character.

SETM.10.2 New trails will be designed to accommodate primarily pedestrian and bicycle traffic and equestrian when appropriate, unless technical or severe environmental or economic hardships warrant consideration of a more limited use.

SETM.10.3 Trails that provide links to the facilities listed in Goal 10 should receive priority for funding, planning, and construction.

SETM.10.6 Access to existing trails will be protected and improved whenever possible. During the process of development review, the Washoe County Departments of Community Development and

Regional Parks and Open Space will request dedication of property and/or easements when appropriate trail alignments have been identified that link significant nodes within the Southeast Truckee Meadows planning area or connect existing trails or otherwise implement Goal 10.

SETM.10.9 The Washoe County Department of Regional Parks and Open Space shall plan for an “Eastern Skyline Trail” that will run from Hidden Valley in the north to SR 341 in the south along the higher elevations of the Virginia Range.

SETM.10.10 The Washoe County Department of Regional Parks and Open Space shall coordinate with Reno in an effort to construct a continuous multi-purpose trail from Toll Road traveling north to link up with Hidden Valley. The trail will pass through both, unincorporated county and the City of Reno and link parks, schools, open space, and residential areas along the way.

Washoe County Master Plan- Public Services and Facilities Element - Parks and Recreation

Included in the Washoe County Master Plan is a section dedicated to parks and recreation. Parks and recreation opportunities are an invaluable part of the County's lifestyle and significantly contribute to the quality of life in Washoe County. Citizens are asking for more parks and undisturbed open space. A primary goal of Washoe County's parks and recreation program is to meet the identifiable regional park and open space needs for County residents. This is achieved, to a large extent, by conserving and enhancing the County's unique features through preservation of lands with scenic, natural, historic, and recreational value.

Facility Design Standards for Regional Parks

Regional parks should be designed and developed for diversified use by large numbers of people. Because of its size, the regional park can accommodate facilities that cannot be accommodated in a community park. The regional park should provide urban and suburban residents a pleasing natural environment where they can engage in a variety of recreational activities. These activities should include both passive and active recreation uses. Desirable features of a regional park include:

- Large open spaces with natural landscape and landscaping

- Individual and group picnic and camping areas
- Nature trails
- Restrooms
- Off street parking
- Regional parks should be a minimum of 100 acres. Regional parks should be located at strategic locations to provide access to the entire population.
- Regional trails should be designed with consideration for all user groups. Trail width of multiple use trails should be four to ten feet wide or wider where necessary.
- Passing areas with tread of 10 to 15 feet wide should be provided at frequent intervals.
- Trails should be constructed of natural material. Asphalt or other pavement should be avoided, except in urban areas where the trail will have high use. In most cases, it is desirable for the trail to be simple compacted earth. The trail may be treated or surfaced where dust presents a problem, to prevent erosion, or to improve areas that are slick or muddy.
- The type of material chosen for surfacing (bark, gravel, oil coat, etc.) must be compatible with the environment and must not create severe runoff or erosion problems.
- Drainage is the most important consideration in trail construction. Erosion problem areas should be identified in the trail resource evaluation and management planning stage. The method used to drain the trail tread will depend on the quantity and speed of water and the type of soils in the area. The best and simplest drainage method is to build a one percent to three percent slope from the side of the tread outward.
- Bridges or culverts should be used where trails cross streams, whether permanent or intermittent.



02 EXISTING CONDITIONS

Site Inventory and Site Analysis

The process to develop the master plan update began in 2021 first by understanding the context of the previous master plans and built improvements. A site visit was conducted with Washoe County Community Services parks, utility, and maintenance staff to observe and document how the public is using the park, how improvements are holding up, and to review the undeveloped areas in relation to the adjacent developments. The results were documented as existing conditions and then as a site analysis.

Park Amenities and Features Northern Section

The northern section of the park accessed from Parkway Drive contains the majority of amenities. Amenities Include:

- horse arena
- practice arena
- parking lots
- small group picnic area
- volleyball court
- horseshoe
- tennis and pickleball courts
- playground
- restroom
- dog park
- open lawn
- ornamental trees, shrubs, and drip irrigation
- trailhead parking
- extensive soft trails in upper reaches
- natural open space
- retention pond and stormwater conveyance (ditch) system
- manual entrance gate

Park Amenities and Features Southern Section

The southern section of the park accessed via Mia Vista Drive contains a smaller number of amenities. Amenities include:

- small group picnic area
- playground
- enclosure for restroom (no restroom)
- dog park
- open lawn
- ornamental trees, shrubs, and drip irrigation
- parking lot
- connections to soft trails
- natural open space
- detention pond
- manual entrance gate

The extensive trail system consists of gravel roads and soft trails popular with hikers and mountain bikers. The park is also open to equestrian use although the popularity of the park by this group has fallen over the years. Trails connect the northern and southern portions of the park however there is no vehicular connection between these areas.

The two potable water tanks are owned and managed by the Truckee Meadows Water Authority. The proposed effluent storage tank will store treated effluent water from the South Truckee Meadows Wastewater Reclamation Facility (STMWRF) with the plan to convert the existing potable irrigation system to a reclaimed water irrigation system and utilize effluent for new park amenities.

- The park is well maintained overall, however some features require repair and maintenance, including trails
- fencing
- retention ponds and stormwater conveyance ditches
- natural surface parking lots

Several aspects of the park were studied in detail to address conditions that were considered important in programming and park management.



Soils and Vegetation

See Appendix A Soils and Vegetation for expanded information.

Soils

According to the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), seven soil map units occur within the project boundary. They vary in texture from gravelly sandy loam, very stony sandy loam and stony sandy loam at the higher elevations and steeper slopes, to sandy loams at the lower elevations and lower percent slopes, typical for Truckee Meadows upland sites. They are characterized by slow permeability, rapid runoff, and moderate to high susceptibility to erosion by water.

Sensitive Plant Species

According to the Nevada Division of Natural Heritage (NDNH) there are two rare plant species that have the potential to occur within the park due to their association with unique soils (mainly of the Smallcone Series): altered andesite buckwheat (*Eriogonum robustum*), and altered andesite popcorn flower (*Plagiobothrys glomeratus*). Both species are found on altered andesite soils and rock outcrops. Neither plant is protected under the Endangered Species Act, nor by the State of Nevada (Nevada Administrative Code 527.010).

Eriogonum robustum has the following status:

STATUS: Heritage Program SENSITIVE LIST, ranks: G2G3Q S2S3

USFWS/ESA: species of concern. STATE OF NEVADA: none. BLM: Special Status Species. USFS: none. NNNPS: watch list.

Plagiobothrys glomeratus has the following status:

STATUS: Heritage Program SENSITIVE LIST, ranks: G2G3 S2S3

USFWS/ESA: none. STATE OF NEVADA: none. BLM: none. USFS: none. NNNPS: watch list.

Plant Communities

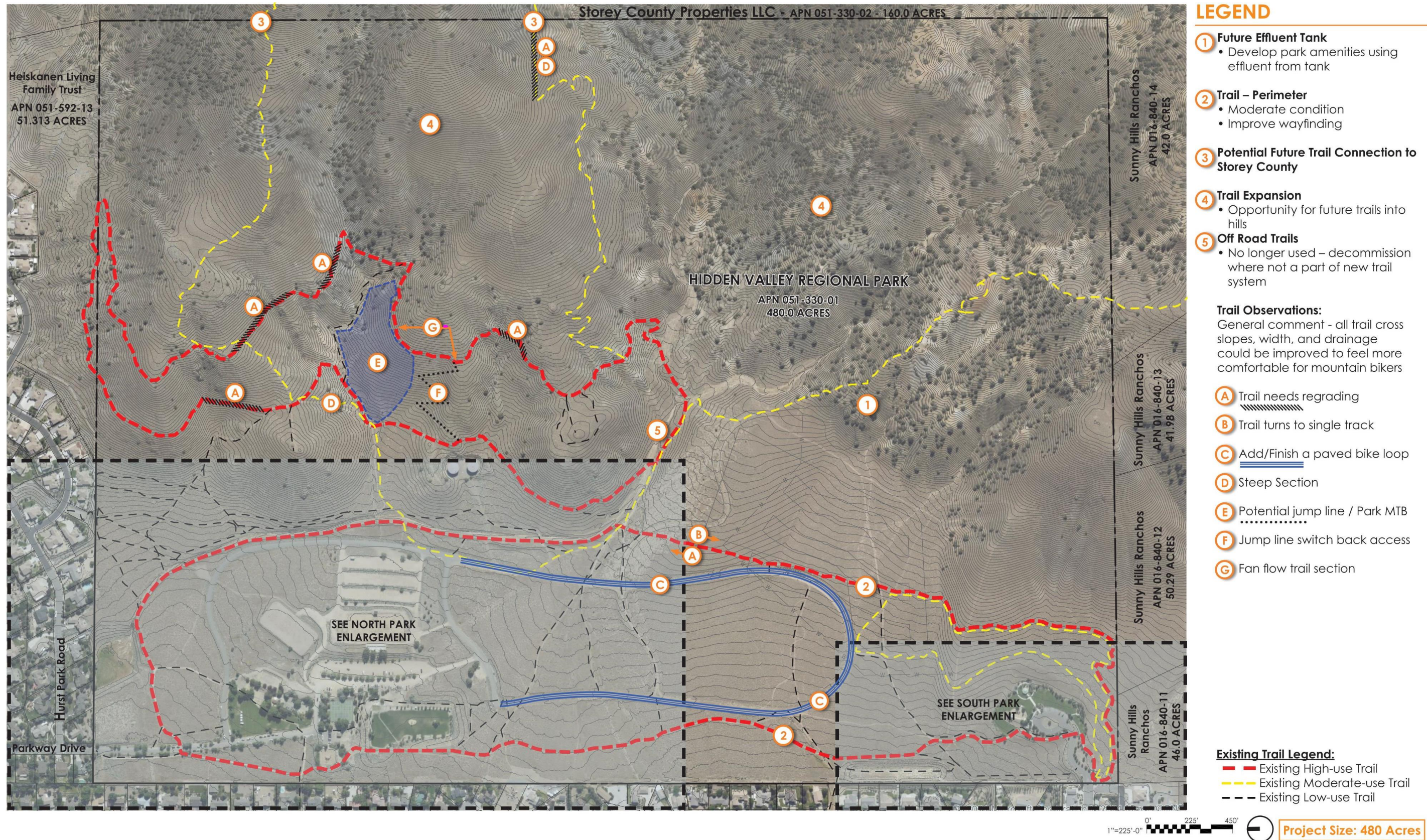
According to the United States Geological Survey SWReGAP analysis, there are ten vegetation communities within the project area. By far the dominant plant community is the Inter-Mountain Basins Big Sagebrush

Shrubland (365.2 acres). This plant community, widespread in the semi-arid Western United States where it may vary considerably, is dominated by Wyoming sagebrush (*Artemisia tridentata* ssp. *wyomingensis*). Other dominant shrubs may include bitterbrush (*Purshia tridentata*), horsebrush (*Tetradymia canescens*), and rabbitbrush (*Ericameria nauseosa*). Native graminoid species may include squirreltail (*Elymus elymoides*), Indian ricegrass (*Achnatherum hymenoides*) and Great Basin wildrye (*Elymus cinereus*). Graminoids are typically not dominant in native plant communities in the Truckee Meadows and surroundings unless they include introduced species such as crested wheatgrass (*Agropyron cristatum*) and hard fescue (*Festuca brevipila*) or unless the site is riparian or wetland. Common forbs may include slivery lupine (*Lupinus argenteus*), sulfur buckwheat (*Eriogonum umbellatum*) and tapertip hawksbeard (*Crepis acuminata*).

The second most dominant community within the project area is the Great Basin Pinyon-Juniper Woodland association (61.5 acres). This occurs at the higher elevations, steeper slopes, and rockier soils within the park boundary. The overstory is dominated by Pinyon pine (*Pinus monophylla*) and Utah Juniper (*Juniperus osteosperma*). The understory is typically poorly vegetated due to skeletal soils and low average precipitation. The third most dominant plant community is the Inter-Mountain Basins Mixed Salt Desert Scrub (17.9 acres), which is typically dominated by species in the Chenopodiaceae family such as 4-wing saltbush (*Atriplex canescens*). The Rocky Mt. Montane Mesic Mixed Conifer Forest and Woodland, in the southeast corner of Park consists of just 0.6 acres.



