



# Park System Master Plan

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## Foreword

*Sherida Bush*  
*Former Recreation & Parks Commissioner*

From windswept Waterfront Park on the Carquinez Strait to the rolling hills and green oaks of Golden Hills Park, the Martinez parks and open spaces offer a wide variety of terrain, vistas, recreational opportunities and wildlife. Whether our public lands have been sculpted into a grass-covered park or left in a more natural state, they can provide the respite from a busy world essential to a balanced life today. Parks, open spaces and trails help people reconnect with nature when the demands of life tend to isolate them from the outdoors. A family picnic, a rousing game of baseball, a long hike, or just a few moments of quiet in a lovely setting are all possible in our parks and open spaces.

Martinez is a community rich with history and natural resources. The city was the home of renowned conservationist John Muir, and the community's residents seem to share his love of the outdoors. Early on, the city's leaders saw the value in parks and open spaces. Current residents reap the benefits of this foresight by enjoying the 165 acres of developed parks and the 410+ acres of open space within the city limits.

The natural assets of Martinez -- the hills, the strait, the streams and the native trees -- make it easier for the city to provide beautiful environments for its citizens. The city has a responsibility to maintain and protect these assets for future generations, and to anticipate future needs. As the city grows, its recreation needs and interests expand, requiring a newer, wider range of facilities. Finding the funds to acquire and maintain these is a challenge. The current city ordinance for park development fees recommends that five acres of parks per 1,000 residents are needed to serve the community. Established in the 1980s, it is below the current national standard of ten acres per 1,000 residents. The amount of parkland is not to current national or city standards, and a rising population will only place further pressure on our parks. While Martinez has developed an impressive park and open space system, additional parks are needed to meet even the current city standard.

For the more adventurous, open spaces and trails offer rewarding self-guided activities. The city's trails often connect to other major trails and are popular with hikers and equestrians.

Many of these trails are steep and provide a hearty workout. Mountain bikers will find them challenging too. Those who make it to the top are rewarded with personal satisfaction as well as wonderful views. Even those who will never set foot on our trails and open spaces can enjoy the respite the scenic vistas provide throughout the city.

John Muir has been, and continues to be, a strong presence in Martinez. The John Muir National Historic Site includes Muir's home, orchard and Mt. Wanda, an open space area open to visitors. In 2001, the Willows Theatre presented its locally grown musical *Mountain Days* in a new outdoor amphitheater in Waterfront Park. The play chronicles John Muir's life. The play was again presented in 2002 and 2003, and 2005 in an improved amphitheater.

Muir's legacy, as one of the first conservationists in our country, is part of the city's history and lends a responsibility to protect and preserve some of the natural world Muir so revered.



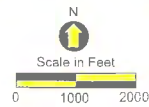


**PARKS**

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| ① Ferry Point Picnic Area | ⑧ Plaza Ignacio Martinez | ⑮ Nancy Boyd         |
| ② Martinez Marina         | ⑨ Cappy Ricks            | ⑯ John Muir Memorial |
| ③ Waterfront              | ⑩ Veterans Memorial      | ⑰ Hidden Valley      |
| ④ Train Display           | ⑪ Mountain View          | ⑱ Hidden Lakes       |
| ⑤ Rankin                  | ⑫ John Muir              | ⑲ Foothills          |
| ⑥ Highland Avenue         | ⑬ Morello School         | ⑳ Golden Hills       |
| ⑦ Susana                  | ⑭ Holiday Highlands      |                      |

**OPEN SPACES**

- |                     |                       |                |
|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| A Rankin            | F Pleasant View Knoll | K Hidden Lakes |
| B Franklin Hills    | G MacAivey            | L Sunnybrae    |
| C Schaefer Memorial | H Ashwood Drive       | M Roanoke      |
| D Pine Ridge        | I Quiet Hills         | N Golden Hills |
| E Holly View        | J Chateau Ridge       |                |



**OPEN SPACES AND PARKS  
MASTER PLAN  
CITY OF MARTINEZ**



## Introduction

### ***A. The Park System Master Plan***

#### 1. Purpose

The Martinez Park System Master Plan is designed to provide an assessment of the current system and a vision for the future. The Master Plan establishes the goals, objectives and policies to guide public planning in the acquisition, development and rehabilitation of parks, open spaces, trails and recreation opportunities in the City of Martinez. This Parks System Master Plan updates previous Plans (1987, 1992), and makes recommendations for the Parks and Recreation Element of the General Plan (Martinez General Plan, June 1973).

It is widely recognized that parks projects and recreation services proposed as part of a well conceived master plan are more likely to: receive financial support; attract increased community participation; and be adaptive to emerging community needs. However, it is also a challenge to anticipate and meet future needs while providing adequate resources for current operations and maintenance of aging facilities. In Martinez, the necessity for a refined systemic vision has increased as competitive factors increase. Martinez is projected to reach “build-out” within the next ten years. This reality requires a refined understanding of the current park and recreation assets and sometimes new strategies and coalitions. Land available for development has decreased to less than 5%, costs for acquisition have increased over 10% per year, competition for limited fiscal resources has stiffened, and the demand on current aging facilities has increased.

*“At the very heart of our public service is the need to provide adequate and quality park and recreation facilities that truly meet the needs of the customers we serve.”*

Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines  
National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA, 1996)



## 2. Community Involvement and Benefits

The foundation of this document is that public parks, open space, trails and related recreation and community services are beneficial and facilitate creation of community. They enhance the quality of our individual and communal life.<sup>1</sup> The value of these benefits can be measured in the health of residents, economic vitality created by visitors, improved social relationships, positive alternatives to antisocial behavior, and preservation of the environment. The community determines the variety and mix of parks, programs and levels of services based upon the level of support they can and are willing to provide.

Numerous studies have found the considerable value that parks, open spaces and trails lend to residents and to cities. Property values increase, visitors increase and people want to linger and spend their dollars where the landscapes are touched with natural beauty. The benefits of recreational programs are many, for children, teens and adults. Recreational activities are stress relievers. Participating in sports can change the course of an at-risk youth's life by providing an alternative to gangs. At a time when childhood obesity is rising at an alarming rate, sports activities can offset passive activities and provide much-needed exercise. Outdoor sports and activities are not only good for physical health, but foster team cooperation and an appreciation for nature. Family picnics, weddings, races, reunions, company celebrations, all create traditions and memories enjoyed outdoors in time-honored ways.

## 3. Planning Process

The Master Plan was developed in phases through a collaborative, consultative process. Community Development staff, in collaboration with the Martinez Park and Recreation Commission and with the assistance of professional consultants completed the revision in phases.

*Phase One* began in 1998 with on-site surveys of each park to delineate current conditions and desirable improvements. Studies were conducted of the safety of playground equipment by Parks Division staff. Research on the recreation needs of the future, and possible funding sources were discussed. The Park and Recreation Commission approved a draft outline for the document. The residents of Martinez were invited to three separate public hearings in 2000 to express their thoughts and suggestions about the parks before a plan was drafted. In 2000 a master plan subcommittee was appointed.

In 2002, the Park and Recreation Commission appointed a subcommittee to recommend a variety of improved playground equipment that would provide a variety of safe but challenging play experiences. These improvements reflect current state and federal guidelines. Due to staff and consultant transitions, the updated project was delayed.

***We Create  
Community  
Through  
People, Parks  
and Programs.***

*California Parks and  
Recreation Society  
(CPRS)*

<sup>1</sup>Taken from: "The Benefits of Park and Recreation Update Project," and the "VIP Project," California Park and Recreation Society.



*Phase Two* began in May 2003 with appointment of a new Parks subcommittee and new recreation services staff. Student interns from Diablo Valley College Geographic Information Systems (GIS) were recruited to establish a geo-database, update the map designs and integrate an inventory of facility conditions. A public opinion survey company was hired to conduct a focus group and survey of citizen needs and willingness to pay for civic improvements. Popularly known as the “legacy project,” the effort initially began with a focus on parks and recreation facilities and grew to include other public improvements such as library renovation, marina improvements, and paving. A series of park tours were conducted to re-assess the existing facility conditions from December 2003 through July 2004.

*Phase Three* was initiated in Fall 2004. Additional public workshops and hearings were held. A consultant was hired to complete map designs.

## **B. Community Setting**

### **1. Location**

Martinez encompasses approximately 12.5 square miles at an elevation of 30+ feet. Located in the East Bay, it is 23 miles northeast of Oakland and 32 miles northeast of San Francisco. It is the gateway to the California Delta. It stretches from the Carquinez Strait, occupying the low-lying valleys and hills to the south.

### **2. Climate**

The average temperatures range from 57° F minimum to 92° F maximum. Average rainfall of 18 inches per year, which provides for a verdant coastal ecosystem of oaks, grasses and wild flowers.

### **3. History**

The City of Martinez, was the first planned community in Contra Costa County. Don Ignacio Martinez received a land grant of over 17,000 acres from the Mexican Government in 1824. Originally, the area served as the hunting grounds for the Karkine Indians. In 1847, Martinez became the south shore landing point for the only ferry crossing location on the Carquinez Strait. In 1849, a townsite plan was developed and a community established. The City was declared the county seat in 1851 and incorporated in 1876.

The town has prospered and changed over the years featuring ranching; grain; vineyards, and tree agriculture (1860s – 1950s), fishing (mid 1870s - 1950s), manufacturing (1890s), oil refining (Shell Oil 1914 to current), and residential growth (1980s).

As the home of the John Muir National Historic Site (National Parks Service, 1964), Martinez continues to provide a legacy of parks, recreational opportunities and preservation of open space. The first city owned park was established in 1931 on one acre. Martinez is now home to over 1,000 acres of parks, open space, preserved shoreline, links with trails, regional parks and amenities. In 2002, Martinez became a Tree City USA.



## ***C. The Martinez Park and Recreation Commission***

### **1. Role**

According to the Martinez Municipal Code, the Martinez Park and Recreation Commission is comprised of seven commissioners appointed by the City Council and who serve without compensation. The Commission:

- Acts in an advisory capacity to the City Council, City Manager, Recreation Director, Planning and Building Director, City Engineer and Public Services Director in all matters pertinent to public recreation, public parks, open space, and to cooperate with other governmental agencies and civic groups in the advancement of park planning and recreation programming;
- Makes recommendations to the Recreation Director and Public Services Director concerning preparation of the bi-annual budget and capital improvement programs;
- Recommends standards on organization, open space areas, recreation and park areas and facilities, programs and financial support; Formulates and recommends to the City Council policies for the use of recreation and park facilities
- Reviews, upon referral from the Planning Commission, tentative subdivision maps and make recommendations to the Planning Commission and City Council regarding park dedication fees, open space and trails;
- Makes periodic appraisals of the recreation program and makes inspections of recreation and park facilities and reports findings to the Recreation Director and Public Services Director;
- Formulates recommendations to the City Council and the Planning Commission pertinent to the development of long-range plans for park and recreation development in the City and reviews annually the long-range plans and revises as may be necessary;
- Hears public comment on policies and functions of the Parks Division and Recreation Department.

As of 2003, the Recreation and Community Services Division is part of the Community Development Department.

## 2. Commission's Mission Statement

The Martinez Park and Recreation Commission seeks to promote the health and well being of the residents of Martinez by providing beautiful and safe parks and open spaces, providing a variety of recreational opportunities, and protecting our natural resources.

## 3. Goals of the Park and Recreation Commission

- Bring park facilities into compliance with current safety and accessibility codes
- Foster community involvement with parks and open spaces
- Improve and maintain the natural landscapes of our parks and open spaces
- Protect and acquire park land and open space
- Develop recommendations for recreation facilities
- Promote quality recreational and outdoor educational opportunities for children and adults
- Establish and link trail networks
- Protect and restore natural resources
- Provide adequate facilities for the needs of a growing population
- Plan for future needs by establishing funding goals now
- Establish new policies as needed to meet the needs of the community
- Support the City Council and staff in establishing new partnerships and exploring new funding sources
- Promote public awareness of the benefits of parks and recreation

## 4. Guiding Principles for the Park System Master Plan

Faced with many pressing needs and requests, the Park and Recreation Commission has kept the following principles in mind in recommending priorities for the next five years. The principles are consistent with the goals outlined in our mission statement.