Site Inventory and Analysis-Overall



LEGEND

- ① **Future Effluent Tank**
 - Develop park amenities using effluent from tank
- ② **Trail – Perimeter**
 - Moderate condition
 - Improve wayfinding
- ③ **Potential Future Trail Connection to Storey County**
- ④ **Trail Expansion**
 - Opportunity for future trails into hills
- ⑤ **Off Road Trails**
 - No longer used – decommission where not a part of new trail system

Trail Observations:
 General comment - all trail cross slopes, width, and drainage could be improved to feel more comfortable for mountain bikers

- Ⓐ Trail needs regrading
- Ⓑ Trail turns to single track
- Ⓒ Add/Finish a paved bike loop
- Ⓓ Steep Section
- Ⓔ Potential jump line / Park MTB
- Ⓕ Jump line switch back access
- Ⓖ Fan flow trail section

Existing Trail Legend:
 - - - Existing High-use Trail
 - - - Existing Moderate-use Trail
 - - - Existing Low-use Trail

1"=225'-0" **Project Size: 480 Acres**

Site Inventory and Analysis-North



Site Inventory and Analysis- North Legend

LEGEND

- 1 Picnic Pavilion and Parking**
 - Good condition
 - Reservable for 100 people
 - Horseshoe court is sometimes used
- 2 Turf**
 - Good condition
 - On potable water
 - Attracts feral horses – dangerous to park visitors
- 3 Pickleball Courts – 4**
 - Good condition – very popular
- 4 Tennis Court – 1**
 - Good condition
- 5 Restroom**
 - Good condition
 - 4 Stalls
- 6 Playground**
 - Fair condition
 - Needs upgraded equipment and surfacing
- 7 Dog Park**
 - Good condition
 - Large and small dog areas, extremely popular
 - Replace water fountain with bottle fill station
 - Replace Astro turf with different material, hold odor
 - Consider adding agility, flyball, and other features
 - Enlarge dog park
 - Dog bowl with fills need repair, drainage problem
 - Taller fence recommended for larger dogs - 4' to 6' fence - repurpose old 6' practice arena fence
- 8 Parking**
 - Natural surfaces are maintenance problem, soil shifts/erodes during storm events – pave
 - Post and wire fencing, upgrade
- 9 Volleyball – Sand**
 - Seldom used, could be removed
- 10 Park Circulation**
 - Improve for ADA - repair/replace path surface
- 11 Arena**
 - Poor condition, seldom used or requested, weeds
 - Consider repurpose – concerts, pump track, bike park, or removal
- 12 Grandstands**
 - Good condition, seldom used or requests
 - Consider repurpose with arena
- 13 Announcers Booth**
 - Moderate condition, seldom used
 - Consider repurpose with arena or removal
- 14 Electric Box**
 - For announcers booth – maintain or remove
- 15 Practice Arena**
 - Poor condition, seldom used or request, weeds – remove
 - Repurpose existing fence
- 16 Irrigation Backflow**
 - Maintain or replace to irrigate trees in upper area
 - All irrigation valves need replacement/upgrade
- 17 Former Caretaker Site (Pad Only)**
 - Good trees and level pad
 - Repurpose into picnic area or other use
- 18 Detention Basin**
 - Steep slopes in some areas – need restorations
 - Weeds accumulate and require removal
- 19 Trail – Natural Surface**
 - Moderate condition, requires maintenance
- 20 Road – Natural Surface**
 - Moderate condition
 - Popular with dog walkers
 - Adjacent ditches in poor condition, heavily eroded and blocked culverts, need maintenance
 - Analyze connecting north/south portions of park
- 21 Gate**
 - Good condition
 - Spring loaded
 - Annually tumble weeds blow and accumulate here and at NW corner of park
- 22 North Entrance**
 - Good condition
 - Monuments, manual gate
 - Feral horses enter here, install cattleguards to prevent
- 23 Road – AC**
 - Fair condition
 - Popular for dog walking
 - Paved loop has potential for bicycle racing (Reno Wheelman) – consider entire loop
- 24 Trail – Natural Surface**
 - Very difficult, poor condition, erodible
- 25 Road – AC**
 - Fair condition
 - Odd termination
- 26 Tanks**
 - TMWA, 200,000 gallons each, potable
- 27 Horse Trails**
 - Gray colored from feral horses, consider decommission
- 28 Unofficial Park Entrance / Neighborhood Access**
 - Horses can enter here, install cattleguards to prevent
- 29 Main Road – AC**
 - Fair condition
 - Trees line road on drip – good condition
 - End road lacks wayfinding to facilities
- 30 Soil Piles**
 - Soil piles from ditch cleanout activities – relocate and use for park facilities, revegetate
- 31 Culverts**
 - Many clogged with sediment - maintenance needed
- 32 Gate – Vehicular**
 - Swing gate – good condition
- 33 Fence – 6' Tall, Typ.**
 - Perimeter fence at residential lots, check to ensure solid from feral horses
- 34 Trees**
 - Moderate to dead condition – remove dead trees
 - Replace irrigation to improve watering
- 35 Ditch**
 - Drains parking lots – eroding
 - Reconstruct with parking lot upgrades
 - Fill and accumulate with tumble weeds
 - Large drop offs
- 36 Sanitary Sewer**
 - Maintain with improvements
- 37 water**
 - Good condition
- 38 Hose Bib**
 - Maintain for cleaning dog park
- 39 Water Fountains – Human & Pet**
 - Dog fountain – bowls leak
 - Human fountain – replace with water bottle fill stations
- 40 Split Rail Fence**
 - Could be removed, cars hit
- 41 Fences**
 - Poor to moderate condition
 - Extensive maintenance needed
 - Feral horses can get under fences at ditches – need special gate
- 42 Trail – Informal**
 - Not defined, needs construction
- 43 Trail Connection**
 - Motorcycles are using, needs controlled access
- 44 Dog Park Walkway**
 - Congested with occasional dog fights – consider fencing to parking lot (separating small and large dogs)
- 45 Trail Markers and Wayfinding**
 - Poor wayfinding to trail parking and trailheads
 - Trail markers very small print
- 46 Landscaping Encroachment**
 - Encroachment from off-site neighbors
- 47 Trail – Perimeter**
 - Moderate condition
 - Improve wayfinding
- 48 Slopes**
 - Formerly turf, restore if grandstands are used

Site Inventory and Analysis- South



Site Inventory and Analysis – South Legend

LEGEND

- 1 **Picnic Pavilion**
 - Good condition – moderate use
- 2 **South Entrance**
 - Good condition, monuments, manual gate
 - Feral horses enter here – install cattleguards to prevent
- 3 **Parking Lot – AC**
 - Good condition
- 4 **Restroom Enclosure**
 - No restroom
- 5 **Turf**
 - Good condition, on potable water
 - Attracts feral horses – dangerous to park users
- 6 **Playground**
 - Playground in good condition
 - Needs upgraded equipment and surfacing over time
- 7 **Picnic Table**
 - Good condition
- 8 **Road – AC**
 - Good condition
- 9 **Fence**
 - Poor to moderate condition
 - Extensive maintenance needed
- 10 **Road – Natural Surface**
 - Moderate condition, maintenance needed
- 11 **Detention Basin**
 - Weeds accumulate and require removal
- 12 **Maintenance Road Connection to North**
 - Moderate condition, maintenance needed, not open to public
- 13 **Trail – Natural Surface**
 - Moderate condition, maintenance needed
- 14 **Drainage from turf**
 - Deep rill forming, require maintenance
- 15 **Hillside**
 - Denuded hillside requires revegetation

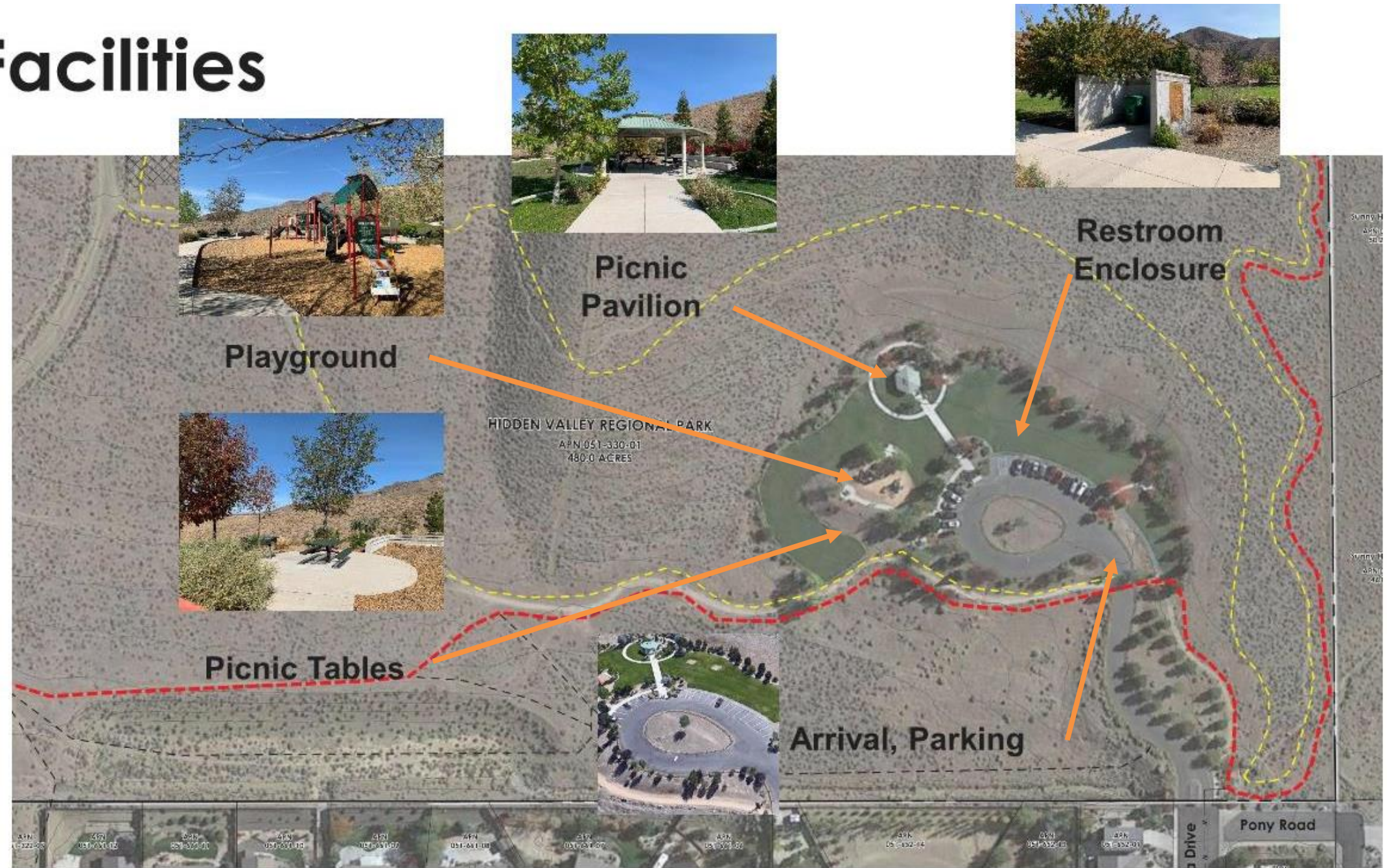
North Park Facilities

- Arrival, Parking, Restroom
- Picnic Pavilion, Parking
- Dog Park
- Arenas, Grandstands
- Pickleball/Tennis
- Playground



South Park Facilities

- Arrival, parking
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Picnic Pavilion
- Restroom
- Trails



Overall Park

- Trailheads
- Trails
 - Highland Loop (purple)
 - Inner Loop (blue)
 - Perimeter Loop (red)
 - South Park Loop (yellow/brown)
 - Mia Vista Trail (green)
 - Upper Hidden Valley Trail

(not shown on this plan- found on the All Trails App)



Opportunities and Constraints

Opportunities

- There is ample parking in the north that can support new amenities that are used daily although parking is filled when the site is used for special events such as mountain bike races.
- The existing arenas are level and are seldom used offering the opportunity for repurposing them for new amenities.
- The large size of the park with existing natural areas provides the opportunity to conserve ecologically/ aesthetically important areas and to provide new facilities to meet the needs of the developing community.
- Future effluent water provides the opportunity to invigorate the existing landscaping and turf while providing the opportunities for new amenities such as wetlands, turf, pastures, and additional landscaping.
- Taking advantage of the entire site, the Master Plan should create a circulation network to facilitate movement throughout the park for bicyclists and pedestrians and encourage walking and biking.
- The park has panoramic views of the Sierra Nevada and Downtown Reno looking west and scenic overlooks should be provided with seating and possibly shade.
- The site has a wide variety of wildlife and plants that can be interpreted in panels within the park so users can understand the natural fauna.
- Views of the hills on the east side of the park with pinion juniper landscape and geothermally altered rock are high quality and should be captured with strategically located seating areas and interpretation of the natural features.
- North picnic pavilion is in good condition and is well used, another pavilion in the north would likely be supported.
- Few weeds were observed with healthy, native vegetation which should be maintained through a weed management plan for existing and new development.
- The site is occasionally used for competition trail running and mountain biking and additional amenities to support these uses should be provided such as shade structures and restrooms.

- The trail system is extensive and can connect to regional trails north, east and south through coordination with neighboring property owners.
- The trail system on site can be modified to provide loops where users can stay onsite.
- Paths and trails should be upgraded to provide ADA compliant access.
- The site has moderate slopes in large areas where new amenities can be placed.

Constraints

- Due to the location on the edge of developed lands, the park tends to attract vandalism and unauthorized uses including motorized, off-road vehicles. Vehicular/motorized access should be restricted and a greater mix of uses provided to activate the park throughout the day.
- Entrance gates are open during the day and even after hours with visitors staying after hours when they should not be in the park.
- Feral horses can enter the park through the primary and pedestrian entrances resulting in damage to facilities, droppings that require pick up and potential danger to park users. Automatic gates and cattleguards should be placed at the entrances and self-closing gates at pedestrian entrances to preclude horses from entering.
- Fences are in poor condition and in need of repair allowing feral horses to enter the park (see above notes).
- The existing playground in the north area lacks equipment for small children and should be upgraded.
- Existing natural surface parking areas have erosion and/or rills from stormwater and require maintenance and/or paving.
- Primary access is through existing residential neighborhoods. New amenities should be chosen with fewer traffic impacts.
- The neighborhoods adjacent to the project site will be the most impacted by new development. Proper landscape buffers and

adequate distances between development and the neighborhood should be maintained.

- Existing stormwater conveyance ditches are highly eroded and require reconstruction and more frequent maintenance.
- Existing stormwater conveyance ditches and basins fill with weeds and need more frequent maintenance.
- The trails need more frequent maintenance. Many have overly steep cross slopes and variable grades, and they lack markers for direction and level of difficulty. Trails should be designed for more consistent difficulty levels, modified to meet USFS standards and trail markers provided to better navigate the system.
- The trail network should be defined, and the large number of informal trails should be decommissioned.
- Fire is a risk due to dry conditions, high winds, and an accumulation of tumbleweeds, particularly along the western and northern boundary fence lines. Greater maintenance and tumbleweed removal is needed.
- The site contains steep slopes which are undevelopable, and which should be protected from erosion.



03-PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

While analyzing existing conditions at the park, public outreach was conducted through meetings with stakeholder groups, community workshops, public meetings and surveys to ask what existing amenities they would like to see improved and also what new improvements they would like to see built in the park.

Stakeholders Invited to Community Workshop #1:

Park Users:

- Vaughn Middle School (they've hosted races at the park before)
- Wild Horse Connection
- Hidden Valley HOA
- Backcountry Horsemen
- We also posted flyers at the pickleball courts and the dog park to engage those two active user groups

Environmental/Wetlands Groups:

- UNR Engineering
- Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation
- Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful
- Lahontan Audubon Society
- Wild Sheep Foundation

Sports Leagues:

- Great Basin Youth Soccer League
- Nevada Select Soccer
- Sierra Youth Football
- High Sierra Lacrosse
- Washoe Little League

Trail Groups:

- Biggest Little Trails Stewardship
- Sensus RAD Trails
- Sierra Trail Works
- Truckee Meadows Trails
- Nevada Interscholastic Mountain Bike Association
- Reno Races 5,000

- Reno Wheelman
- Momentum Trails

Washoe County Maintenance staff and others identified by County Bureau of Land Management

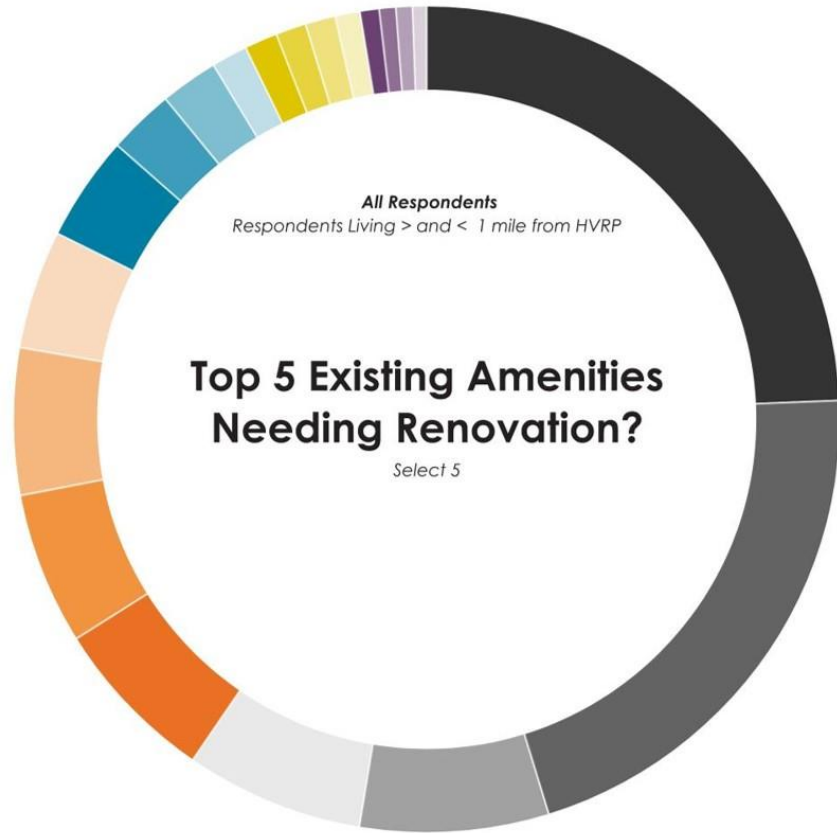
Public Outreach Meetings and Surveys Conducted:

Community Workshop #1, Virtual:	10/21/2021
Trails Stakeholder Meeting#1, In Person:	10/22/2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sierra Trailworks 	
Survey Online #1	10/22 to 11/16/2021
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Public Meeting #1, In Person:	12/16/2021
Survey Online #2:	12/17/2021-1/24/2022
Trails Stakeholder Meeting#2: Virtual:	1/27/2022
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Public Meeting#2, Virtual:	3/2/2022
Survey at Meeting #3	3/2/2022

Results of the Surveys were used to prepare Concept Plan Alternatives and for the Draft Master Plan which are shown in the following Figures.

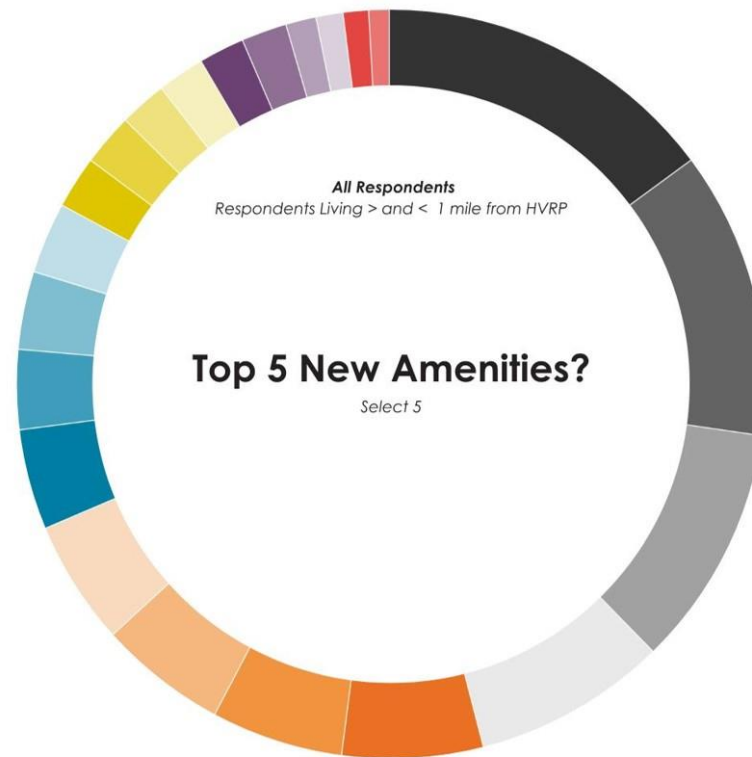


Results of the Survey Online #1

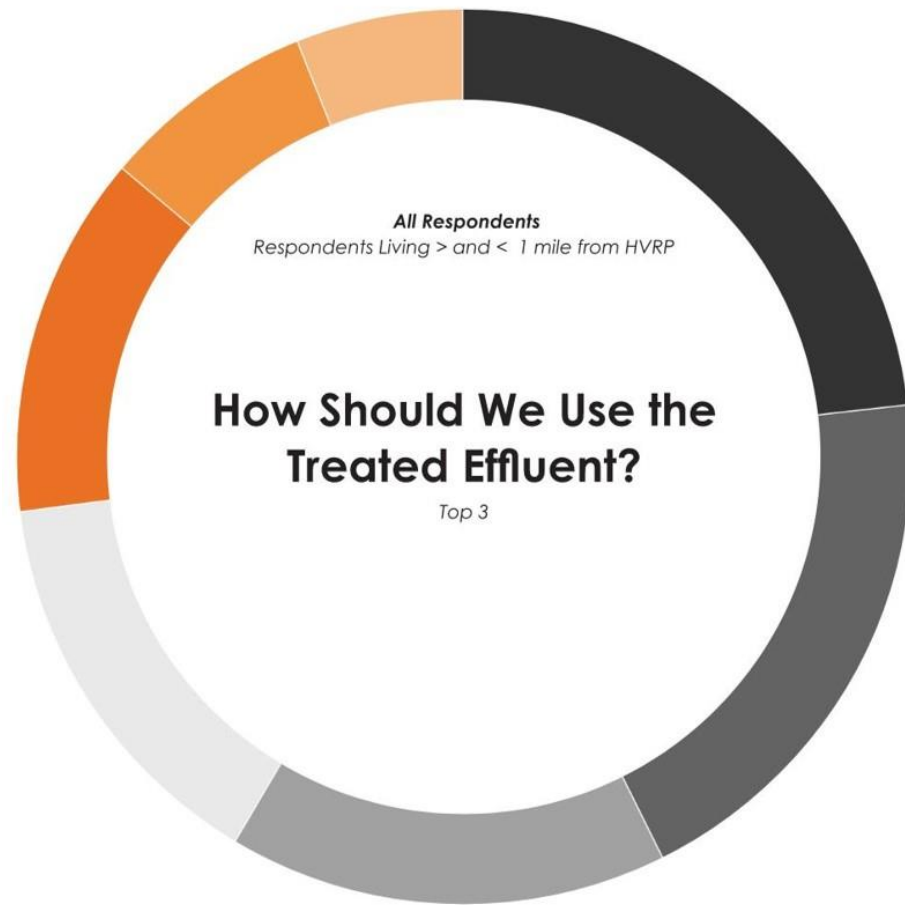


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1	225	24.4	69.4
2	193	20.9	59.6
3	68	7.4	21.0
4	64	6.9	19.8
5	60	6.5	18.5
6	55	6.0	17.0
7	53	5.7	16.4
8	43	4.7	13.3
9	38	4.1	11.7
10	24	2.6	7.4
11	21	2.3	6.5
12	13	1.4	4.0
13	12	1.3	3.7
14	11	1.2	3.4
14	11	1.2	3.4
16	9	1.0	2.8
17	7	0.8	2.2
18	6	0.6	1.9
18	6	0.6	1.9
20	5	0.5	1.5

Results of the Survey Online #1
(Circulated from October 21 to November 16, 2021- Used for Concept Plans)



RANK	# VOTES	% VOTES	% VOTERS
1	203	14.9	62.7
2	168	12.4	51.9
3	141	10.4	43.5
4	113	8.3	34.9
5	82	6.0	25.3
6	72	5.7	23.8
7	70	5.5	23.1
8	73	5.4	22.5
9	59	4.3	18.2
10	47	3.5	14.5
11	46	3.4	14.2
12	42	3.1	13.0
13	31	2.3	9.6
13	31	2.3	9.6
15	28	2.1	8.6
15	28	2.1	8.6
17	27	2.0	8.3
17	27	2.0	8.3
19	18	1.3	5.6
20	16	1.2	4.9
21	10	1.1	4.6
22	12	0.9	3.7



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1	226	23.2	69.8
2	189	19.4	58.3
3	154	15.8	47.5
4	141	14.5	43.5
5	128	13.2	39.5
6	76	7.8	23.5
7	34	6.1	18.2



RANK	SCORE	% SCORE
1	614	13.7
2	598	13.3
3	578	12.7
4	558	12.4
5	478	10.6
6	438	9.8
7	431	9.7
8	411	9.3
9	388	8.5

Results of the Survey Online #2

Bike Park Location Preference



Results of the Survey Online #2
(Circulated from December 17, 2021 to January 24, 2022. Used for Preliminary Master Plan)

Wetland Location Preference



Overall, do you agree with the location and extent (size) of park features shown?