- A. Comply with current safety standards for play equipment
- B. Establish a plan for meeting the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act
- C. Provide an aesthetically pleasing outdoor environment by promoting adequate trees and landscaping
- D. Establish long-term policies that promote the safety, comfort and enjoyment of the park system users

- E. Determine the best value and use for the dollars available
- F. Provide facilities for a variety of recreational needs and desires within the community
- G. Promote recreation for children and adults that will improve their physical health and mental well being, with an emphasis on outdoor recreational experiences
- H. Promote park and open space use as a means for building character and providing positive outlets for youth
- I. Promote community involvement with park issues as a means of establishing community “ownership” of these resources
- J. Recognize that every park, every open space is important to its users and deserves the same respect and consideration
- K. Preserve the home enjoyed by wildlife in our open spaces
- L. Weigh equally the benefits of developed park areas and natural open spaces
- M. Listen to the changing desires of the park users and community to be flexible in park decisions
- N. Develop park policies that promote safe and enjoyable experience

*“By taking a customer driven, outcome oriented and collaborative approach, the park and recreation profession can continue to play a central role in maintaining and improving the quality of life in California.”*

*Creating Community in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, CPRS, 1999, p.21.*

## D. Master Plan Definitions

The terms defined in this list are used throughout the Master Plan:

### Parks

**Community Park** -- A park or facility developed primarily to meet the requirements of a large portion of the City. The service area is a two (2) mile radius. The size is from ten to fifty acres. In addition to neighborhood park elements, a community park would have off street parking, restrooms, may also have a large landscaped area, an activity center, a swimming pool, "lighted" sports field, basketball courts, tennis courts, and/or specialized equipment not found in a neighborhood park. The standard for this type of park is two acres per thousand residents.

**Linear Park (parkway)** -- A park located along a roadway, waterway, bikeway, or other similar public corridor. The length varies and the overall shape is generally elongated and narrow. Foot Hill Park and Hidden Valley Linear Park are examples. There is no standard level of service for linear parks.

**Memorial Parks/Sites** -- A park with the primary purpose of recognizing and commemorating particular historical event(s), person(s) or places.

**Neighborhood Park** -- A park developed primarily to serve the recreational needs of a small portion of the city. The location serves the area approximately one half-mile radius of the park. Park improvements are usually oriented towards the needs of children and families. The site is generally from one half acre to ten acres. In addition to landscaping, improvements might include a tot lot, basketball court, children's play equipment, unlit sports field or court. The standard for this type of park is 5 acres per thousand residents of the city.

**Plaza** -- A formal, generally flat open area characterized by pedestrian walkways and passive features such as benches, fountains and formal garden planting beds. Ignacio Plaza and Main Street Plaza are examples of plazas.

**Regional Park** -- A park that has been developed with a wide range of improvements usually not found in a local community or neighborhood facility and designed to meet the needs of the entire City population as well as people living in nearby communities. The size is generally larger than 75 acres and serves a radius of 30+ minutes driving time. In addition to neighborhood and community park improvements, the facility may include a marina, golf course, amusement area, nature area, arboretum and other elements requiring large staging and support spaces. Some elements in the park may be leased to community groups. The Martinez Regional Shoreline is an example of this type of park.

**School Park** -- A park developed, improved and maintained on school grounds by the city that is used by the community or neighborhood at large. This type of park recognizes the lack of neighborhood facilities to serve existing neighborhoods and lack of available land in developed areas for new parks. The standard for this type of park should be twice the



actual acreage in order to account for the limited time the parkland is actually available for use by the general public. Examples of school parks include John Muir Park, Morello Park, and Hidden Valley Park.

**Special Use Park** -- A park designed to meet the specific needs of a particular heavy use activity such as a large "sports park" or a small "dog park." It concentrates and addresses the unique operational and maintenance issues associated with the activity.

### **Park Maintenance**

**High Level** -- This is a high maintenance level that can require daily attention. It is applied to a high use area exposed to critical observation by the public. It requires a special program of effort and level of expenditure to keep at an acceptable level of appearance and quality.

**Moderate Level** -- This is an area that usually requires less than daily, but at least weekly attention. It may be a high use area, but use that causes less negative impact.

**Low Level** -- This is an area that requires intermittent attention and is characterized by undeveloped portions of a site. Maintenance includes removal of trash and debris, mowing or discing to reduce fire hazards, control of noxious vegetation, cleaning fence lines bordering property, and keeping open natural or constructed drainage.

### **Terms**

**At Risk Youth** -- Youth between the ages of 12 and 18, whose level of economic support, social relationships, and/or educational achievement places them at risk of engaging in behavior characterized by serious, long term negative consequences.

**Concession** -- A vendor provided service or program at a particular recreation or park facility. Generally, the city receives a form of compensation in exchange for permission to exclusively provide the service or program under an operation or service agreement.

**Community Center/Senior Center** -- A Community Center is a building designed to meet the indoor needs of a large portion of the population for civic meetings, recreational activities, social gatherings and cultural enrichment. The Martinez Senior Community Center was completed in 1988.

**Guideline** -- An acceptable measure or level of delivery for a specific public service.

**Leased Recreation Element** -- Community and regional parks may contain land and/or elements owned by the City or other public agencies such as school districts or East Bay Regional Park District, but leased to community based organizations and/or other public entities for specific recreational activities. These facilities are available for public use when not actively used for their leased activity. Permits and other restrictions may apply.

**Open Space** -- Undeveloped park land that may be used for hiking trails, preservation of view corridors, conservation purposes or other self-directed recreational purposes.

**Parkland Dedication** -- The City's Parkland Dedication Ordinance is designed to assure that fees are set aside or that usable land is dedicated and developed, or set aside for active, self-directed or open space use under the Master Plan.

**Recreation Building** -- An indoor space that supports recreational programs and activities such as concession stands, community rooms and multi-use rooms.

**School Site** -- Land and facilities owned and operated by a school district for school-oriented recreation purposes. The City may use individual sites by agreement with a school district, but development, operation and maintenance of the facilities are the responsibility of the school district.

**Standard Level of Service (LOS)** -- Usually represented as a quantifiable ratio, a LOS represents the minimum acceptable output or amount of a desired property or service. Parks are expressed as acres per thousand population, which represents the minimum amount of space needed to meet the amount of outdoor recreational services desired by citizens. It should be measurable, practical to achieve, provide for equitable allocation and access throughout a community, and reflect the real time demand for such spaces. Open space and trails should not be mixed or added into the ratio for the active recreational space standards.

**Trail** -- A designated, established pathway that may be suitable for walking, hiking, biking, and horseback riding. Trails can be made of any type of surface and generally are in open space and scenic areas of the city.

### **Play Equipment**

**Tot lot** -- Children aged – 18 months – 5 yrs.

**Children's Play Equipment** -- Children age 5 through 12 years old

# 1. Parks Inventory of Existing Conditions & Resources

The inventory of park system facilities is divided into the following sections: The total developed parkland acreage in Martinez is 165.2 acres. The following summary lists Martinez parks by type and size: Parks, Open Space, Recreation Buildings, Memorial Parks, Major Trails. The list of facilities is arranged alphabetically within each section.

Various types of developed parks serve the Martinez community.

<b>Park Name</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Acreage</b>
Alhambra Park	Plaza	.55
Cappy Ricks Park	Neighborhood	1.90
Ferry Point Picnic Area	Memorial Park	3.80
Foothills Park	Linear Park	2.30
Golden Hills Park	Neighborhood	9.60
Highland Avenue Park	Neighborhood	.25
Hidden Lakes Park	Community	24.00
Hidden Valley Park	Community & School*	17.00
Hidden Valley Linear Park	Linear Park	2.3
Holiday Highlands Park	Neighborhood	2.00
John Muir Park	School Park*	7.40
Morello Park	Neighborhood & School Park*	7.10
Mountain View Park	Neighborhood*	4.50
Nancy Boyd Park	Community Memorial Park	7.30
Plaza Ignacio Martinez	Plaza	1.00
Rankin Park	Community	42.00
Susana Street Park	Neighborhood	1.20
Waterfront Park	Community*	31.00
Veterans Park Memorial Park	Memorial Park	.20
<b>Total</b>		<b>165.40</b>

\* Denotes lease in effect for a portion or all of space.

Community parks are generally larger and draw park users from a broad area. Martinez's six community parks range from 7 to 42 acres in size. While their recreation facilities vary, all community parks include: restrooms, children's play equipment, turf areas for informal play, barbecues and picnic facilities. They also may include soccer and baseball fields, tennis courts, outdoor swimming pools, bocce courts, horseshoe pits, an amphitheater, group picnic areas and one or more off-street parking lots. The Community Parks in Martinez include: Hidden Lakes Park, Hidden Valley Park, Rankin Park, Waterfront Park, Nancy Boyd, and Golden Hills.

Neighborhood parks are typically smaller and are nestled among residences. Martinez's 13 neighborhood oriented parks, linear parks and plazas range from .25 acres to 7.3 acres. They are designed to serve the adults and children within walking distance of the park. Neighborhood parks usually have play equipment for children, picnic areas, landscaping, benches, and recreation opportunities for older children and adults. These facilities may include tennis courts, full or half basketball courts or volleyball courts. Some neighborhood parks do not have restrooms. Picnic facilities may be limited to small groups, and parking lots, when available are limited.

At this time Martinez does not have a special use park, which would be dedicated to one particular sport or activity. Although regional parks, such as the Carquinez Strait Regional Shoreline Park, are nearby, the city does not own or maintain any regional parks.

## **E. Parks**

### **1. Alhambra Park**

#### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

Alhambra Park is located at the corner of Alhambra and Marina Vista Avenue. This .55 acre park is across the creek from the Amtrak station. This park contains four benches and a brick walkway that starts at the corner of the park and leads to the footbridge that crosses Alhambra creek and leads to the Amtrak station. There is also a decomposed granite pathway that straddles the creek.

#### **EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS**

- A. Turf area
- B. Four benches
- C. Brick walkway
- D. Trees
- E. Footbridge connecting the park to the Amtrak station

#### **PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS**

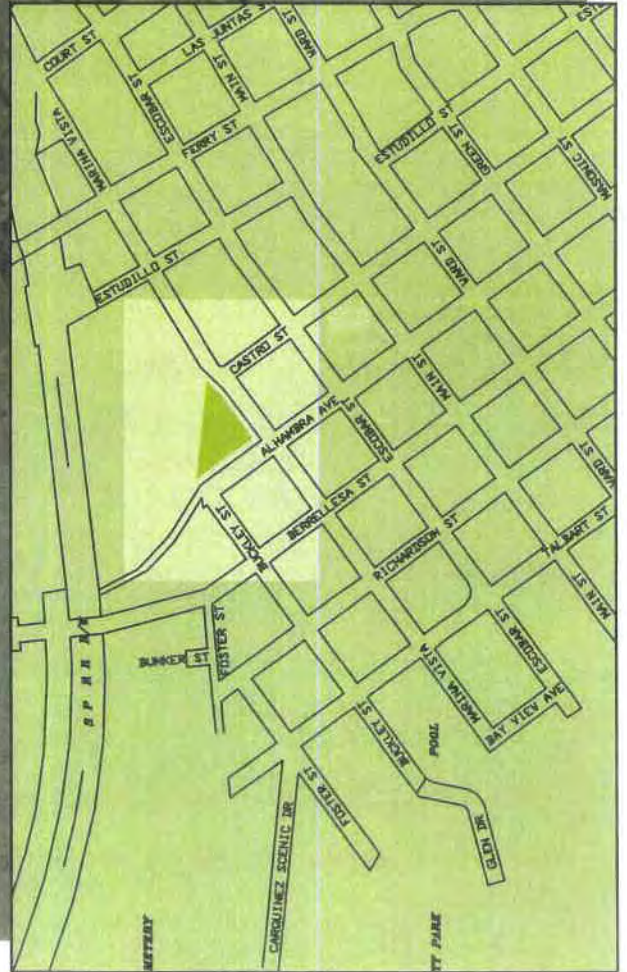
- A. Site Furnishings
  - a. Removal of existing site furnishings
  - b. Install (3) new ADA compliant concrete benches
  - c. Install new site furnishings
  - d. Install (1) new monument sign
- B. ADA Accessibility
  - a. Demolition of existing Concrete/AC/Gravel pathways
  - b. Install new ADA compliant pathway (path of travel from public sidewalk to park amenities)
  - c. Install new ADA compliant concrete pads for benches
  - d. Install new ADA signage
  - e. Install new ADA concrete ramp with truncated domes
  - f. Repair pavers to align with footbridge for ADA compliance
  - g. Repair pavers to align with concrete curb for ADA compliance

- C. Landscape/Irrigation
  - a. Remove existing lawn area
  - b. Import topsoil
  - c. Soil preparation
  - d. Install new irrigation systems
  - e. Install (1) new irrigation controller
  - f. Install new sod lawn
  - g. Pro-rate new irrigation central control system
  
- D. Fees/Permits
  - a. 10% Design and construction management
  - b. 7% architectural/engineering fees
  
- E. Sales Tax/Shipping
  - a. (3) Benches



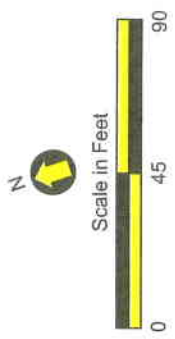


**ALHAMBRA PARK - MARINA VISTA**  
**.5 ACRES - APN:37327001**  
**MASTER PLAN, CITY OF MARTINEZ**





**ALHAMBRA PARK  
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CITY OF MARTINEZ**



- Legend:**
- Bench
  - Street Light
  - Entrance
  - Memorial
  - Signage
  - Footbridge to Amtrak
  - Crushed Granite Walkway
  - Concrete Sidewalk
  - Oak Tree
  - Upper Coastal Brackish Marsh
  - Riparian Scrub
  - Low Brackish Marsh

## 2. Cappy Ricks Park

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Cappy Ricks Park is located in a residential area on Brown Street. This one-acre park contains a popular paved basketball court and two lighted tennis courts. Cappy Ricks Park contains picnic tables, drinking fountains, restrooms and a children's play area with climbing equipment.

Cappy Ricks Park is named in honor of C.A. Ricks (1885-1959), an outstanding civic leader. He was a member of the City Council for 16 years, Mayor of Martinez for six years and a member of the Planning Commission for 22 years.

### EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS

- A. Two lighted tennis courts with backboard
- B. Lighted basketball court
- C. Small grass turf area
- D. Restrooms
- E. Playground/climbing equipment with two slides
- F. Two picnic tables (8 person capacity/table)
- G. Drinking fountain

### PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

- A. Restroom Replacement
  - a. Demolition of existing restroom
  - b. Multi-use restroom (with CMAS discount)
  - c. CMAS building construction
- B. Playground Up-Grade
  - a. Install poured-in-place rubber surfacing
  - b. Install concrete base/containment for rubber surfacing
  - c. Install new ADA playground access ramp
  - d. Install new drainage within playground area
- C. Site Furnishings
  - a. Removal of existing site furnishings
  - b. Install (1) new ADA compliant concrete bench
  - c. Install (1) new ADA compliant concrete picnic table
  - d. Install (1) new ADA compliant high/low concrete fountain
  - e. Install new site furnishings

- D. ADA Accessibility
  - a. Demolition of existing concrete/AC/gravel pathways
  - b. Install new ADA compliant pathway (path of travel from public sidewalk to park amenities)
  - c. Install new ADA compliant concrete pads for benches
  - d. Install new ADA compliant concrete pads for picnic table
  - e. Install new ADA signage
  - f. Install new ADA concrete ramp with truncated domes
  - g. Install new drinking fountain pad with connection to drain sump
  - h. Install new ADA tennis court entrance-remove turn-style gate, asphalt curb
  - i. Modify fence opening to 36" wide with new swing gate
  
- E. Landscape/Irrigation
  - a. Landscape/irrigation modification for restroom expansion
  - b. Tree removal (oak tree adjacent to restroom)
  - c. Tree stump removal
  - d. Remove existing lawn area
  - e. Import topsoil
  - f. Soil preparation
  - g. Install new irrigation systems
  - h. Install new irrigation controller
  - i. Install new sod lawn
  - j. Pro-rate new irrigation central control system
  
- F. Park Improvements
  - a. Removal of sand box area, extend lawn, and modify irrigation
  - b. Tennis court resurfacing
  - c. Tennis court grinding/crack repair
  - d. Tennis court striping/painting
  - e. Basketball court resurfacing
  - f. Basketball court grinding/crack repair
  - g. Basketball court striping/painting
  
- G. Fees/Permits
  - a. Structural engineering for restroom
  - b. 10% design and construction management
  - c. 7% architectural/engineering fees
  
- H. Sales Tax/Shipping
  - a. Bench, picnic table and rubber surfacing
  - b. Restroom S&H

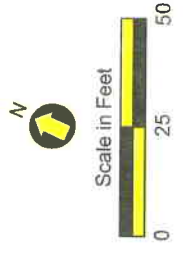




**CAPPY RICKS PARK**  
1.2 ACRES - APN:374132008  
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**CAPPY RICK'S PARK  
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- Legend:**
- Street Light
  - Water Meter
  - Electric Meter
  - Entrance
  - Picnic Table
  - Bench
  - Signage
  - Basketball
  - Turf & Irrigation
  - Practice Wall
  - Retaining Wall
  - Tennis Courts
  - Drinking Fountain
  - Existing Housing
  - Restroom
  - Picnic Tables
  - Tot Lot with Slides



## 3. Ferry Point Picnic Area

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Ferry Point picnic area is located at the water's edge just west of the Martinez Marina. The area provides an exceptional view corridor of scenery, wildlife, and boating activity.

The facility offers picnic tables in a turf area with walkways that connect to the shoreline trail system. A paved parking lot is adjacent. Access from downtown is via North Court Street.

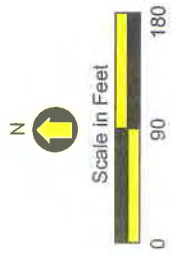
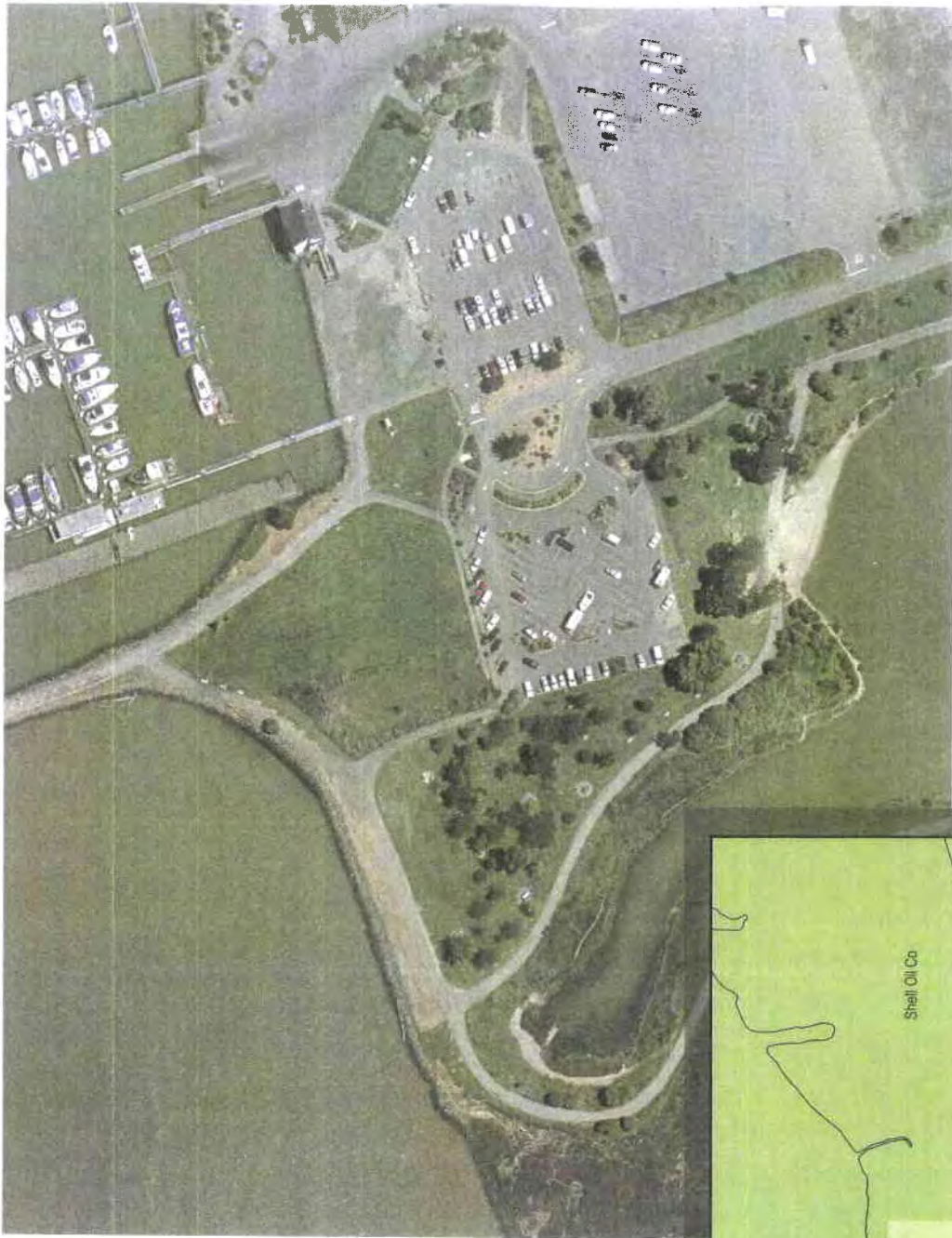
As part of Waterfront Park, this area is leased from the East Bay Regional Park District.

### EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS

- A. Three and one-half acres of turf
- B. Crushed rock pathway along beach
- C. Six uncovered picnic pads
- D. Five cement benches along north water's edge
- E. Lighted parking lot (shared with marina): 90 spaces
- F. Memorial tree grove
- G. Memorial benches located throughout
- H. Yuba City bus accident memorial
- I. Fishermen's monument

### PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

See Improvements in Waterfront Park

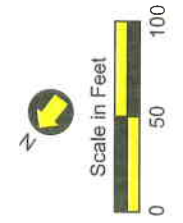


**FERRY POINT PARK**  
**5.2 ACRES - APN:373030001;373250003;**  
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**FERRY POINT PICNIC AREA  
(FERRY POINT MEMORIAL  
TREE GROVE)  
MASTER PLAN  
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- Legend:**
- Street Light
  - Memorial Bench
  - Bench
  - Entrance
  - Picnic Tables
  - Memorial
  - Memorial Tree Kiosk
  - Turf
  - Parking Lot
  - Eric Shaefer Memorial Grove
  - Sand Beach

## 4. Foothills Park

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Foothills Park is tucked along a creek bed between Alhambra Avenue and Chatswood Drive, starting just east of Benham Drive. The park provides a neighborhood walking and recreation spot, and enhances the Alhambra Avenue scenery.

### EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS

- A. Bike/pedestrian path connecting to sidewalks along Alhambra that ends at park
- B. Basketball court (shooting circle)
- C. Footbridge across creek to Chatswood Drive
- D. Turf area in the southwest corner
- E. Drinking fountain at footbridge
- F. One bench on each side of footbridge
- G. Tether ball pole
- H. Memorial Bench facing Chatswood Drive

### PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

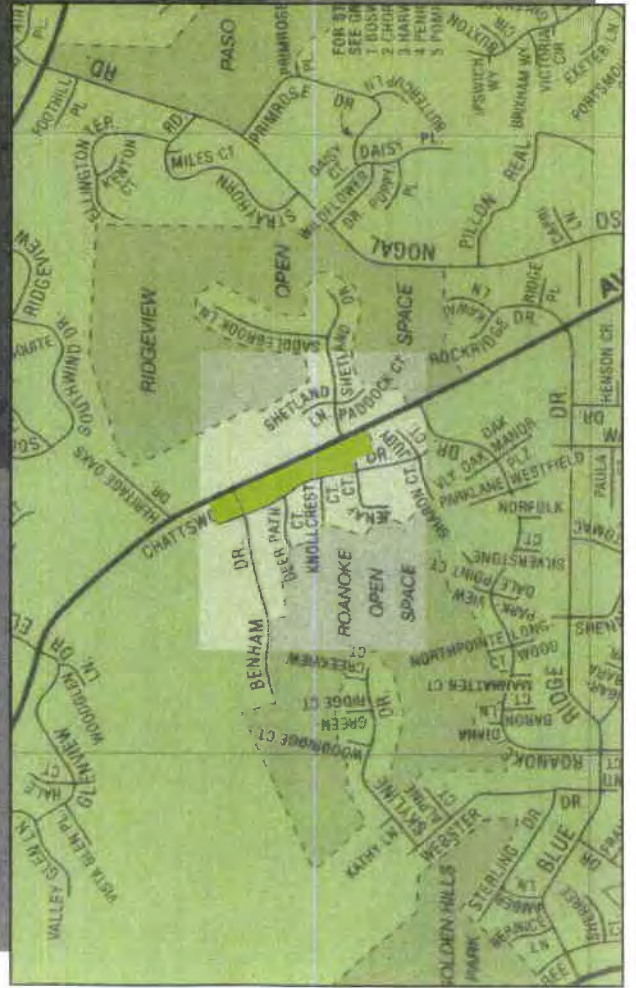
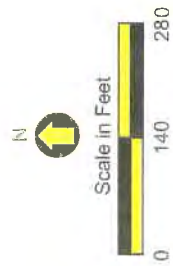
- A. Playground Addition
  - a. 15-stage par fitness course
  - b. Install rubber surfacing for fitness course
  - c. Install concrete base/containment for rubber surfacing
  - d. Install 15-stage par fitness course
- B. Site Furnishings
  - a. Removal of existing site furnishings
  - b. Install (3) new ADA compliant concrete bench
  - c. Install (1) new ADA compliant high/low concrete fountain
  - d. Install new site furnishings
- C. ADA Accessibility
  - a. Demolition of existing concrete/AC/gravel pathways
  - b. Install new ADA compliant pathway (path of travel from public sidewalk to park amenities)
  - c. Install new ADA compliant concrete pads for benches
  - d. Install new ADA signage
  - e. Install new drinking fountain pad with connection to drain sump

- D. Landscape/Irrigation
  - a. Landscape/irrigation modification per new ADA access pathways
  - b. Install additional landscaping
  - c. Install new irrigation system
  - d. Install new irrigation controller
  - e. Pro-rate new irrigation central control system
  
- E. Park Improvements
  - a. Resurfacing basketball shooting circle with AC
  - b. Install (1) new monument sign
  
- F. Fees/Permits
  - a. 10% design and construction management
  - b. 7% architectural/engineering fees
  
- G. Sales Tax/Shipping
  - a. Par course, benches and drinking fountain



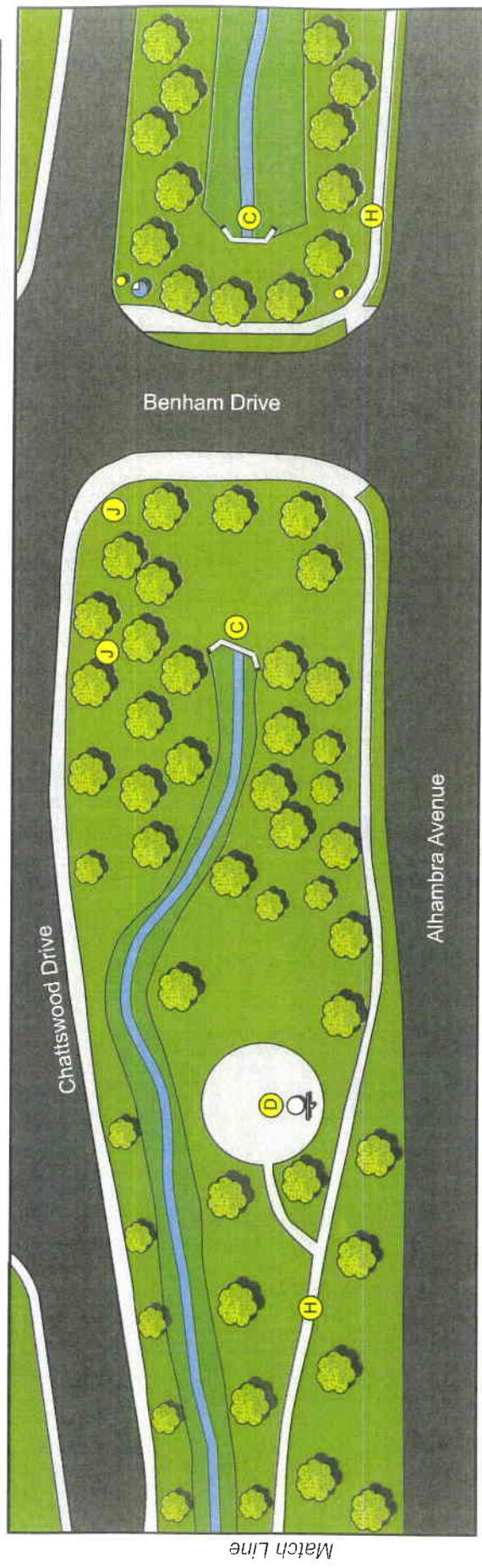
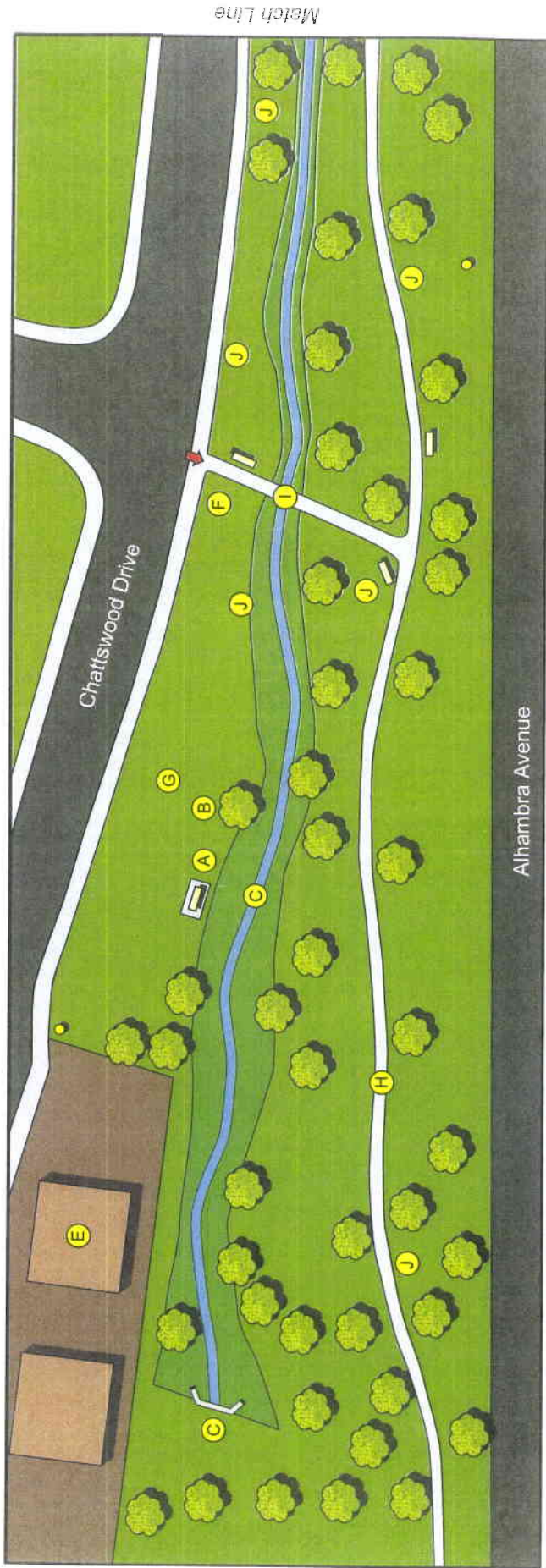


FOOTHILL LINEAR PARK  
2.3 ACRES - APN:164451012  
MASTER PLAN, CITY OF MARTINEZ





**FOOTHILLS PARK  
MASTER PLAN  
CITY OF MARTINEZ**



**Legend**

- Bench
- Street Light
- Water Meter
- Entrance
- Memorial Bench
- Park Regulations Sign
- Culvert
- Basketball Hoop
- Residential
- Water Fountain
- Turf
- Biker/Pedestrian Path
- Foot Bridge
- Irrigation Controller



## 5. Golden Hills Park

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Golden Hills Park is located in the Virginia Hills area of Martinez. The 9.6 acres of landscaped park are contained by eight acres of hillside open space to the east, residential development to the north and south and Reliez Valley Road to the west.

Golden Hills contains large areas of lawn and open space. There are also two playgrounds, a covered picnic area, a community meeting facility with restrooms, two lighted tennis courts and a half-court basketball shooting circle. The park is easily accessible from Eagle Nest Drive and Condor Drive to the north; Sterling Drive, Bernice Lane and Sherree Drive to the south; and Reliez Valley Road to the west.

### HISTORY OF THE PARK PLAN

Royston, Hanamoto, Beck and Albey prepared the original master plan for Golden Hills Park. This plan was approved by the City Council on July 3, 1973. The original children's play equipment was removed in 2001 and replaced in 2003 using Proposition 12 and park dedication fees. The picnic area situated between the creek bed and Reliez Valley Road consisting of three picnic tables, one drinking fountain and one swing set was removed due to deteriorated condition and lack of use in 2004.

### EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS

- A. Tot lot
  - a. Swing structure
- B. Children's play equipment
  - a. Swing structure
- C. Community meeting room (900 sq. ft.) with restrooms
- D. Covered picnic area consisting of three picnic tables (10 person capacity per table)
- E. Two lighted tennis courts
- F. Two drinking fountains along walkways
- G. Lighted parking lot with seven spaces off Condor Drive; two parking stalls off Sherree Drive
- H. Wooden footbridge over the creek
- I. Lighted paved pathways to existing street connections
- J. Large irrigated turf area used for youth soccer

## PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

- A. Restroom Replacement
  - a. Demolition of existing restroom
  - b. Multi-use restroom with roofing, stainless steel fixtures, accessory kit
  - c. CMAS building construction
  
- B. Playground Up-grade
  - a. Removal of existing ADA ramps
  - b. Install poured-in-place rubber surfacing on ramps
  - c. Install (2) ADA playground access ramps
  
- C. Site Furnishings
  - a. Removal of existing site furnishings
  - b. Install (13) ADA compliant concrete benches
  - c. Install (6) ADA compliant concrete picnic tables
  - d. Install (2) ADA compliant high/low concrete fountains
  - e. Install new site furnishings
  - f. Equipment rental/usage
  
- D. ADA Accessibility
  - a. Demolition of existing concrete/AC/gravel pathways
  - b. ADA Compliant concrete pathway (path of travel around restroom & to picnic tables)
  - c. ADA compliant AC pathway (path of travel from public sidewalk to park amenities)
  - d. ADA compliant concrete pads for benches
  - e. ADA compliant concrete pads for picnic tables
  - f. ADA signage
  - g. ADA concrete ramp with truncated domes
  - h. Drinking fountain pad with connection to drain sump
  - i. Tennis court entry – increase opening to 36" wide, install gate
  
- E. Landscape/Irrigation
  - a. Landscape/irrigation modifications for new restroom
  - b. Tree removal, stump removal
  - c. Landscape/irrigation modification per new ADA access pathways
  - d. Remove existing lawn area at main field
  - e. Import topsoil
  - f. Soil preparation
  - g. Install new irrigation systems
  - h. Install new irrigation controller
  - i. Install new sod lawn
  - j. Pro-rate new irrigation central control system



F. Park Improvements

- a. Install retaining walls around new restroom
- b. Installation new retaining wall for ADA path along Reliez Valley Road
- c. Install new drainage around new restroom
- d. Install three rail fence along ADA path along Reliez Valley Road
- e. Resurface tennis courts
- f. Tennis court grinding/crack repair
- g. Tennis court striping/painting
- h. Install (1) new monument sign

G. Fee/Permits

- a. Structural engineering for restroom
- b. 10% design and construction management
- c. 7% architectural/engineering fees