Other Amenity Preferences All Pointed to **Concept A**

- Pump Track – **Concept A**
- Large Pasture for Off-Leash Dog Use – **Concept A**
- Undeveloped Open Space Preservation – **Concept A**
- Formal Recreation Turf/Practice Field – **Concept A**
- Additional Picnic Pavilion – **Concept A**
- Additional Turf and Trees – **Concept A**



The Preliminary Master Plan was Presented at the March 2, 2022 Public Meeting. Following the presentation, a survey was conducted during the meeting with the below results:

Hidden Valley Regional Park Poll

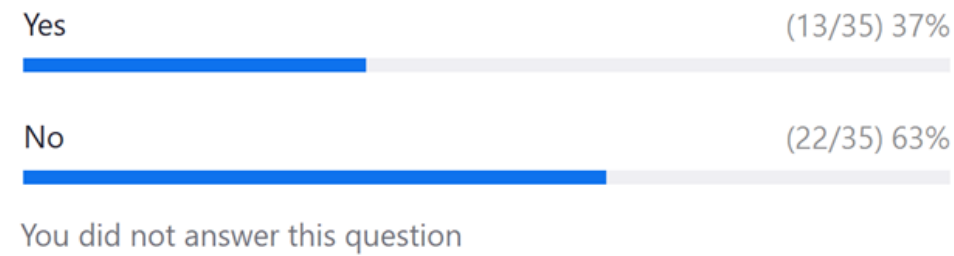
1. Do you support the tree buffer at the edges of the park near existing residential development? (Single Choice) *



2. Do you support adding pickleball courts? (Single Choice) *



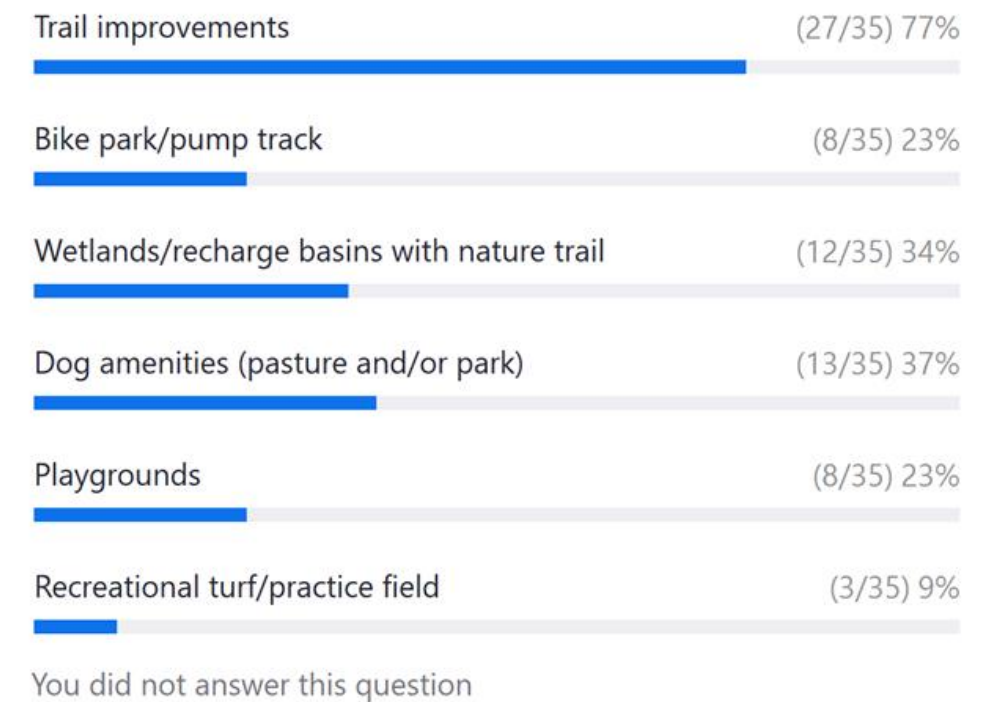
3. Do you support adding bocce ball courts? (Single Choice) *



4. Do you support the plan as presented? (Single Choice) *



5. What are your highest priorities for new/improved amenities? (select all that apply) (Multiple Choice) *



84% OF POLL RESPONDENTS WERE HIDDEN VALLEY RESIDENTS

04 MASTER PLAN

Having completed the study of the original master plan documents, existing conditions, site analysis, and community engagement, the master plan conveys changes to the park amenities based on goals for the project along with community input. The information collected from the County and the community informs the types and locations of proposed amenities located throughout the park.

Goals

Goals for the Master Plan include:

- Preserve open space,
- Update existing amenities,
- Develop new amenities,
- Support distribution of treated effluent,
- Respond to the concerns and needs of the community,
- Improve accessibility
- Improve public safety

Process

A program list was developed that laid the foundation for preparation of a new master plan. First, three master plan concepts were prepared to convey program alternatives for park development. The concept plans were then shared with stakeholders and community members to solicit feedback, both in-person and virtual meetings. A public survey was conducted online from 12/17/2021-1/24/2022.

Following stakeholder input and community feedback, one preliminary master plan was developed with character imagery to convey the design intent. The preliminary master plan was shared with community members in a virtual public meeting on 3/2/2022. An online poll was conducted at the virtual public meeting.

Based on the virtual public meeting, the poll and other written and oral comments received the final master plan was then developed. The master plan update addresses the entire site and considers the current

needs of both stakeholders and the community identified through the public outreach effort.

Several aspects of park development and management were addressed including:

Feral Horse Management

Purpose

Management strategies associated with feral horses were developed to address ongoing issues occurring in the park including safety concerns with horses and humans, damage to turf and maintenance associated with horse droppings. Goals for feral horse management include keeping feral horses out of the park while letting deer and small mammals in to achieve a higher level of human health and safety and reduced maintenance at the park than is existing today.

Existing fencing in the park consists primarily of 2 strand wire approximately 4-1/2 feet high with T posts. In areas where this fencing has been vandalized by cutting, horses can enter the park. Additionally, horses can enter the park through both vehicular entrances because gates are open during the day as well as through 3 pedestrian openings from the neighborhoods which are ungated.

Management Strategies

This section outlines several management strategies (MS) designed to address the issues. These strategies are primarily focused on perimeter fencing and gates but also include a public education and awareness component. A heavy emphasis has been placed on fence and gate specifications due to the current associated structures at the park being insufficient, as demonstrated by current feral horse management issues within the park.

MS-1: Install new or repair existing perimeter fences around the entire park property to exclude feral horses. Fencing recommendations vary by organization and include:

Wild Horse Connection Group: Fences should be 4 feet high, 4 strands of smooth wire, bottom wire maximum 12 inches from finished grade and metal T posts 10 - 12 foot on center.

Bureau of Land Management: Fences should be 6 feet minimum, V Mesh or 2" X 4" square mesh, metal T posts.

Southeast Connector: Recently installed fencing is 6 feet high, chain link at right-of-way. Sections of 8 feet high fencing with square wire mesh were placed near UNR farms for deer exclusion.

Approximately every 1 mile, one-way escape gates should be installed to allow feral horses to safely leave the park should they inadvertently get trapped within. Photo 1 (below) illustrates an example of effective one-way gate recently installed at the UNR Main Station Farm and throughout the Southeast Connector Roadway.



Photo 1 –One-Way Escape Gate Example

MS-2: Install appropriate structures to ensure feral horses are excluded at vehicular entrances/exits. The most appropriate application for primary vehicle entrances/exits is likely a double cattle guard, to be cost effective. Cattle guards should be fit with rebar between the tubes to preclude leg injury. Automatic gates could also be considered, though they are more expensive and would require constant opening and closing during park hours to preclude horses. An example of an existing double cattle guard located at the UNR Main Station is

provided as Photo 2. Additionally, a manually operated metal panel gate design can be installed for emergency vehicles and to remove horses that inadvertently get trapped where one-way horse gates are not being utilized. These events are assumed to be low frequency, which is why the manual panel gate is thought to be appropriate. Photo 3 illustrate an example of an existing manually operated, vehicular metal panel gate in Hidden Valley Regional Park.



Photo 2 – Double Cattle Guard Example



Photo 3 – Manually Operated Metal Panel Gate Example

MS-3: Install swinging water gates where perimeter fences intersect drainages. This design allows for water to flow through during high flow events while blocking horses below. The swinging water gates can also be easily accessed and cleaned if debris accumulates but will successfully exclude feral horses. Illustration 1 and Photo 4 provide examples of the swinging water gate design.

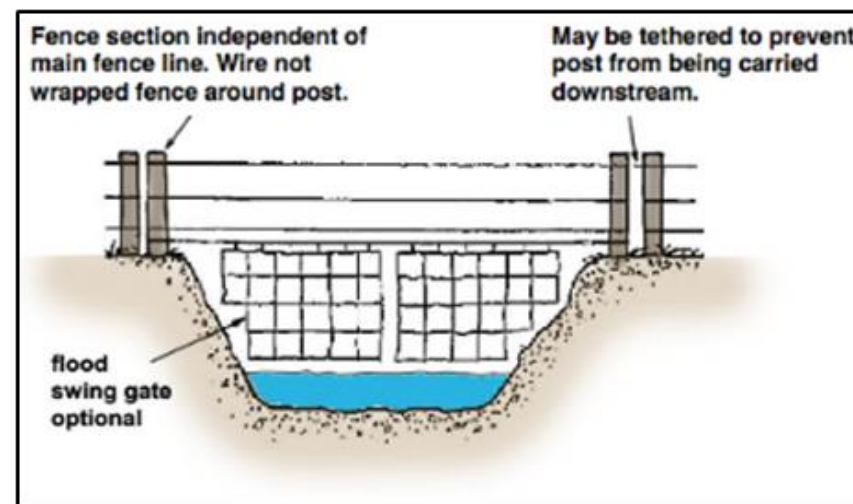


Illustration 1 – Swinging Water Gate Example



Photo 4 – Swinging Water Gate Example

MS-4: Install self-closing pedestrian gate structures at entrances/exits that consist of either small gap gates or manually operated, one-way panel gates. At the same time, minimizing the number of horse gates that could be left open and concentrating equestrian use to a few access points will help mitigate issues related to park users leaving gates open. Manual panel gates would also allow for equine users to access the trail systems within the mountain block above the park. Examples of an existing small gap gate and a small manually operated pedestrian/equestrian panel gate existing in the park are shown on Photo 5.



Photo 5 – Human Gap Gate and Small Manually Operated Panel Gate Examples

MS-5: Install information kiosks and public educational materials (e.g., pamphlets) throughout the park so users can better understand responsible feral horse management. These materials should focus on not only health and safety of humans, canines, and equids, but also the importance of healthy ecological systems. Emphasis within the kiosk and pamphlets should describe why horses are not desired in the park and why they should not encourage horses to enter the park. Furthermore, users should be informed of the maintenance issues and damage that is caused by the horses, as well as noxious and invasive

weeds management. A kiosk example has been provided as Illustration 2.



Photo 6 – Existing 2 Wire Fence in Park



Illustration 2 – Kiosk Example

Summary

The five strategies outlined above are intended to guide the re-design of the park. Reasonable flexibility within the parameters of the strategies is anticipated during the re-design, while keeping in mind the goals associated with each. Specific design specifications and locations of fencing, gates, and information kiosks will be developed in final design phases.

Weed Management

This plan consists of several elements that include prevention methodologies, predesign considerations, and recommendation for specifications that should be included in the final construction documents for site improvements.

Weed Prevention During Construction

These methodologies are addressed in The Truckee Meadows Construction Site BMP Handbook (Farr West, 2015) and should be included in a site-specific Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP). All SWPPPs can include additional language that address quality of materials used in the construction process and that they be weed free. They include the following Best Management Practices (BMPs):

1. Straw Bale Barriers: Use weed free straw and straw bales;
2. Native Materials Reuse: Use weed free salvageable materials including topsoil and duff;
3. Employee Training: Include discussion of Noxious and Invasive weeds; and
4. Detailed Site Map: Location of State-listed Noxious Weeds

Pre-design Surveys

Determine what is currently on site. This would consist of surveying the entire 480-acre parcel. Survey and identify Noxious and invasive species, occurrences, and quantification (approximate percent cover, stem counts). After species occurrence have been mapped, identify treatment methodologies, including frequency of treatments(s). Nuisance aka invasive weeds are addressed in the following document: Nuisance weeds UNR 1399_2019_01.pdf (Hefner and Kratsch 2018).

Landscape and Revegetation/Erosion Control Designs (Special Provisions)

As part of any site improvements such as construction of the effluent tank, associated infrastructure, and development of new trails that would require revegetation and erosion control specifications, the following should be included:

1. Specify weed free materials, particularly seed and straw;
2. Specify weed treatments; and

3. Specify temporary erosion control (don't leave bare surfaces including subsoil and topsoil stockpiles (they may become colonized by weeds). Although this specification may be included in the SWPPP, it should also be included in the site-specific Special Provisions.