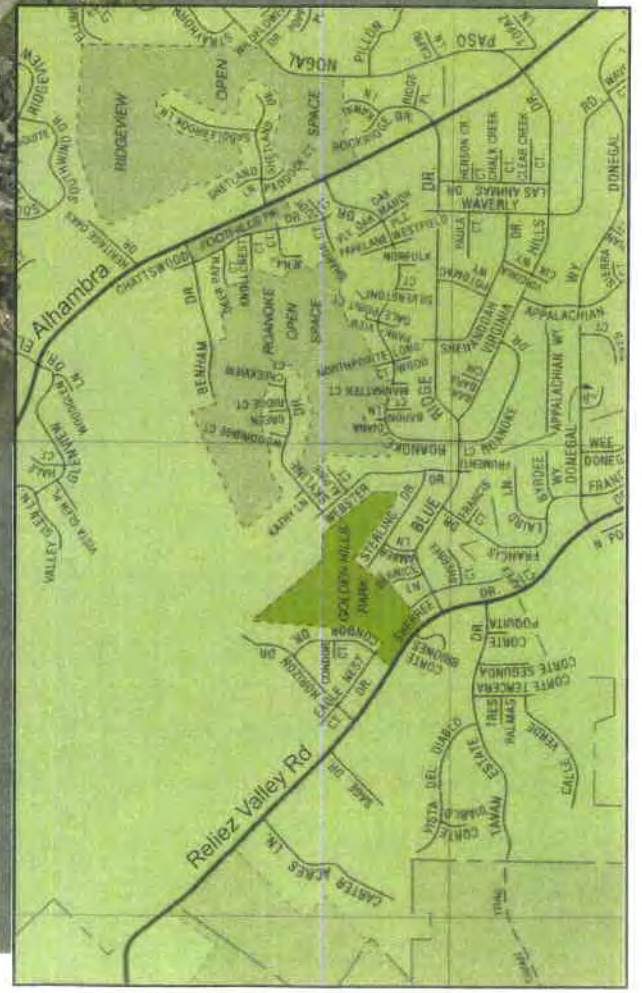
H. Sales Tax/Shipping

- a. Benches, picnic tables and drinking fountains
- b. Restroom S&H





**GOLDEN HILLS PARK**  
**20.8 ACRES - APN:164150024**  
**MASTER PLAN, CITY OF MARTINEZ**





# GOLDEN HILLS PARK MASTER PLAN CITY OF MARTINEZ



## Legend:

- Bench
- Street Light
- Water Meter
- Electric Meter

- Entrance
- Swings
- Children's Play Equipment
- Meeting Room
- Picnic Area

- Tennis Courts
- Water Fountain
- Parking
- Basketball Court
- Pathways

- Turf
- To be Filled/Turfed
- Single Family Housing
- Water Spigot
- Irrigation Controller

- Signage
- Rest Room
- Tot Lot



## 6. Hidden Lakes Park

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Hidden Lakes Park provides 24 acres of sports-related facilities, including softball fields, a concession stand, a multi-purpose field, tot lot, and children's play structure. The park is set among the scenic oak-lined hills and lakes of the Hidden Lakes Open Space. Various trails cross and interconnect this park to the open space and Hidden Valley Park.

The park is centrally located near numerous housing and multi-unit developments. The entrance is located at the intersection of two arterial streets, Morello Avenue from the northwest and south and Chilpancingo Parkway from the east.

The park was dedicated in 1982.

### EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS

- A. Children's Play Structure (near multi-purpose field)
- B. Tot lot (near concession stand)
- C. Three benches near play structure on multi-purpose field side
- D. Two benches near tot lot on softball side
- E. Entrance sign at entry circle
- F. Restroom/concession building with public telephone and drinking fountain
- G. Multi-purpose field
- H. Two softball fields
- I. Paved and lighted pathways between facilities
- J. Lighted parking lot
- K. Basketball court
- L. Volleyball court - sand
- M. Picnic tables and barbecue pods
- N. Drinking fountain between volleyball and basketball courts

### PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

- A. Restroom Replacement
  - a. Demolition of existing restroom
  - b. Multi-use restroom (with CMAS discount)
  - c. CMAS building construction

## B. Playground Replacement

- a. Remove (2) existing play equipment
- b. Remove (2) existing surfacing
- c. (1) play structure (2-5 year age use)
- d. (1) play structure (5-12 year age use)
- e. Install (2) new play equipment
- f. Install poured-in-place rubber surfacing
- g. Install concrete base/containment for rubber surfacing
- h. Wood fiber mulch surfacing
- i. Installation of wood fiber mulch
- j. Install (2) new ADA playground access ramp
- k. Install drainage within (2) playground areas

## C. Site Furnishings

- a. Removal of existing site furnishings
- b. (5) ADA compliant concrete bench
- c. Installation of new site furnishings
- d. Removal of (6) existing barbeque units
- e. Install (6) new barbeque units

## D. ADA Accessibility

- a. Demolition of existing concrete/AC/gravel pathways
- b. Install new ADA compliant concrete pathway (path of travel to park amenities)
- c. Install new ADA compliant AC pathway (path of travel from sidewalk to amenities)
- d. Install new ADA compliant concrete pads for benches
- e. Install new ADA signage
- f. Install new ADA concrete ramp with truncated domes
- g. Install new drinking fountain pad with connection to drain sump
- h. Install new ADA ramp to announcer box located at softball fields

## E. Landscape/Irrigation

- a. Landscape/irrigation modification for restroom expansion
- b. Landscape/irrigation modification per new ADA access pathways
- c. Installation of (15) 24" box size trees around picnic tables
- d. Remove existing lawn at (2) ball fields
- e. Grading for new soccer field layout at larger ball field
- f. Relocate existing concrete V-ditch
- g. Install new retaining wall along north edge of soccer field
- h. Relocate/add new chain link fence around edge of soccer field
- i. Import topsoil for (2) ball fields
- j. Soil preparation for (2) ball fields
- k. Install new irrigation systems for (2) ball fields
- l. Install new irrigation controller
- m. Install new sod for (2) ball fields and soccer field
- n. Pro-rate new irrigation central control system



F. Park Improvements

- a. Fence/Bollards along circular entry, lawn/field, and Morello Avenue
- b. Demolition of existing soccer field
- c. Install base/drainage for new synthetic turf soccer field and track
- d. Install new synthetic turf soccer field and track
- e. Install new perimeter irrigation for synthetic turf soccer field and track
- f. Install (1) new monument sign

G. Fee/Permits

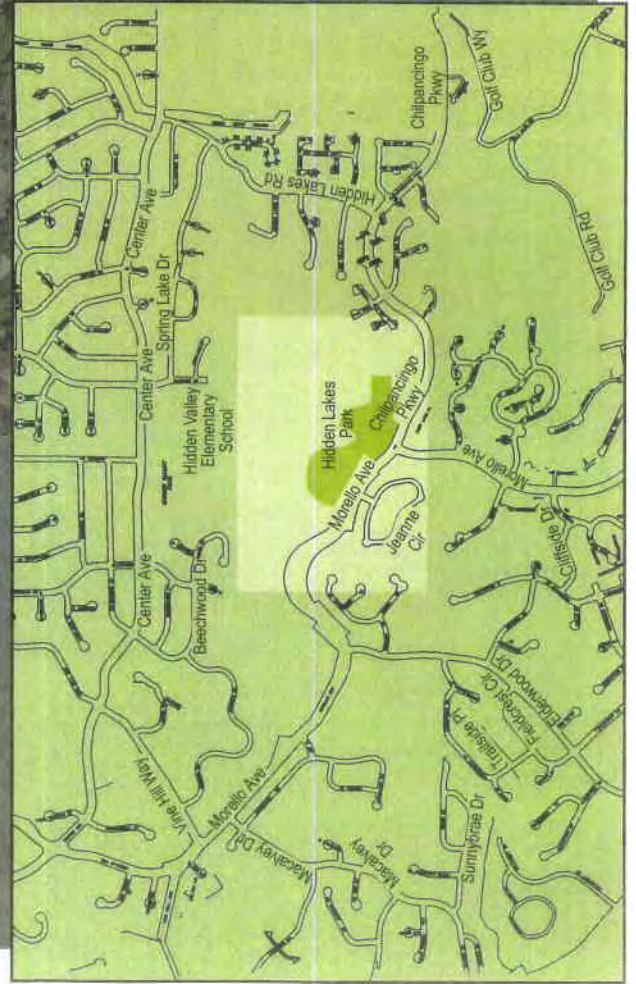
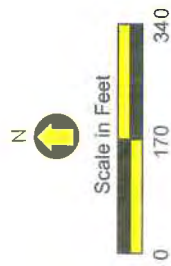
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- b. 10% design and construction management
- c. 7% architectural/engineering fees

H. Sales Tax/Shipping

- a. Benches, play equipment, play surfacing
- b. Restroom S&H

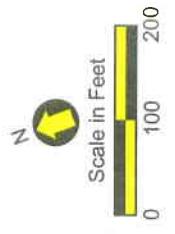


**HIDDEN LAKES PARK**  
**13.75 ACRES - APN:155432001;155030009**  
**MASTER PLAN, CITY OF MARTINEZ**





**HIDDEN LAKES PARK  
MASTER PLAN  
CITY OF MARTINEZ**



- Legend:**
- Picnic Area
  - Bench
  - Street Light
  - Water Meter
  - Electric Meter
  - Entrance
  - Children's Play Area
  - Tot Lot
  - Softball Field
  - Basketball Court
  - Volleyball Court
  - Multi-Purpose Field
  - Drinking Fountain
  - Restrooms
  - Hidden Lakes Memorial Grove
  - Concession Bldg.
  - Signage
  - Pathway
  - Parking Lot



## 7. Hidden Valley Park

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Hidden Valley Park contains 17 acres of turf and wooded hillside area. The Park offers a view of Mt. Diablo. Immediately to the south are the hills and lakes of the Hidden Lakes Open Space. The park offers a variety of outdoor amenities to support recreational activities and scenic enjoyment.

The softball fields are located on property leased by the City from the Mt. Diablo School District. Park users also have access to the school's basketball courts.

The park is centrally located and is easily accessible from Center Avenue and Glacier Drive from the north and Beechwood Drive from the west. The park is adjacent to residences and school on the north, and Open Space to the south.

### EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS

- A. Tot lot
  - a. Three baby swings
  - b. One small metal slide
- B. Children's playground equipment
  - a. Concrete slide
  - b. Two swings
  - c. Three timber benches
  - d. Play structure
- C. Drinking fountain
- D. Seventeen acres of turf, wooded hillside and lighted pathways
- E. Picnic areas (all tables seat 8 adults each)
  - a. Four covered picnic pods, each with three tables, a large barbecue unit and concrete pad (fix)
  - b. Four uncovered picnic areas with three tables each and a barbecue unit (fix)
  - c. One picnic area with two tables nearest parking lot
  - d. Five drinking fountains interspersed in picnic areas
- F. Two ball fields
- G. Outdoor amphitheater
- H. Parking lot at Center Avenue
  - a. Gate to Hidden Valley Elementary School ball fields

- I. Restroom facility with park maintenance shed situated at the Center Avenue parking lot (fix)
- J. Remnants of a twenty-station par course/ exercise course (fix)
  - a. Jogging and hiking trails linking the open space area with Hidden Lakes Park
- K. Park name sign and park regulation sign
- L. Linear Park complex on the north side of Center Avenue
  - a. Two lighted tennis courts
  - b. Lighted asphalt concrete pathways
  - c. Two benches
  - d. Half court basketball facility
- M. Information kiosk adjacent to the parking lot

## **PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS**

- A. Restroom Replacement
  - a. Demolition of existing restroom
  - b. Multi-use restroom (with CMAS discount)
  - c. CMAS building construction
- B. Site Furnishings
  - a. Removal of existing site furnishings
  - b. Install (3) new ADA compliant concrete bench
  - c. Install (26) new ADA compliant concrete picnic table
  - d. Install (6) new ADA compliant high/low concrete fountain
  - e. (6) new overhead shade structures for picnic tables
  - f. Install (6) new overhead shade structures
  - g. 15-stage par fitness course
  - h. Install new fitness course rubber surfacing
  - i. Install new curb around fitness course
  - j. Install 15-stage par fitness course
  - k. Install new site furnishings
  - l. Remove (8) barbeque units
  - m. Install (8) new barbeque units
  - n. Equipment rental/usage
- C. ADA Accessibility
  - a. Demolition of existing concrete/AC/gravel pathways
  - b. Install new ADA Compliant concrete pathway (path of travel-public access to amenities)
  - c. Install new ADA compliant AC pathway (path of travel around the park)
  - d. Install new ADA compliant concrete pads for benches
  - e. Install new ADA compliant concrete pads for picnic tables
  - f. Install new ADA signage

- g. Install new ADA concrete ramp with truncated domes
- h. Install (6) new drinking fountain pad with connection to drain sump

D. Landscape/Irrigation

- a. Landscape/irrigation modification for new restroom
- b. Tree removal
- c. Tree stump removal
- d. Landscape/irrigation modification per new ADA access pathways
- e. Remove existing lawn area at practice field
- f. Import topsoil for practice field
- g. Soil preparation for practice field
- h. Install new irrigation system for practice field
- i. Install new irrigation controller
- j. Install new sod lawn for practice field
- k. Pro-rate new irrigation central control system

E. Park Improvements

- a. Demolition – remove amphitheater and wood arbors
- b. Install new retaining walls around playground and picnic areas
- c. Grading/modification of site
- d. Install new drainage
- e. Remove existing railroad tie curbing around parking lot
- f. Install new 6" AC curbing around parking lot
- g. (2) Tennis court resurfacing
- h. (2) Tennis court grinding/crack repair
- i. (2) Tennis court striping/painting
- j. Basketball court resurfacing
- k. Basketball court grinding/crack repair
- l. Basketball court striping/painting
- m. Install (1) new monument sign

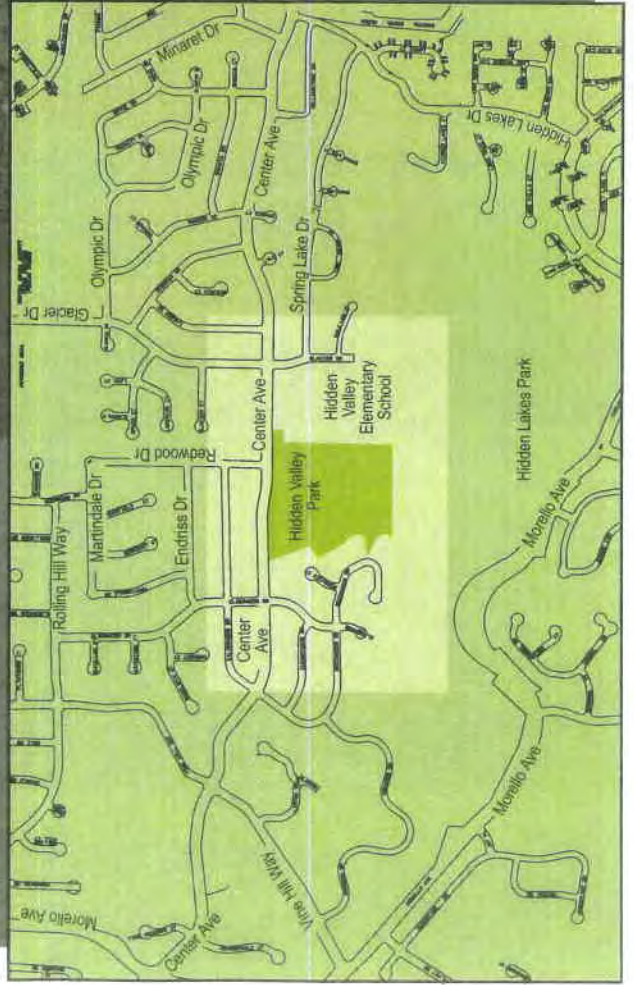
F. Fees/Permits

- a. Structural engineering for restroom
- b. 10% design and construction management
- c. 7% architectural/engineering fees

G. Sales Tax/Shipping

- a. Bench, picnic table, shade structures and drinking fountain
- b. Restroom S&H
- c. Par fitness course





**HIDDEN VALLEY PARK**  
**17 ACRES - APN:155040009**  
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### HIDDEN VALLEY PARK AND TENNIS COMPLEX

#### MASTER PLAN

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**Legend:**

- Bench
- Light Pole
- Pathway Light
- Water Meter
- Electric Meter
- Covered Picnic Area
- Uncovered Picnic Area
- Entrance
- Signage
- Memorial
- Restrooms
- Culvert
- Parking Lot
- Betty Dolph Memorial Picnic Grove
- Footbridge
- Paracourse
- Exercise Station
- Tennis Courts
- Turf
- Amphitheatre
- PG&E Tower
- Softball Fields
- Hidden Valley Elementary School
- Tot Lot
- Children's Play Equipment
- Swing
- Slide
- Children's Play Area
- Basketball Court

Scale in Feet  
0 150 300

## 8. Highland Avenue Park

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

This small, one-quarter acre park is located in a secluded residential area just three blocks east of the Contra Costa County Administration building. Highland Avenue Park is rimmed by a line of tall eucalyptus trees.

The parcel was deeded to the City by Shell Oil Company in September 1992. The park underwent a complete renovation in 1993, including major improvement to the playground, site amenities and landscaping. Play equipment was installed, featuring swings, a slide and other children's play equipment. Park amenities include a paved basketball court, a picnic area for small family picnics and horse shoe pit.

### EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS

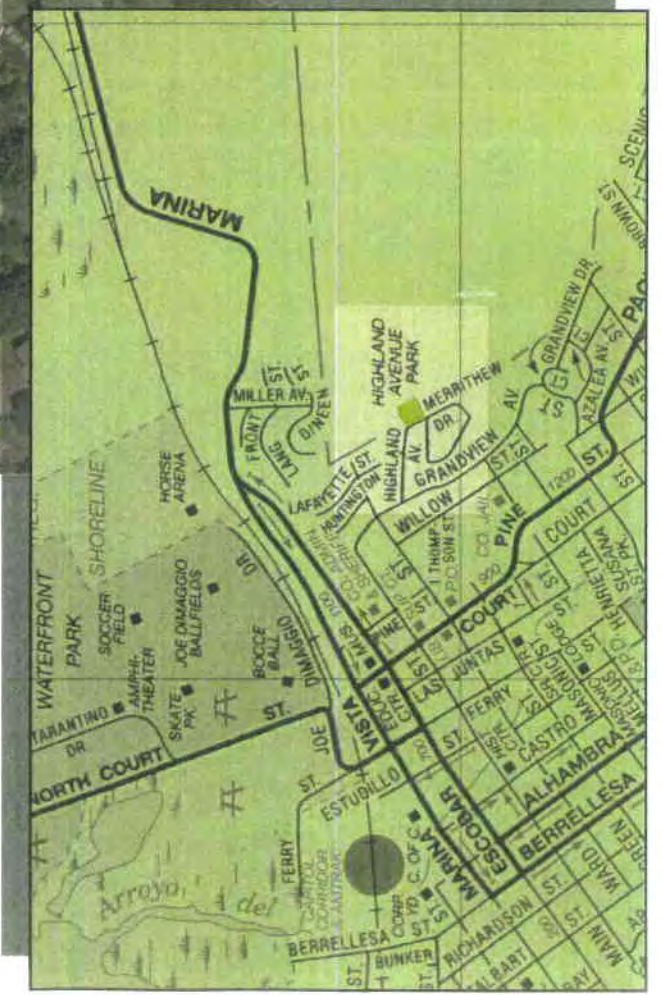
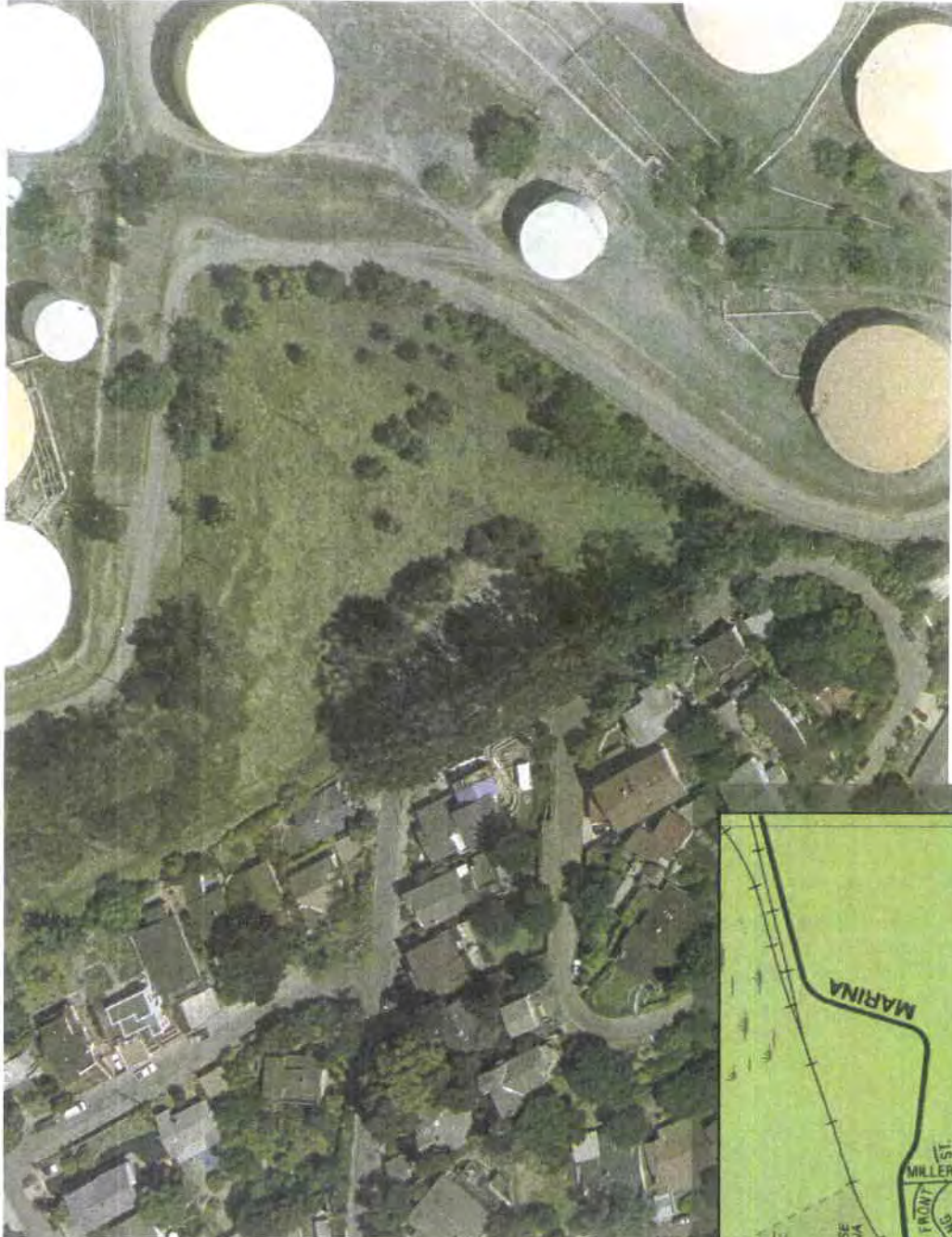
- A. Large play equipment including:
  - a. Two small slides and one large slide
  - b. Bridge
  - c. Climbing area
  - d. Tire swing
- B. Picnic area
  - a. Four picnic tables (6 person capacity/table)
- C. Drinking fountain
- D. Paved basketball court (full court)
- E. Horseshoe pit
- F. Pathways
- G. Small turf area

### PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

- A. Playground Replacement
  - a. Removal of existing play equipment
  - b. Removal of existing surfacing
  - c. (1) New play structure
  - d. Install (1) new play equipment
  - e. Install new poured-in-place rubber surfacing
  - f. Install concrete base/containment for rubber surfacing
  - g. Wood fiber mulch surfacing
  - h. Install new wood fiber mulch



- i. Install (1) new ADA playground access ramp
  - j. Install new drainage within playground area
- B. Site Furnishings
- a. Remove of existing site furnishings and playground
  - b. Install (2) new ADA compliant concrete bench
  - c. Install new ADA compliant concrete picnic tables
  - d. Install new ADA compliant high/low concrete fountain
  - e. Install new site furnishings
  - f. Install (1) new monument sign
- C. ADA Accessibility
- a. Demolition of existing concrete/AC/gravel pathways
  - b. Install new ADA compliant pathway (path of travel from public sidewalk to park amenities)
  - c. Install new ADA compliant concrete pads for picnic tables
  - d. Install new ADA signage
  - e. Install new ADA concrete ramp with truncated domes
  - f. Install (1) new drinking fountain pad with connection to drain sump
  - g. Install new 42" guard rail for ramp
- D. Landscape/Irrigation
- a. Tree removal (12 eucalyptus trees)
  - b. Tree stump removal
  - c. Install (24) 24" box size replacement trees
  - d. Landscape/irrigation modification per new ADA access pathways
  - e. Remove existing lawn area
  - f. Import topsoil
  - g. Soil preparation
  - h. Install new irrigation system
  - i. Install new irrigation controller
  - j. Install new sod lawn, extend under trees to street
  - k. Pro-rate new irrigation central control system
- E. Fees/Permits
- a. 10% design and construction management
  - b. 7% architectural/engineer fees
  - c. Playground safety audit fee
- F. Sales Tax/Shipping
- a. Bench, fountain and play equipment

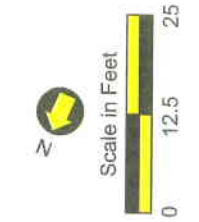


**HIGHLAND PARK**  
**.5 ACRES - APN:378072017**  
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# HIGHLAND AVENUE PARK MASTER PLAN

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- Legend:**
- Picnic Area
  - Irrigation
  - Electric Meter
  - Entrance
  - Childrens Play Area
  - Sidewalk
  - Retaining Wall
  - Horseshoe Pit
  - Tree Buffer
  - Shell Oil Property
  - Shrub Buffer
  - Tot Lot Areas
  - Rock BBQ Pit
  - Drinking Fountain
  - Basketball Court
  - Steps
  - Eucalyptus Trees
  - Turf
  - Swale and Drainage Inlet
  - Fence
  - Gate
  - Garbage Can



## 9. Holiday Highlands Park

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Holiday Highlands Park is a small, two-acre neighborhood park featuring a large play area for children. Other amenities include picnic tables, bike rack, a large turf area, a drinking fountain and pathway lighting. A small creek meanders along the western edge of the park where wildlife can be observed.