Sustainable Park Design and Maintenance Practices

A sustainable park or landscape is one where human uses and maintenance cause minimal harm to the environment. Sustainable park design protects natural resources, improves wildlife habitat, and focuses on native vegetation instead of traditional turfgrass and ornamental plants. Designing a park sustainably means designing it to last. A sustainable park should integrate with the natural landscape so that it remains for the long term. This involves retaining as much of the pre-existing landscape as possible in its original state, including soils, native vegetation, and slopes. Minimizing disturbance also helps to keep invasive species out and lowers the volume of stormwater runoff and risk of flooding.

Many traditional parks harm the environment due to maintenance practices that involve high-water use, pollution, herbicides, and pesticides. Traditional maintenance practices are typically costly, as well as labor and resource intensive. For example, gasoline and diesel-powered mowing equipment emits high amounts of carbon dioxide, as there are often no emission controls on this type of equipment. Minimizing the need for mowing can cut down on emissions, as well as maintenance costs. Below is a list of sustainable design principles that can offset the negative impacts of traditional parks.

Key principles to designing a sustainable park include:

- Minimize habitat fragmentation. Roads and parking lots break up existing habitat into small fragments that are unsuitable to wildlife.
- Use good quality soil with compost to reduce the need for fertilizers. Leave topsoil as undisturbed as possible.
- Use natural storm water management and green infrastructure like rain gardens and bioswales with native grasses to encourage infiltration.

- Use integrated pest management (IPM) to minimize chemical pesticides.
- Minimize non-porous pavement such as roads, parking lots and paved pathways. These prevent infiltration, fragment habitat and cause run off of pollutants into water bodies.
- Use green building practices in any buildings such as LED lights with motion sensors, low flow toilets, recycled materials, etc.
- Minimize the use of turfgrass. Turfgrass attracts non-native plants and animals such as geese, which disturb native species. Turf also does not offer erosion control benefits like native plants.
- Use native plants and trees around riparian or wetland areas to help filter pollutants before they reach water bodies. Roots from these plants also helps control erosion around embankments. Planting trees near water bodies provides shade and acts as temperature control in shallow areas which increases the habitat quality for aquatic species.
- Create a natural resource management and maintenance plan. Plan for drought and climate change.
- Identify and remove non-native plant species when possible, as they will choke out native plants.
- Use mulch to retain moisture, moderate soil temperature, and prevent washing away of nutrients.
- Create educational awareness about sustainable parks through interpretive signage.

Traffic

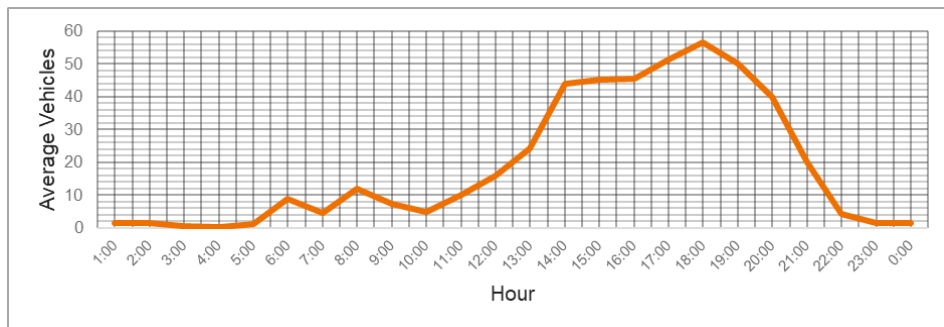
This memorandum summarized the existing traffic conditions at Hidden Valley Regional Park (HVRP), provides an estimate of future traffic volume increases resulting from implementation of the draft HVRP Master Plan, and provides recommendations for traffic calming treatments for Parkway Drive and within HVRP.

Hourly Count Data

On March 9, 2022, Stantec received traffic volume and speed data from Washoe County consisting of counts collected between February 14, 2022, and March 6, 2022 (02/14/2022-03/06/2022). The location where the data was collected was approximately 750 feet south of the north HVRP entrance, just south of the first intersection of the Parkway Drive loop road. The recorded traffic data includes hourly and average traffic, as well as statistics on minimum speeds, maximum speeds, average speeds, and 85th percentile speeds.

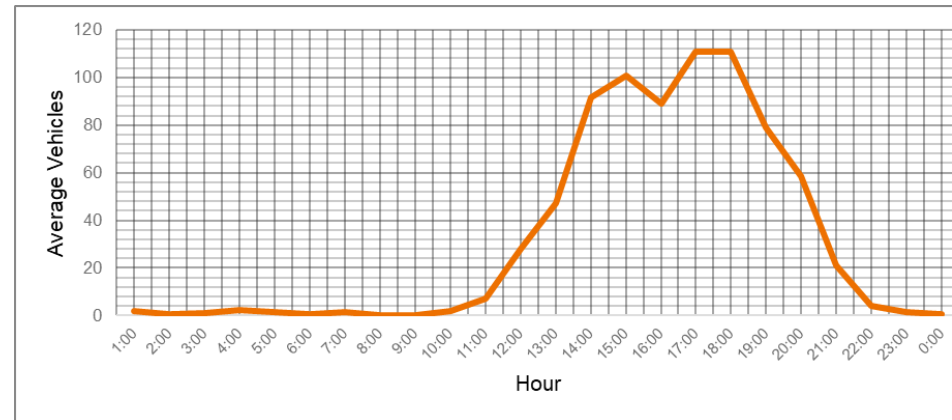
Traffic count data near the HVRP north entrance was collected for all hours in the collection period. Table 1 shows the average hourly traffic for the entire collection period. As shown in the table, for the period between mid-February to early March, peak hourly park traffic (57 vehicles) is experienced at 6:00 PM (18:00). The park opens at 8:00 AM, and average hourly traffic is relatively negligible prior to 10:00 AM. Traffic then increases and remains at its most elevated levels from approximately 2:00 PM until the park’s posted closing hours at 7:00 PM. After 7:00 PM, HVRP experiences a sharp decline in hourly traffic until negligible levels are reached at approximately 10:00 PM.

Table 1 Total Average Hourly Traffic Data – On-Site



Average hourly traffic data is also aggregated below in Table 2 for Sundays only. For a conservative estimate of peak hour traffic, Sunday data is shown since its average hourly traffic is highest of all days recorded during the collection period. Similar to the data collection period average, peak hour traffic for Sundays is experienced around 5:00 PM (17:00) to 6:00 PM (18:00).

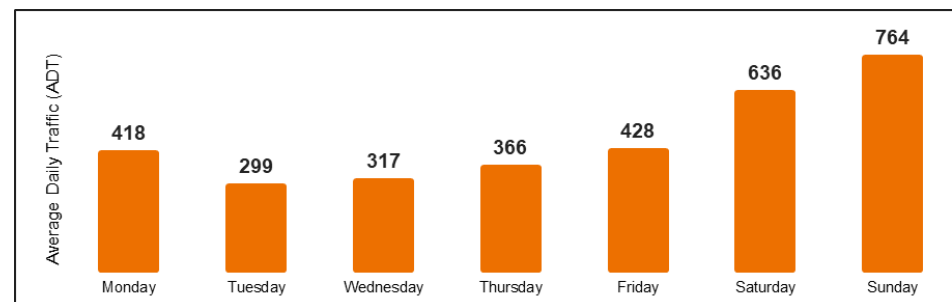
Table 2 Sunday Average Hourly Traffic Data – On-Site



Daily Count Data

Average daily traffic (ADT) estimates near the HVRP north entrance had previously been prepared based on monthly vehicle counts, but ADT counts recorded during the data collection period gives greater insight into the changes in traffic from weekdays to weekends, as HVRP experiences significantly higher traffic during the latter time. Table 3 shows ADT for weekdays and weekends in the data collection period.

Table 3 Average Daily Traffic by Day – On-Site



As shown in Table 3, and as mentioned above, peak ADT was experienced on Sundays in the data collection period, and the average

ADT for all weekend days is approximately 700 vehicles. The highest weekday ADT was recorded on Fridays, and the average ADT for all weekdays is 366 vehicles.

Revised HVRP Traffic Forecasts

Previous ADT estimates near the HVRP north entrance prepared by Stantec were calculated to be 250 vehicles and 760 vehicles for weekdays and weekends, respectively. These estimates have been revised based on the new HVRP ADT counts and seasonally adjusted to represent peak use during summer months. With this new information and a seasonal adjustment factor of 1.92, peak ADT is anticipated to be approximately 480 vehicles on weekdays and 1,460 on weekends.

The HVRP Master Plan is anticipated to add, on average, 100 weekday trips and 310 weekend trips. The analysis is based on the area of park expansion shown in the master plan. Therefore, with the Preferred Plan, HVRP is estimated to attract 580 average weekday trips and 1,770 average weekend trips as summarized in Table 4.

Table 4 ADT – Peak Summer Period (North Entrance)

Time Period	Revised Existing ADT	Increase with Preferred Plan	Total ADT with Preferred Plan
Weekday	480	100	580
Weekend Day	1,460	310	1,770

Speed Survey

Vehicle speed data was collected south of the north entrance at the same location noted above, where the posted speed limit is 15 miles per hour (mph). The 85th percentile speed for the entire data collection period, which recorded 9,675 data points, was 22 mph, which indicates that 85 percent of the vehicles were driving at a speed of 22 mph or less. However, speeds were recorded as low as 3 mph and as high as 75 mph (which could have been an erroneous reading), with an overall average speed of 18 mph. The mode speed (most frequently occurring) was 18-19 mph.

Traffic Calming Recommendations

Parkway Drive and Pembroke Drive are each designated by the City of Reno as a Primary Emergency Vehicle Route (PEVR), which means that City policy generally prohibits traffic calming treatments for those roadways so as to not impede emergency vehicle response times. Increases in traffic volume on Parkway Drive resulting from the HVRP improvements (discussed above) may result in residents requesting traffic calming treatments for Parkway Drive, therefore potential treatments that would not impede emergency vehicles are recommended. Examples of such treatments include installation of speed feedback signs, roadway striping to define the centerline and narrow vehicle lanes, and/or pavement edge treatments such as concrete pavers or textured concrete to narrow the traveled way. Use of the County's mobile radar speed feedback trailer could be supplemented with 25 mph pavement legends installed at each permanent speed limit sign. The attached exhibit illustrates potential treatment types and locations for use along Parkway Drive.

Within the HVRP, traffic calming is recommended. For the interior roadways, it is important to maintain slow vehicle speeds for the safety of the park users. Lane widths in the range of 10-11 feet are recommended, and long stretches of roadways should be broken up with deflection (vertical and/or horizontal) to discourage speeding. At heavily utilized crosswalks or locations where trails cross the roadway, consideration should be given to using raised crosswalks with the appropriate warning signs. Raised crosswalks provide a dual benefit of slowing traffic and improved safety for the trail users.

To address reported conditions of vehicles using the park after hours, the gates at each entrance should be locked at night.

Effluent Management

The extension of the County's reclaimed water system to the Hidden Valley Regional Park (HVRP) offers a water resource that can be utilized to enhance the recreational and aesthetic experience for park visitors. The reclaimed water system will provide more water to the park than what is available today, allowing for more irrigation and other uses. One of the other uses considered in the master plan is the development of wetlands and recharge basins. The master plan includes two wetlands and three recharge basins. The primary difference between the wetland and recharge basins, is that the center of the recharge basins will periodically dry out and have less vegetation than the wetlands but will be ringed with a more permanent wetland. The locations of the wetlands/recharge basins were selected for their proximity to soils more conducive to this type of improvement and the overall park plan and movement within the park. The sloping topography will dictate the general shape of the features (longer and narrower) and will require significant grading to construct (most soil will need to be exported). The wetland and recharge basins are developed to the conceptual level and further design is required. The design will necessarily be preceded by a thorough investigation of soil and groundwater conditions to determine specific soil properties needed to complete the design.

The wetland/recharge basin design will include features to facilitate maintenance and operation of the basins. The designs will include wetland planning plans that are consistent with local wetland habitat types and that provide wildlife habitat for native species (notably birds). The design will include elements that assist in the control of noxious and invasive vegetation (e.g., tall white top) and mosquitos. Controlling the water level in wetlands has been an effective strategy for controlling mosquitos and unwanted plants and will be a key management strategy. The only supply of water to the basins will be reclaimed water and precipitation that falls directly on the basins. The basins will include "freeboard" to accommodate precipitation and provide flexibility for margin of safety for operations. The exact amount of freeboard will be determined during final design. The basins will be hydraulically disconnected from the site drainage so that no runoff from other parts of the park can flow into the wetlands and possibly create a new flood hazard.

Walking paths and placed viewpoints will be strategically constructed around the perimeter of the basins to provide the park user the opportunity to observe the wetlands and visiting wildlife. Plantings and fencing will be strategically placed to discourage park visitors from entering the basins.