The park is easily accessible from the intersection of East Woodbury and Fig Tree Lane. The park is surrounded by a large number of single and multi-family residential units.

### HISTORY OF MASTER PLAN

Royston, Hanamoto, Alley and Abey prepared the master plan for Holiday Highlands Park. This plan was approved by the City Council on June 19, 1980. Major playground renovation was completed in 2003 with Proposition 12 funding.

### EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS

- A. Turf meadow with trees around borders
- B. Lighted asphalt and concrete pathways
- C. Children's composite play equipment
- D. Tot lot
- E. Equipment with two baby swings
- F. Finger park for use with toy cars
- G. Small sand area with shovel
- H. Ring spinner
- I. Picnic area near playground
  - a. Three picnic tables (6 person capacity/table)
  - b. Drinking fountain
  - c. Barbecue
- J. Picnic area along creek
  - a. Four picnic tables
  - b. Two barbecues
  - c. Drinking fountain
- K. Two wooden footbridges

- L. Park regulation sign
- M. Two large concrete balls at entrance

## **PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS**

- A. Restroom Addition
  - a. Site preparation for new restroom
  - b. Multi-use restroom (with CMS discount)
  - c. CMAS building construction
- B. Playground Up-Grade
  - a. Install new poured-in-place rubber surfacing
  - b. Install new concrete base/containment for rubber surfacing
- C. Site Furnishings
  - a. Remove and reinstall sand digger
  - b. Install (1) new ADA compliant concrete round table
  - c. Install (5) new ADA compliant concrete picnic table
  - d. Install (2) new ADA compliant high/low concrete fountain
  - e. Install new site furnishings
  - f. Remove (2) existing wood bridges
  - g. (1) new pedestrian metal bridge
  - h. (1) new vehicular metal bridge
  - i. Install (2) new bridges
  - j. Remove (3) existing barbeque units
  - k. Install (3) new barbeque units
- D. ADA Accessibility
  - a. Demolition of existing concrete/AC/gravel pathways
  - b. Install new ADA compliant AC pathway (path of travel to park amenities)
  - c. Install new ADA compliant concrete pads for picnic tables
  - d. Install new ADA signage
  - e. Install new ADA concrete ramp with truncated domes
  - f. Install (2) new drinking fountain pad with connections to drain sump
- E. Landscape/Irrigation
  - a. Landscape/irrigation modification per new ADA access pathways
  - b. Remove existing lawn area
  - c. Import topsoil
  - d. Soil preparation
  - e. Install new irrigation system
  - f. Install new irrigation controller
  - g. Install new sod lawn
  - h. Pro-rate new irrigation central control system

- F. Park Improvements
  - a. Install new retaining walls along stream bed
  - b. Re-Landscape along stream bed
  - c. Grading/modification of site
  - d. Install new drainage
  - e. Install (1) new monument sign
  
- G. Fees/Permits
  - a. Structural engineering for restroom
  - b. 10% design and construction management
  - c. 7% architectural/engineering fees
  
- H. Sales Tax/Shipping
  - a. Bench, picnic table, shade structures, bridges and rubber surfacing
  - b. Restroom S&H





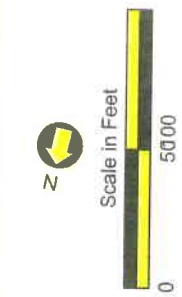
**HOLIDAY HIGHLANDS PARK**  
**2 ACRES - APN:161345015**  
**MASTER PLAN, CITY OF MARTINEZ**





# HOLIDAY HIGHLANDS PARK MASTER PLAN

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- Legend:**
- Bench
  - Picnic Area
  - Water Meter
  - Irrigation Controller
  - Entrance
  - Street Light
  - Childrens Play Area
  - Lighted Asphalt Path
  - Bridge
  - Drinking Fountain
  - Turf
  - Single Family Housing
  - Culvert Outlet
  - Mixed Tree Groves
  - Rock Retaining Wall
  - Groundcover on Bank
  - Bicycle Parking
  - Park Regulation Sign
  - Game Tables
  - Play Structure
  - Swings
  - Sculpture & Bench
  - Tot Lot

# 10. John Muir School Park

## GENERAL DESCRIPTION

John Muir Park is a neighborhood park located on land leased from the Martinez Unified School District through a joint use agreement. The adjacent John Muir School provides multi-purpose courts, play equipment, a multi-purpose field and parking lot for park users during non-school hours. The park is located on Vista Way with trail access from Hollyview Drive.

## HISTORY OF THE MASTER PLAN

Royston, Hanamoto, Alley and Abey prepared the Master Plan for the John Muir School. This plan was accepted in 1976 and amended in 1981. Park improvements were completed in 1984. Wooden playground equipment was removed in 2000 from the upper area, and the school renovated the lower playground equipment in the late 1990's. A security fence delineating the school playground was installed by the school district in 2003.

## EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS

- A. Children's play equipment (school playground)
- B. Area lighting
- C. Picnic areas
  - a. One uncovered picnic area situated near the sand area with three picnic tables (seating 8 each)
  - b. One uncovered picnic area near the west end of the park with two picnic tables (seating 8 each) and a drinking fountain
- D. Park regulation sign
- E. Approximately 1.5 acres of turf area
- F. Lighted path around turf with three benches
- G. Trail through natural area

## PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

- A. Playground Up-grade
  - a. Install (1) new ADA playground access ramp
- B. Site Furnishings
  - a. Removal of existing site furnishings
  - b. Install (2) new ADA compliant concrete bench



- c. Install (5) new ADA compliant concrete picnic table
- d. Install (1) new ADA compliant high/low concrete fountain
- e. Install new site furnishings
- f. Equipment rental/usage
- g. Install (1) new monument sign

C. ADA Accessibility

- a. Demolition of existing concrete/AC/gravel pathways
- b. Install new ADA compliant pathway (path of travel from public sidewalk to park amenities)
- c. Install new ADA compliant concrete pads for benches
- d. Install new ADA compliant concrete pads for picnic tables
- e. Install new ADA signage
- f. Install new ADA concrete ramp with truncated domes
- g. Install (1) new drinking fountain pad with connection to drain sump

D. Landscape/Irrigation

- a. Landscape/irrigation modification per new ADA access pathways

E. Fees/Permits

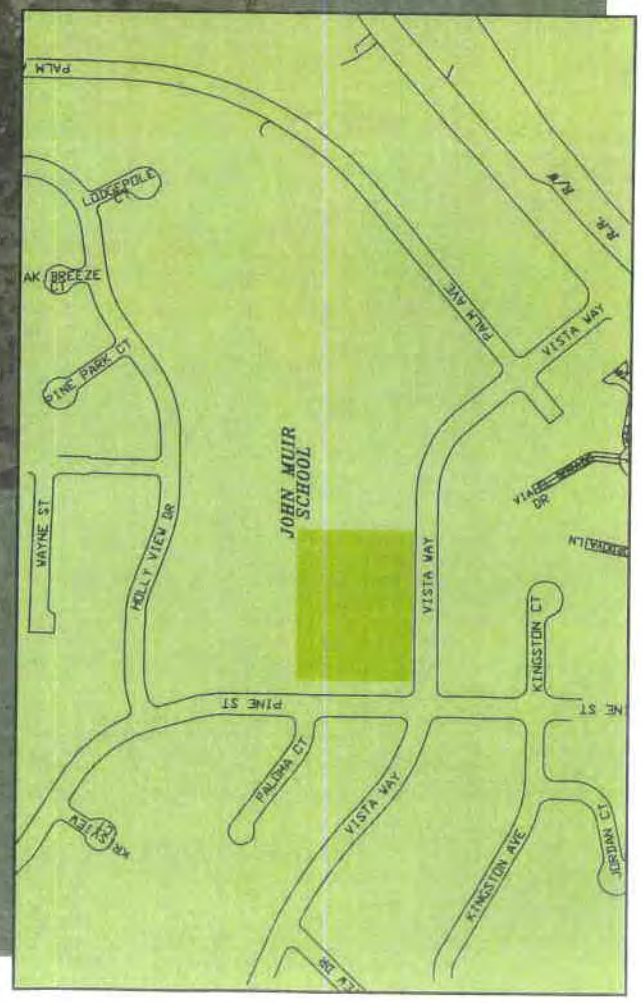
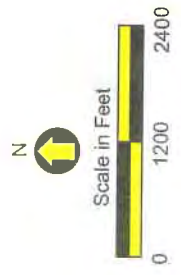
- a. 10% design and construction management
- b. 7% architectural/engineering fees

F. Sales Tax/Shipping

- a. Bench, picnic table and drinking fountain



**JOHN MUIR SCHOOL PARK  
MASTER PLAN, CITY OF MARTINEZ**



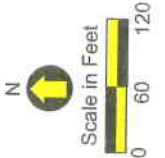


**JOHN MUIR PARK**  
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**Legend:**

- Picnic Table
- Bench
- Street Light
- Water Meter
- Electric Meter
- Entrance
- School Equipment
- Sand Box
- John Muir School
- Game Courts
- Day Care Facility
- Turf
- Residential
- Restrooms
- Irrigation Controller
- Hollyview Open Space
- Signage
- Pathway
- Parking Lot
- City Park Boundary





# 11. Morello Park

## GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The field play areas, day care center and play equipment areas are all situated on land owned by the Martinez Unified School District and were completed in 1992. The park area adjacent to Morello Avenue is on city-owned land and was completed in 1994.

Morello Park was constructed in two phases. It is located on Morello Avenue approximately 1 3/8 miles south of Pacheco Boulevard. The Park begins at the edge of the access road to Morello School and is part of the MUSD school grounds through a joint use agreement.

Morello Park has two youth baseball fields, restroom/concession building, two children's play areas, tennis court, basketball court, picnic tables and a day care center. A memorial plaque honoring Park and Recreation Commissioner Howard Ray is located next to the tennis court. An Arbor Day Tree dedicated to John Castro is located in the park.