The reclaimed water meets the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) requirements for a Category A treated effluent. NDEP regulations allow Category A effluents be used for irrigation, non-contact recreation, and infiltration through a permitting process. The use of reclaimed water at the park would require approval from NDEP through permits issued to the County for irrigating and developing wetlands and recharge basins using reclaimed water. The County currently maintains an effluent management permit that allows the County to irrigate parks, schools, and golf courses with reclaimed water. The County could request NDEP authorize the addition of HVRP to this permit for irrigation. As a requirement of the NDEP reclaimed water irrigation permit, the County developed and implemented an Effluent Management Plan that describes how treated effluent is to be used at parks, golf courses, and schools. The plan was reviewed and approved by NDEP and has been implemented for many years. This plan includes various engineering and operational controls intended to help prevent inadvertent ingestion of the reclaimed water. These controls include requiring identifying features (such as purple pipe, purple valve boxes, etc.) on reclaimed water infrastructure to help prevent cross connections (inadvertent connection of drinking water piping to reclaimed water piping). The plan includes requirements on placing signage to indicate to the public where reclaimed water is used and provide warnings against drinking the irrigation water. The plan places restrictions on when and where reclaimed water can be used for irrigation, particularly with regard to spray irrigation. Spray irrigation is restricted in areas adjacent to picnic tables, drinking fountains, and other areas where reclaimed water could potentially come in to contact with consumable items. These limitations include restricting application methods, irrigation times (e.g., irrigation only at night), and using a high wind shut-off to limit wind drift of spray irrigation. The use of reclaimed water at HVRP would need to comply with the requirements of the approved Effluent Management Plan and the NDEP permit.

NDEP Permitting

To develop wetlands and recharge basins, the County would need to apply for a separate effluent management permit from the NDEP. This permit application would require the County conduct a detailed investigation and analysis of area soils and subsurface conditions to demonstrate that the project would not have a significant adverse effect on other properties or to the local groundwater. The permitting process would include demonstrating how the reclaimed water would be used; how much water would be used through evaporation, evapotranspiration, and infiltration; how the public would be restricted from recreating in the wetlands and recharge basins; and how the wetlands and recharge basins would operate (site design and engineering details). The permitting process will include the development of an operations and maintenance plan that describes the practices necessary to operate and maintain the facilities in good working order. This plan would be similar in scope to the Effluent Management Plan described above and will require approval by NDEP.

Both types of permits require annual reporting to NDEP. The annual reports must include water quality test results (conducted on a monthly basis), the amounts of reclaimed water used, and summaries of major operations and maintenance activities. Failure to submit these reports to NDEP can result in the suspension of the permits and are a key element for the long-term operation of these facilities.

Master Plan

The following pages contain exhibits portraying the Hidden Valley Park Master Plan. Exhibits include:

- Overall Master Plan
- North Park Enlargement
- South Park Enlargement
- Trails Master Plan
- Trails Decommissioning Plan
- New Amenities - Wetlands
- New Amenities - Wetlands/Basins
- New Amenities - Bike Park
- Reference Imagery

The locations of wetlands and basins shown in the master plan were selected based on preliminary geotechnical and soils analysis and public input. Additional geotechnical and soils analysis will be conducted during the final design phase and as a result the final locations of wetlands and basins could shift from that shown in the master plan exhibit. A buffer between existing development and the new facilities will be maintained in the final design similar to that shown in the master plan exhibit. Additionally, during the final design of facilities stormwater and groundwater patterns will be studied and mitigation provided, if needed, to prevent impacts to groundwater or surface drainage to adjacent, existing development.

Washoe County has had discussions with the neighboring property owner to the south of the park about a potential road and trail easement through the southwest corner of the park parcel (shown as item #40 on the overall master plan map). Proposed easements on park property need to go through Washoe County's Parkland Easement Application process. An easement through Hidden Valley Regional Park would also require approval by the Bureau of Land Management.

Trails

Hidden Valley Regional Park has an existing, extensive trail system comprised primarily of soft trails. The trails are well-used by the community primarily by hikers and also for mountain bikers and seldom equestrians. Maintenance of the existing trail system has been deferred. Based on extensive community and stakeholder input a wide range of improvements are recommended for the trails. A high priority is for the existing trails to be reconstructed to correct overly steep cross slopes and variable grades and add trail markers for direction and level of difficulty so that users can better navigate the system. Additionally, the trails master plan portrays improvements to develop trail routes that have consistent levels of difficulty by supplementing the existing system with some new trail segments. An accessible trail is planned to provide a wide range of opportunities for users. Below is a summary of existing and new trails shown in the trails plan.

Trail Type	Beginner (Green) Miles	Intermediate (Blue) Miles	Advanced (Black) Miles	Expert (Double Black) Miles
Existing	14.7	15.2	7.8	
Proposed	2.2	1.5	4.4	.8

Finally, many informal trails and roads are identified to be decommissioned. The Trails Decommissioning Plan identifies a total of 6.7 miles.

Construction

All trails should be constructed to meet USFS standards. USFS trail construction guidelines, plans, details and specifications are addressed in the following website: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/trails/trail-management-tools/trailplans>.

Washoe County Regional Parks & Open Space has developed an Integrated Vegetation Management Plan (IVM) (June 2020). The tools and BMPs provided in the IVM plan should be used to develop site specific noxious weed treatment plan as a part of all future development projects and to guide future site restoration needs.

Since there are two rare plant species that have the potential to occur within the park due to their association with unique, altered andesite soils, plant surveys should be conducted prior to any construction within these areas of the park.

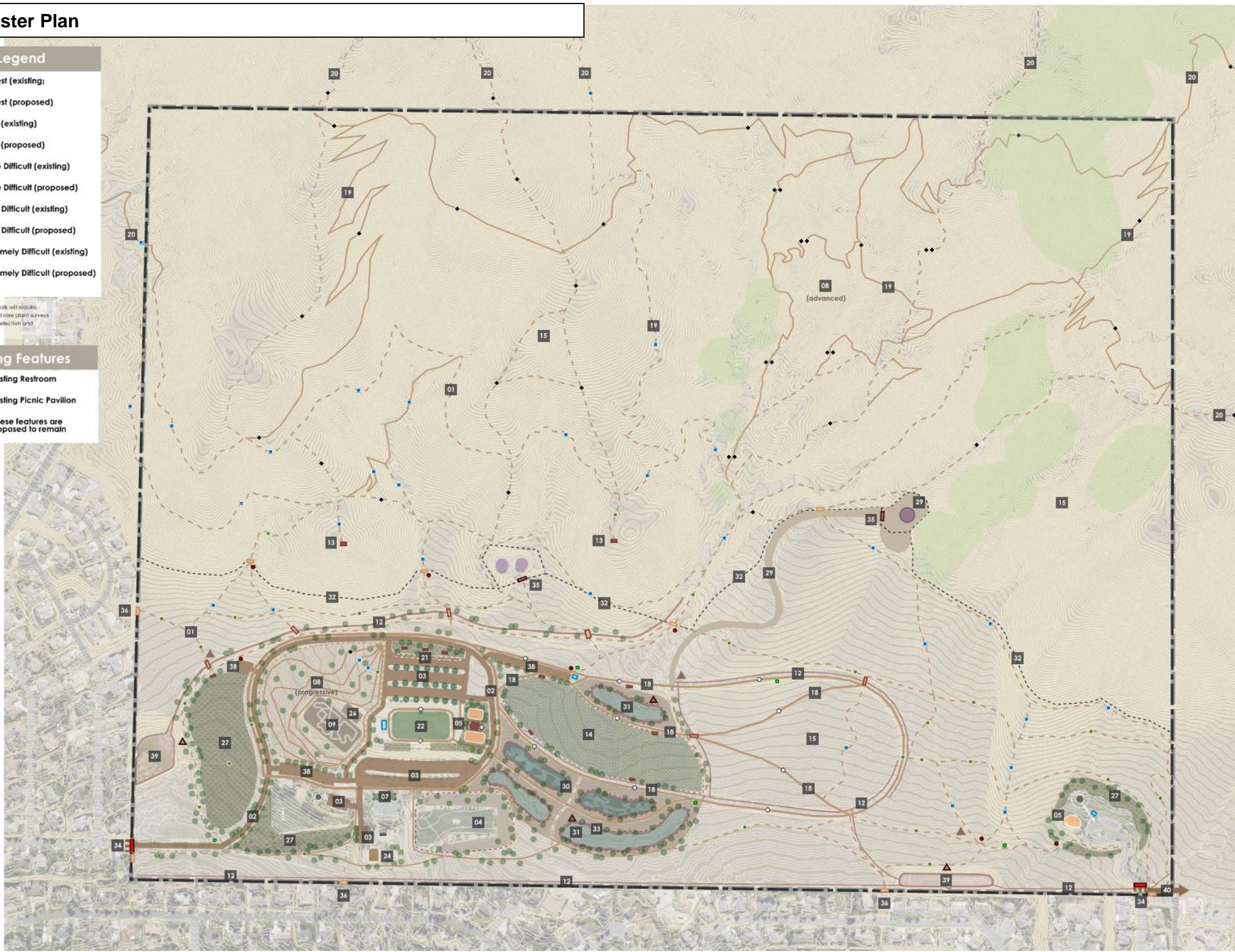
Overall Master Plan

Plan Legend

- ### Trail Legend
- — Easiest (existing)
 - — Easiest (proposed)
 - Easy (existing)
 - Easy (proposed)
 - More Difficult (existing)
 - More Difficult (proposed)
 - Very Difficult (existing)
 - Very Difficult (proposed)
 - Extremely Difficult (existing)
 - Extremely Difficult (proposed)

- ### Existing Features
- Existing Restroom
 - Existing Picnic Pavilion
- *these features are proposed to remain

- 01 Existing Dirt Trail (Renovation level varies)
- 02 Renovated Road (Optional Natural Pavement)
- 03 Renovated Parking Area (Optional Natural Pavement)
- 04 Renovated Dog Park with Perimeter Fencing
- 05 Renovated/New Playground w/ Shade
- 06 Renovated/Relocated/New Restroom
- 07 Renovated/New Pickleball & Tennis Courts
- 08 New Advanced Bike Trails
- 09 New Pump Track
- New Trail Signage/Wayfinding/Kiosk System
- Vegetated Interceptor Channel w/ Trail
- 12 Storm Water Interceptor Channel
- 13 New Scenic Overlook with Shade Shelter
- 14 New Fenced Pasture for Off-Leash Dog Use
- 15 Undeveloped/Open Space Preservation
- ▲ New Wildlife Enhancement Features
- New Minor Shade Structure
- 18 New Paved Accessible Walking/Jogging Loop
- 19 New Trail (On-site Loop); Difficulty-Level Varies
- 20 New Trail (Potential Off-site Connection)
- 21 New Horse Trailer Parking Area
- 22 New Recreational Turf/Practice Field
- ▲ New Fitness Node
- New Fitness Area
- New Interpretive Signage Node
- 26 New Bike Skills Area
- 27 New Informal Turf Area with Trees
- New Picnic Pavilion (1)
- 29 New Class A Reclaimed Water Tank/Road
- 30 New Wetland Area
- 31 New Wetland/Groundwater Recharge Area
- 32 New/Renovated 4-6' High Horse Exclusion Fence
- 33 New Rustic Fencing w/ Square Wire Mesh
- 34 New Vehicular Gate (Automatic) (2)
- 35 New Vehicular Gate (Manual) (2)
- 36 New Self-Closing Pedestrian Gate (9)
- New Cattle Guard at Site Entrances
- 38 New Parking Area (Natural Pavement)
- 39 Existing Ground Water Recharge Basin
- 40 New Potential Vehicular/Trail Connection
- New Minor Pedestrian Crossing of Channel
- Sensitive Plants (Survey to Confirm Trail Layout)



North Park Enlargement

Plan Legend

- 01 Existing Dirt Trail (Renovation level varies)
- 02 Renovated Road (Optional Natural Pavement)
- 03 Renovated Parking Area (Optional Natural Pavement)
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- 23 New Fitness Node
- 24 New Fitness Area

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- 28 New Picnic Pavilion (1)
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- 37 New Cattle Guard at Site Entrances
- 38 New Parking Area (Natural Pavement)
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- 40 New Potential Vehicular/Trail Connection
- 41 New Minor Pedestrian Crossing of Channel
- 42 Sensitive Plants (Survey to Confirm Trail Layout)



- ### Existing Features
- Existing Restroom
 - Existing Picnic Pavilion
 - *these features are proposed to remain

- ### Trail Legend
- Easiest (existing)
 - Easiest (proposed)
 - Easy (existing)
 - Easy (proposed)
 - More Difficult (existing)
 - More Difficult (proposed)
 - Very Difficult (existing)
 - Very Difficult (proposed)
 - Extremely Difficult (existing)
 - Extremely Difficult (proposed)

South Park Enlargement

Plan Legend

01	Existing Dirt Trail (Renovation level varies)
02	Renovated Road (Optional Natural Pavement)
03	Renovated Parking Area (Optional Natural Pavement)
04	Renovated Dog Park with Perimeter Fencing
05	Renovated/New Playground w/ Shade
06	Renovated/Relocated/New Restroom
07	Renovated/New Pickleball & Tennis Courts
08	New Advanced Bike Trails
09	New Pump Track
10	New Trail Signage/Wayfinding/Kiosk System
11	Vegetated Interceptor Channel w/ Trail
12	Storm Water Interceptor Channel
13	New Scenic Overlook with Shade Shelter
14	New Fenced Pasture for Off-Leash Dog Use
15	Undeveloped/Open Space Preservation
16	New Wildlife Enhancement Features
17	New Minor Shade Structure
18	New Paved Accessible Walking/Jogging Loop
19	New Trail (On-site Loop); Difficulty-Level Varies
20	New Trail (Potential Off-site Connection)
21	New Horse Trailer Parking Area
22	New Recreational Turf/Practice Field
23	New Fitness Node
24	New Fitness Area

25	New Interpretive Signage Node
26	New Bike Skills Area
27	New Informal Turf Area with Trees
28	New Picnic Pavilion (1)
29	New Class A Reclaimed Water Tank/Road
30	New Wetland Area
31	New Wetland/Groundwater Recharge Area
32	New/Renovated 4-6' High Horse Exclusion Fence
33	New Rustic Fencing w/ Square Wire Mesh
34	New Vehicular Gate (Automatic) (2)
35	New Vehicular Gate (Manual) (2)
36	New Self-Closing Pedestrian Gate (9)
37	New Cattle Guard at Site Entrances
38	New Parking Area (Natural Pavement)
39	Existing Ground Water Recharge Basin
40	New Potential Vehicular/Trail Connection
41	New Minor Pedestrian Crossing of Channel
42	Sensitive Plants (Survey to Confirm Trail Layout)



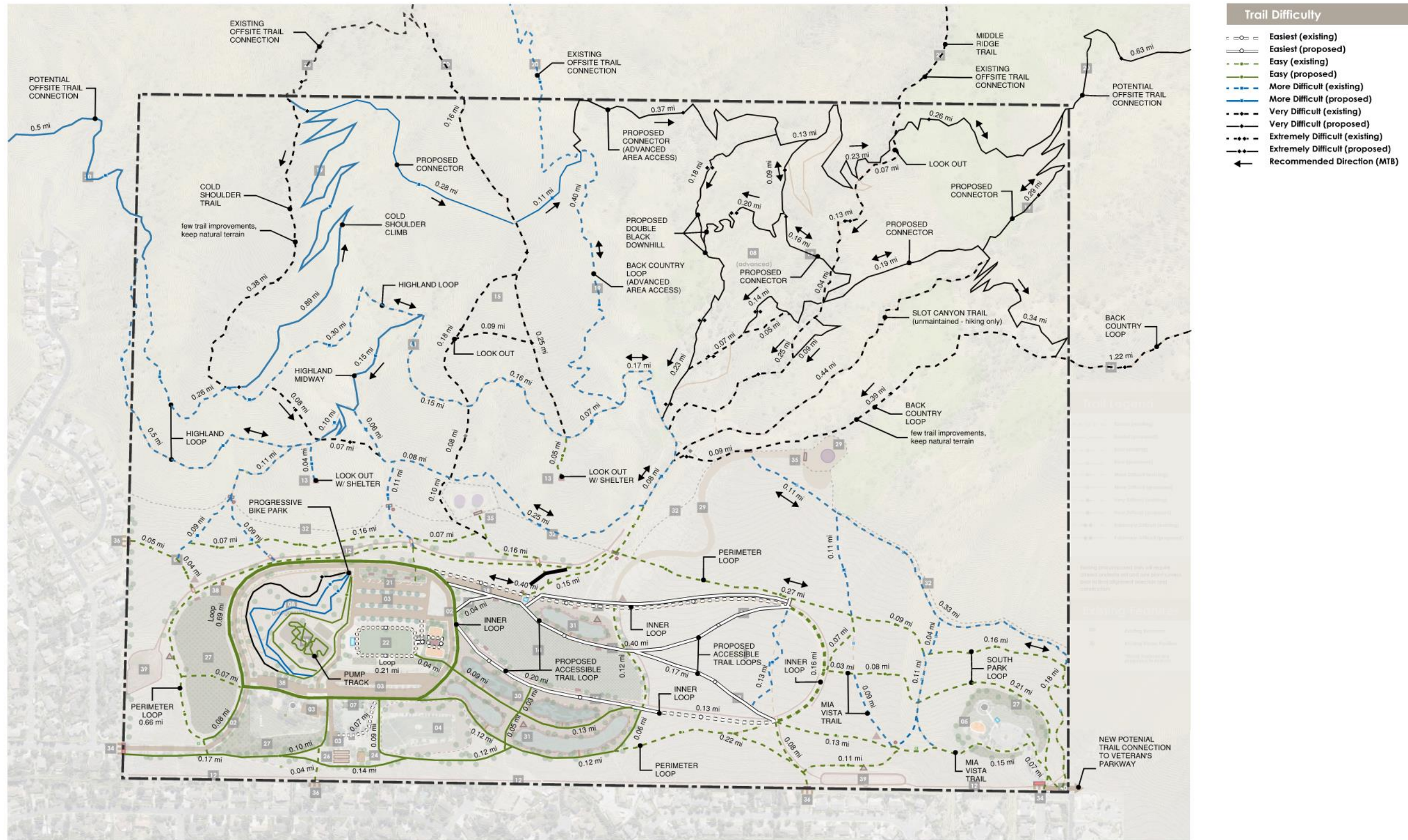
Existing Features

■	Existing Restroom
●	Existing Picnic Pavilion
*these features are proposed to remain	

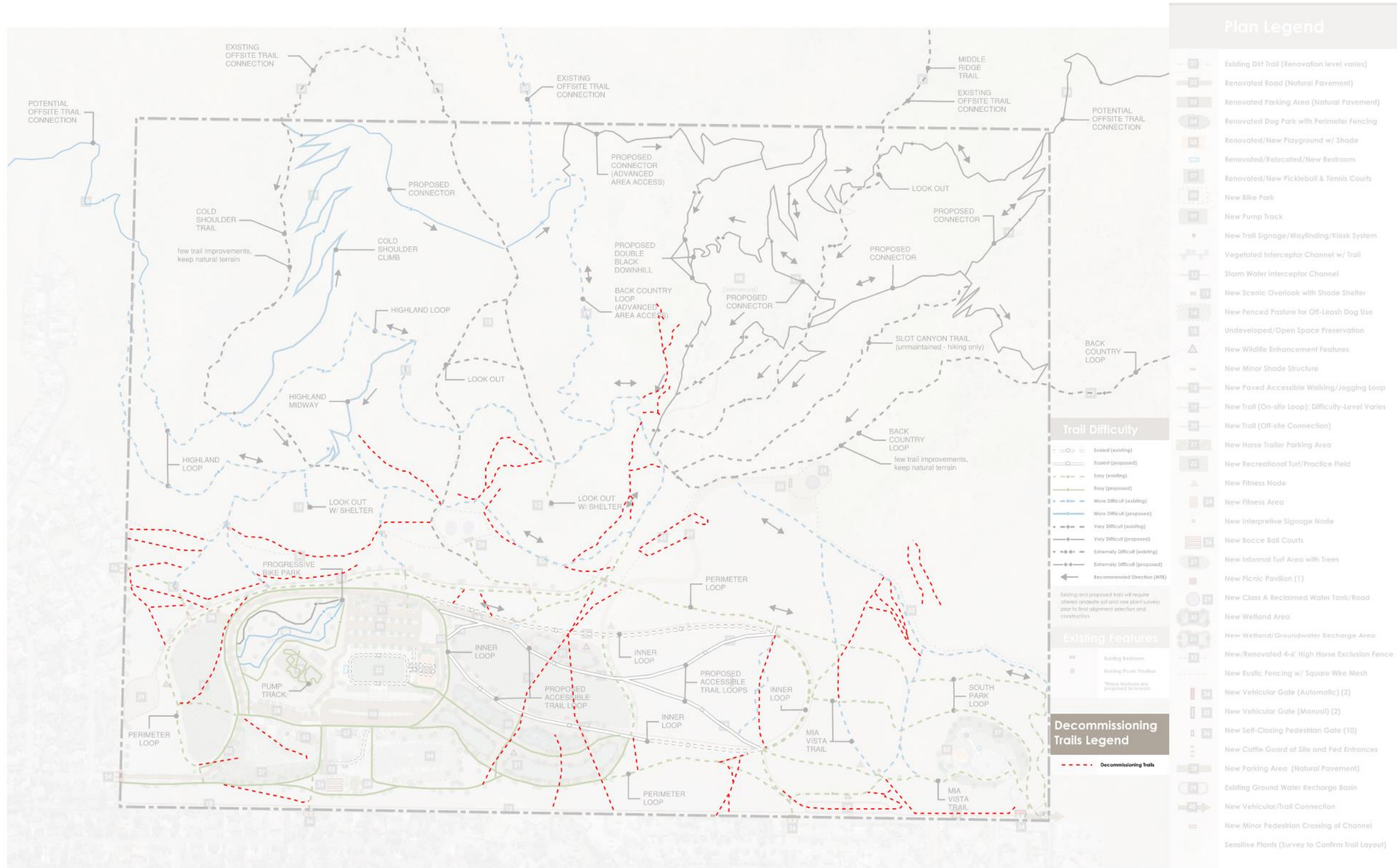
Trail Legend

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---○---	Easiest (proposed)
---●---	Easy (existing)
---●---	Easy (proposed)
---■---	More Difficult (existing)
---■---	More Difficult (proposed)
---◆---	Very Difficult (existing)
---◆---	Very Difficult (proposed)
---◆◆---	Extremely Difficult (existing)
---◆◆---	Extremely Difficult (proposed)

Trails Master Plan



Trails Decommissioning Plan



Hidden Valley Regional Park | Decommissioning Trails plan
April 5, 2022

Scale: 0, 50, 250, 500, 1000 feet. Stantec logo.

New Amenities-Wetlands

View of Proposed Wetland Looking Southwest



New Amenities-Wetlands/Basins

View of Proposed Wetland/Groundwater Recharge Basin Looking Southeast



New Amenities- Bike Park

View of Proposed Bike Park Looking Northwest



Reference Imagery: Note these images are examples. Final amenities may appear different.



05 New Playground



08 New Advanced Bike Trail



09 New Pump Track



New Trail Signage sample



New Vegetated Channel with Nature Trail



31 New Wetland with Nature Trail



13 New Scenic Overlook w/ Shade Shelter



New Trail Marker



15 Open Space Preservation



New Wildlife Enhancement Features



New Minor Shade Structure



14 New Fenced Pasture for Off-Leash Dog Use



20 New Trail (Off-Site Connection)



21 New Horse Trailer Parking Area

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22 New Recreational Turf/ Practice Area



New Fitness Node



24 New Fitness Area



New Interpretive Signage Node



36 New Self Closing Pedestrian Gate



27 New Informal Turf Area with Trees



New Picnic Pavillion



30 New Wetland/Groundwater Recharge Area w/ Nature Trail



32 New/Upgraded Horse Exclusion Fencing



33 New Rustic Fencing



34 New Vehicular Gate (Automatic)



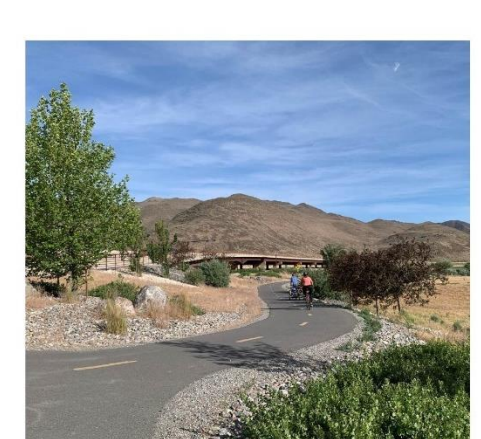
35 New Vehicular Gate (Manual)



New Cattle Guard at Site Entrance



38 New Parking Area



18 New Accessible Paved Walking/Jogging Loop

05 PRIORITIES AND PHASING

Phasing of park improvements is split into packages based on priorities identified by public in meetings, surveys and other communication and also on available funding. The phasing and priorities are described here and the opinion of probable cost is organized into these categories.

Package A- North contains the park elements that are related to effluent reuse as the funding for these is available and the need for effluent disposal is high. With the construction impacts to the existing road system, it is anticipated that the renovated loop road will be required and therefore would be funded in this package. Package A also contains the renovation and decommissioning of existing trails. As it is anticipated this work could be conducted by new Washoe County staff. The Package A features include:

- Existing Dirt Trails Renovation
- Renovated Loop Road
- New Wetlands
- New Wetland/Groundwater Infiltration Basins
- New Rustic Fencing (required for the new groundwater infiltration basins)
- Existing Irrigation System Retrofit
- Sensitive Plant Survey

Package B – North contains park elements where funding is anticipated to be secured by using the Package A expenditures as a match in grant applications. Priorities for this package include those that will secure the site entrances from feral horses since the new wetlands and groundwater infiltration basins could become an attraction to horses. Additionally, the public has expressed the need to secure the vehicular entrances from after-hours use. Package B features include

- New Trail Signage Kiosk System
- New Fenced Pasture for Off-Leash Dog Use

- New Paved Accessible Walking/Jogging Loop
- New Trails
- New Interpretive Signage
- Decommissioned Trails
- New Informal Turf Area with Trees
- New/Renovated 4-6' Horse Exclusion Fence
- New Vehicular Gate-Automatic
- New Vehicular Gate-Manual
- New Self-Closing Pedestrian Gate
- New Cattle Guard at Site Entrances
- New Minor Pedestrian Crossing of Channels
- Sensitive Plant Surveys

Package C – North contains park elements where funding is anticipated to be secured by using the Package A and B expenditures as a match in grant applications. The Package C features include:

- Renovated Parking Area
- Renovated Dog Park
- New Playgrounds
- New and Renovated Restrooms
- New Pickleball/Tennis Courts
- New Bike Park
- New Pump Track
- Vegetated Interceptor Channel with Trail
- Storm Water Interceptor Channel Weed Removal
- New Scenic Overlook with Shade Shelter

- New Wildlife Enhancement Features
- New Minor Shade Structures
- New Horse Trailer Parking Area
- New Recreational Turf/Practive Field
- New Fitness Node
- New Fitness area Stations
- New Picnic Pavilion
- New Parking Areas
- Existing Groundwater Basin Weed Removal
- New Trees

Package D – South contains park elements where funding is anticipated to be secured by using the Package A, B and C expenditures as a match in grant applications. The Package D features include:

- Renovated Playground
- New Restroom
- New Informal Turf Area

06 OPINION OF PROBABLE COST

Stantec		Washoe County Parks and Open Space					May 19, 2022	
		Hidden Valley Regional Park Master Plan Update; Reno, NV						
		Packages and Probable Construction Costs						
Plan Legend Item	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Cost	Subtotal	Package Total	
Package A - North								\$14,989,944
1	Existing Dirt Trails Renovation	1.0	ls	\$1,591,040.72	\$1,591,041	\$1,591,041		
2	Renovated Loop Road					\$715,400		
	3" AC	98,000	sf	\$1.10	\$107,800			
	6" Agg Base	98,000	sf	\$6.20	\$607,600			
14	New Fenced Pasture for Off-Leash Dog Use	7	ac			\$1,694,000		
14	Clearing and Grubbing	7	ac	\$7,500.00	\$52,500			
14	Fencing- 6' Chain Link	3,500	lf	\$80.00	\$280,000			
14	Fencing Natina	17,500	sf	\$13.00	\$227,500			
14	Irrigation - Rotors	7	ac	\$153,000.00	\$1,071,000			
14	Hydroseeding	7	ac	\$9,000.00	\$63,000			
30-31	New Wetland-Wetland/Groundwater Recharge Area					\$5,437,130		
30-31	Mass Grading Wetlands and Basins	100,000.0	cy	\$40.00	\$4,000,000			
30-31	Mass Grading Dog Park	20,000.0	cy	\$20.00	\$400,000			
30-31	Clearing and Grubbing	11.5	ac	\$7,500.00	\$86,250			
30-31	Misc(fencing, piping, valving)	1.0	ls	\$500,000.00	\$500,000			
30-31	Wetland Plantings	1.6	ac	\$218,000.00	\$346,620			
30-31	Basin Wetland Perimeter Plantings	20,852.0	sf	\$5.00	\$104,260			
33	New Rustic Fencing w/ Square Wire Mesh (7 areas)	9,389.0	lf	\$130.00	\$1,220,570	\$1,220,570		
X	Renovated Irrigation					\$410,000		
X	Retrofit Existing Irrigation for Effluent Use	1.0	ls	\$100,000.00	\$100,000			
X	Controller	1.0	ls	\$10,000.00	\$10,000			
X	6-8" mainline	3,000.0	lf	\$100.00	\$300,000			
X	Decommission Trails	1.0	ls	\$35,521.50	\$35,522			
	Project mobilization/bonding @ 5% of subtotal					\$555,183		
	Contingency @ 20% of subtotal					\$2,220,732		
	Design @ 10% of subtotal					\$1,110,366		
Package B - North								\$3,499,613
10	New Trail Signage Kiosk System					\$75,000		
10	New Trail Signage Kiosk System	3.0	each	\$10,000.00	\$30,000			
10	New Trail Signage/Wayfinding System (approx 30)	30.0	each	\$1,500.00	\$45,000			
18	New Paved Accessible Walking/Jogging Loop-AC (al natural pavement)	1.0	ls	\$3,421.44	\$3,421	\$3,421		
19	New Trail (On-site Loop); Difficulty-Level Varies	1.0	ls	\$250,749.84	\$250,750	\$250,750		
25	New Interpretive Signage Node	5.0	each	\$5,500.00	\$27,500	\$27,500		
42	Sensitive Plants (Survey to Confirm Trail Layout)	1.0	ls	\$8,000.00	\$8,000	\$8,000		
27	New Informal Turf Area with Trees (trees separate)	8.2	ac			\$1,797,400		
27	clearing and grubbing	8.2	ac	\$7,500.00	\$61,275			
27	site grading	8.2	ac	\$16,000.00	\$130,720			
27	turf- seeded (soil prep)	8.2	ac	\$43,500.00	\$355,395			
27	irrigation rotors	8.2	ac	\$153,000.00	\$1,250,010			
32	New/Renovated 4-6' High Horse Exclusion Fence	8,647.0	lf	\$5.00	\$43,235	\$43,235		
34	New Vehicular Gate (Automatic) 20' wide - on timer	2.0	each			\$200,000		
34	Gate (Automatic) 20' wide - on timer	2.0	each	\$75,000.00	\$150,000			
34	Power	2.0	each	\$10,000.00	\$20,000			
35	New Vehicular Gate (Manual)	2.0	each	\$15,000.00	\$30,000			
36	New Self-Closing Pedestrian Gate - spring loaded	7.0	each	\$5,000.00	\$35,000	\$35,000		
37	New Cattle Guard at Site Entrances	2.0	each	\$70,000.00	\$140,000	\$140,000		
41	New Minor Pedestrian Crossing of Channel	6.0	each	\$2,000.00	\$12,000	\$12,000		
	Project mobilization/bonding @ 5% of subtotal					\$129,615		
	Contingency @ 20% of subtotal					\$518,461		
	Design @ 10% of subtotal					\$259,231		
Package C - North								\$7,187,667
3	Renovated Parking Area AC (Alt Natural Pavement)	168,200.0	sf			\$1,227,860		
3	3" AC (Alt Natural Pavement)	168,200.0	sf	\$1.10	\$185,020			
3	6" base	168,200.0	sf	\$6.20	\$1,042,840			
4	Renovated Dog Park with Perimeter Fencing	3.3	ac			\$396,048		

4	clearing and grubbing	0.8	ac	\$7,500.00	\$6,000			
4	grading	0.8	ac	\$16,000.00	\$12,800			
4	turf- seeded (soil prep)	0.8	ac	\$43,560.00	\$34,848			
4	irrigation rotors	0.8	ac	\$153,000.00	\$122,400			
4	perimeter fencing- chain link 5'	1,500.0	lf	\$65.00	\$97,500			
4	natina on fencing	7,500.0	sf	\$13.00	\$97,500			
4	renovation allowance-drinking fountains, signs, turf repair	1.0	ls	\$25,000.00	\$25,000			
5	North New Playgrounds					\$512,500		
5	North New Playground 5-12 (6000sf)							
5	Surfacing and drainage	6,000.0	sf	\$25.00	\$150,000			
5	Equipment with integrated shade	1.0	each	\$175,000.00	\$175,000			
5	North New Playground 2-5 (2500 sf)							
5	Surfacing and drainage	2,500.0	sf	\$25.00	\$62,500			
5	Equipment with integrated shade	1.0	each	\$125,000.00	\$125,000			
6	New and Renovated Restrooms					\$995,000		
6	New Restroom - 2 Stalls, no lighting/power, w/drinking fountain	2.0	each	\$185,000.00	\$370,000			
6	Sewer connection	2,400.0	lf	\$100.00	\$240,000			
6	Water line connection to new restroom from ex. meter	2,000.0	lf	\$100.00	\$200,000			
6	Renovated Restroom - 2 Stalls, no lighting/power	1.0	each	\$185,000.00	\$185,000			
7	New Pickleball/ Tennis Courts	1.0	each	\$130,000.00	\$130,000	\$130,000		
8	New bike park	1.0	ls	\$604,224.00	\$604,224	\$604,224		
9	New pump track					\$120,000		
9	New pump track	1.0	ls	\$60,000.00	\$60,000			
9	Technical bike park	1.0	ls	\$60,000.00	\$60,000			
11	Vegetated Interceptor Channel w/ Trail					\$135,506		
11	Sediment removal	563.0	cy	\$100.00	\$56,296			
11	Class 150 riprap	2,030.0	sf	\$7.00	\$14,210			
11	Class 300 riprap at entrance to retention basin	3,000.0	sf	\$12.00	\$36,000			
11	Trees and Drip Irrigation	58.0	ea	\$500.00	\$29,000			
12	Storm Water Interceptor Channel- weed removal	4,745.0	lf	\$2.00	\$9,490	\$9,490		
13	New Scenic Overlook with Shade Shelter	2.0	each			\$50,280		
13	New Scenic Overlook with Shade Shelter	2.0	each	\$25,000.00	\$50,000			
13	clearing and grubbing	400.0	sf	\$0.70	\$280			
16	New Wildlife Enhancement Features	3.0	each	500	\$1,500	\$1,500		
17	New Minor Shade Structure	8.0	each	\$15,000.00	\$120,000	\$120,000		
21	New Horse Trailer Parking Area (within other parking)	1.0	each	\$0.00	\$0	\$0		
22	New Recreational Turf/Practice Field	1.0	ac	\$218,000.00	\$207,100	\$207,100		
23	New Fitness Node with tile surfacing	3.0	each	\$9,000.00	\$27,000	\$27,000		
24	New Fitness Area- 5 stations	1.0	each			\$165,000		
24	New Fitness Area- 5 stations	1.0	each	\$40,000.00	\$40,000			
24	tile surfacing	5,000.0	sf	\$25.00	\$125,000			
28	New Picnic Pavilion	1.0	each	\$80,000.00	\$80,000	\$80,000		
38	New Parking Area - AC (Alt. Natural Pavement)	45,960.0	sf			\$337,889		
38	3" AC	45,960.0	sf	\$1.10	\$50,556			
38	6" Base	45,960.0	sf	\$6.20	\$284,952			
38	Clearing and Grubbing	0.1	ac	\$7,500.00	\$760			
38	Site Grading	0.1	ac	\$16,000.00	\$1,621			
39	Existing groundwater recharge basin - weed removal	1.0	ls	\$5,000.00	\$5,000	\$5,000		
40	New Vehicular/Trail Connection	0.0			\$0	\$0		
X	Trees- 24" box	333.0	each			\$199,800		
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X	Drip irrigation each tree	333.0	each	\$100.00	\$33,300			
15	Undeveloped/Open Space Preservation	0.0			\$0	\$0		
20	New Trail (Off-site Connection)	0.0			\$0	\$0		
	Project mobilization/bonding @ 5% of subtotal					\$266,210		
	Contingency @ 20% of subtotal					\$1,064,840		
	Design @ 10% of subtotal					\$532,420		
South - Park Facilities								\$1,046,115
5	Renovated South Playground 2-5 and 5-12 (3700 SF)					\$217,500		
5	surfacing and drainage	3,700.0	sf	\$25.00	\$92,500			
5	equipment with integrated shade	1.0	each	\$125,000.00	\$125,000			
6	New Restroom - 2 Stalls, no lighting/power, w/drinking fountain	1.0	each	\$185,000.00	\$185,000	\$185,000		
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6	Sewer connection	600.0	lf	\$130.00	\$78,000			
6	Water line connection to new restroom from ex. meter	600.0	lf	\$100.00	\$60,000			
27	New Informal Turf Area with Trees	1.0	ac			\$234,400		
27	clearing and grubbing	1.0	ac	\$7,500.00	\$7,500			
27	site grading	1.0	ac	\$16,000.00	\$16,000			
27	turf- seeded (soil prep)	1.0	ac	\$43,500.00	\$43,500			
27	irrigation rotors	1.0	ac	\$153,000.00	\$153,000			
27	Trees- 24" box	24.0	each	\$500.00	\$12,000			
27	Drip irrigation each tree	24.0	each	\$100.00	\$2,400			
	Project mobilization/bonding @ 5% of subtotal					\$38,745		
	Contingency @ 20% of subtotal					\$154,980		
	Design @ 10% of subtotal					\$77,490		
Construction Total								\$26,723,339

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