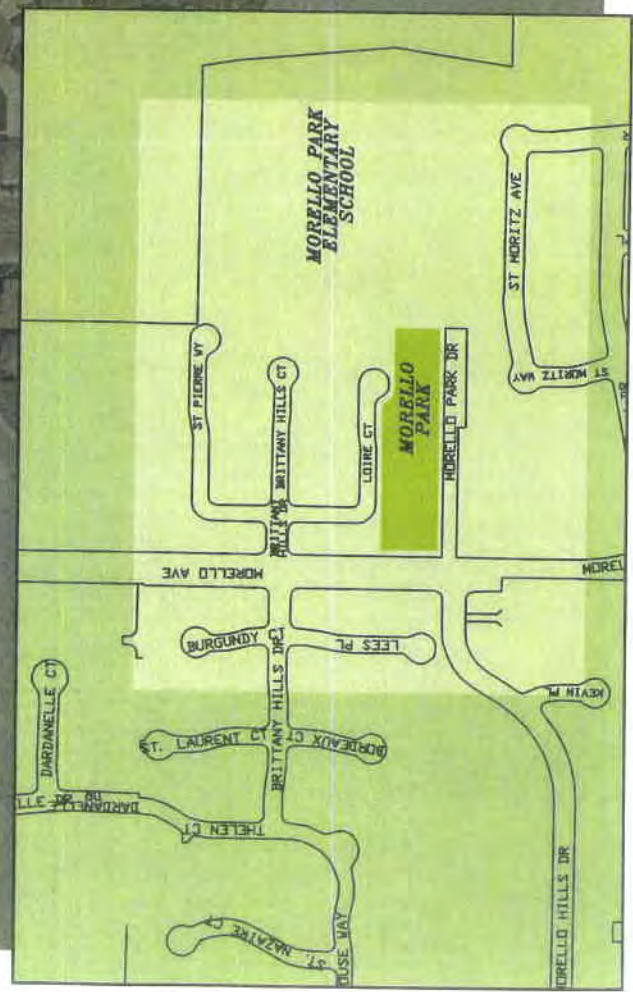
## EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS

- A. Park adjacent to Morello
  - a. Basketball court
  - b. Tennis court
  - c. Two picnic areas
  - d. Large grass play areas
  - e. Restrooms
  
- B. Park/School
  - a. Two multi-purpose fields
  - b. Concession stand/restrooms
  - c. Day care center building
  - d. Tot lot (fenced)

## PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

- A. Playground Replacement
  - a. Removal of (1) existing play equipment
  - b. Removal of (1) existing surfacing
  - c. (1) Play structure
  - d. Install (1) new play equipment
  - e. Remove and reinstall (2) talk tubes
  - f. Install new poured-in-place rubber surfacing
  
- B. Site Furnishings
  - a. Removal of existing site furnishings
  - b. Install (3) new ADA compliant concrete bench
  - c. Install (2) new ADA compliant high/low concrete fountain

- d. Install new site furnishings
  - e. Remove (3) existing barbeque units
  - f. Install (3) new barbeque units
- C. ADA Accessibility
- a. Demolition of existing concrete/AC/gravel pathways
  - b. Install new ADA compliant pathway (path of travel from public sidewalk to park amenities)
  - c. Install new ADA compliant concrete pads for benches
  - d. Install new ADA compliant concrete pads for picnic tables
  - e. Install new ADA signage
  - f. Install new ADA concrete ramp with truncated domes
  - g. Install (2) new drinking fountain pad with connection to drain sump
  - h. Install new compliant ADA handrail at stairs
  - i. Grinding edge of basketball court for ADA access
- D. Landscape/Irrigation
- a. Landscape/irrigation modification per new ADA access pathways
  - b. Remove existing lawn at ball field
  - c. Import topsoil
  - d. Soil preparation
  - e. Install new irrigation system
  - f. Install new irrigation controller
  - g. Install new sod lawn at ball field
  - h. Pro-rate new irrigation central control system
- E. Park Improvements
- a. Install new fence/bollards along softball field
  - b. Install new fence/bollards along north side of lawn area
  - c. Remove existing keystone retaining wall
  - d. Install new 18" high retaining wall
  - e. Install new drainage
  - f. Install (1) new monument sign
- F. Fees/Permits
- a. 10% design and construction management
  - b. 7% architectural/engineering fees
  - c. Playground safety audit fee
- G. Sales Tax/Shipping
- a. Bench, drinking fountain, play equipment and rubber surfacing

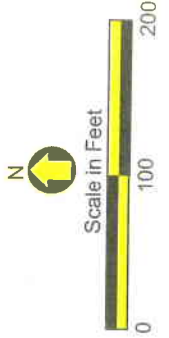


**MORELLO PARK & FIELDS - MORELLO HILLS DRIVE**  
**2.5 ACRES - APN:161180059**  
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**MORELLO  
SCHOOL PARK  
MASTER PLAN  
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- Legend**
- Picnic Table
  - Street Light
  - Water Meter
  - Electric Meter
  - Entrance
  - Tot Lot/Play Area
  - Picnic/Barbecue Area
  - Baseball Field
  - Basketball Court
  - Tennis Court
  - Soccer Field
  - Drinking Fountain
  - Residential
  - Concession
  - Existing Pine Grove
  - Parking Lot
  - Turf
  - Day Care Center
  - Park Boundary
  - Morello Elementary School
  - Restroom

## 12. Mountain View Park

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Mountain View Park is located adjacent to Parkway Drive, north of Howe Road. This 4.5 acre park was dedicated in September 1991. The land is managed by the city under a grant easement issued to the city by the Mountain View Improvement Association.

### EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS

- A. Restroom and concession building
- B. Two children's play areas
- C. Basketball court
- D. Baseball field
- E. Seven picnic tables
- F. Large turf area
- G. Two off street parking lots
- H. Two swing sets
- I. Concrete pathways
- J. Four drinking fountains

### PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

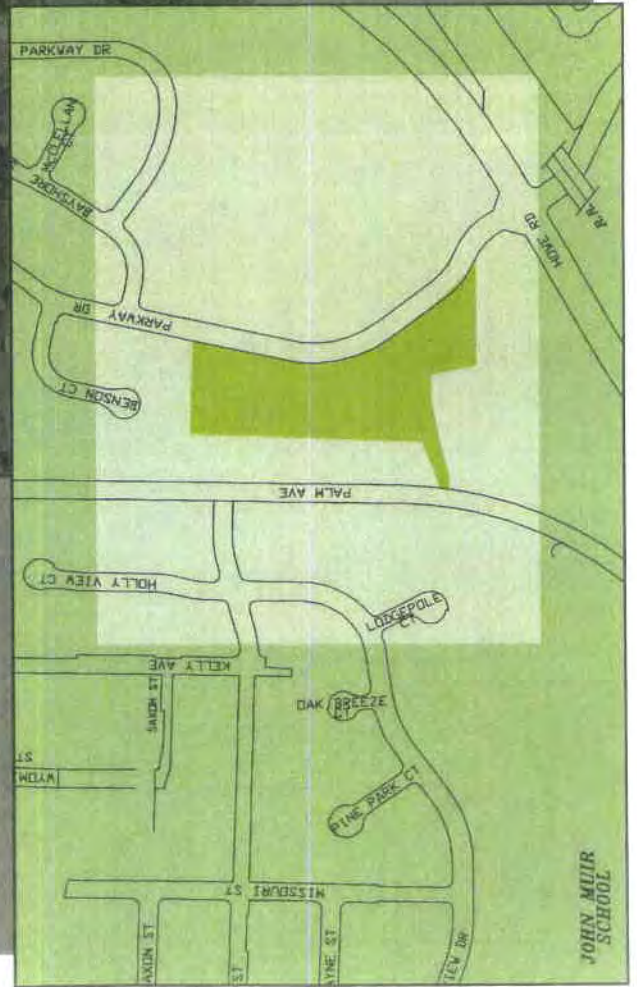
- A. Playground Replacement
  - a. Removal of (2) existing play equipment
  - b. Removal of (2) existing surfacing
  - c. Play structure (2-5 year age use)
  - d. Play structure (5-12 year age use)
  - e. Install (2) new play equipment
  - f. Install new poured-in-place rubber surfacing
  - g. Install new concrete base/containment for rubber surfacing
  - h. Wood fiber mulch surfacing
  - i. Install new wood fiber mulch
  - j. Install ADA playground access ramp
  - k. Install new drainage within playground area
- B. Site Furnishings
  - a. Removal of existing site furnishings
  - b. Install (2) new ADA compliant concrete benches
  - c. Install (7) new ADA compliant concrete picnic tables
  - d. Install (5) new ADA compliant high/low concrete fountains

- e. Install new site furnishings
  - f. Remove (5) existing barbeque units
  - g. Install (5) new barbeque units
  - h. Equipment rental/usage
- C. ADA Accessibility
- a. Demolition of existing concrete/AC/gravel pathways
  - b. Install new ADA compliant pathway (path of travel from public sidewalk to park amenities)
  - c. Install new ADA compliant concrete pads for benches
  - d. Install new ADA compliant concrete pads for picnic tables
  - e. Install new ADA signage
  - f. Install (5) new ADA concrete ramp with truncated domes
  - g. Install (5) new drinking fountain pad with connection to drain sump
- D. Landscape/Irrigation
- a. Tree removal
  - b. Stump removal
  - c. Install (50) new 24' box size trees with bubblers along slope
  - d. Install (120) new 5-gallon shrubs with bubblers along slope
  - e. Install new bark mulch along slop
  - f. Landscape/irrigation modification per new ADA access pathways
  - g. Remove existing lawn at Brandon Borman Field
  - h. Import topsoil at Brandon Borman Field
  - i. Soil preparation at Brandon Borman Field
  - j. Install new irrigation at Brandon Borman Field
  - k. Install new irrigation controller at Brandon Borman Field
  - l. Install new sod lawn at Brandon Borman Field
  - m. Remove existing lawn at large play field
  - n. Import topsoil at large play field
  - o. Soil preparation at large play field
  - p. Install new irrigation at large play field
  - q. Install new irrigation controller at large play field
  - r. Install new sod lawn at large play field
  - s. Pro-rate new irrigation central control system
- E. Park Improvements
- a. Install new fence/bollards along Parkway Drive
  - b. Grading/Modification of site
  - c. Install new 4" drain pipe/12" deep trench drain located Southside of Parking Lot #2
  - d. Install (1) new monument sign
- F. Fees/Permits
- a. 10% design and construction management
  - b. 7% architectural/engineering fees
  - c. Playground safety audit fee



G. Sales Tax/Shipping

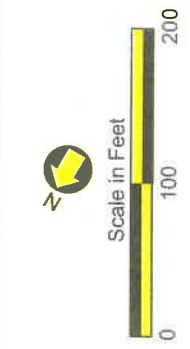
- a. Bench, picnic table, drinking fountain, play equipment and rubber surfacing



**MOUNTAIN VIEW PARK - PARKWAY DRIVE**  
**4.9 ACRES - APN:376280023**  
**MASTER PLAN, CITY OF MARTINEZ**



**MOUNTAIN VIEW  
PARK  
MASTER PLAN  
CITY OF MARTINEZ**



- Legend:**
- Picnic Table
  - Street Light
  - Water Meter
  - Electric Meter
  - Entrance
  - Tot Lot
  - Picnic Tables w/Barbecue
  - Little League Field
  - Basketball Court
  - Pathways
  - Restrooms
  - Residential
  - Open Athletic Field
  - Swing
  - Parking Lot
  - Drinking Fountain
  - Play Equipment



# 13. Nancy Boyd Park

## GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Dedicated in 1965, Nancy Boyd Park is located adjacent to Pleasant Hill Road East. Nearby oak lined hills make an attractive setting for this park. The park contains grassy areas with a large play field and a paved basketball court. There is a larger playground area with swings, slides and other play equipment. At the top of the hill there are lighted tennis courts; and there are several shaded picnic areas in the park with tables, barbecue grills and restroom facilities. At the entranceway to the park sits a monument built by the people of Martinez and dedicated to the Peace Corps, volunteers throughout the world, and specifically, to Nancy Boyd.

## EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS

- A. Restrooms
- B. Small tot lot
  - a. Small climbing equipment with three small slides and bridge
- C. Large playground
  - a. Large climbing equipment with three large slides, a bridge and monkey bars
  - b. Swing set with two baby and two regular swings
- D. Picnic Areas
  - a. One picnic table with barbecue pit adjacent to small play structure
  - b. One picnic table adjacent to large tot lot
  - c. One picnic table situated between the restroom facility and the creek
  - d. One uncovered picnic pod with three picnic tables and barbecue pit
  - e. Two covered picnic pods each consisting of three picnic tables and barbecue pit (seats 6 each)
- E. One full basketball court
- F. Tennis court area
  - a. Three lighted tennis courts
  - b. One bench next to each court
  - c. Concrete tennis practice wall
- G. Turf playfield
- H. Hillside open space area with trees
- I. Two paved parking areas
  - a. Entrance to park - 9 stalls
  - b. Tennis court - 5 stalls, lighted

- J. Park regulation sign
- K. Peace Corps monument
- L. Three drinking fountains
- M. Four benches
- N. Two memorial benches
- O. Footbridge at northeast end adjacent to Pleasant Hill Road East

## **PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS**

- A. Playground Improvements
  - a. Removal of (2) existing play equipment
  - b. Removal of (2) existing surfacing
  - c. Play structure (2-5 year age use)
  - d. Play structure (5-12 year age use)
  - e. Install (2) new play equipment
  - f. Install new poured-in-place rubber surfacing
  - g. Install new concrete base/containment for rubber surfacing
  - h. Wood fiber mulch surfacing
  - i. Install new wood fiber mulch
  - j. Install new ADA playground access ramp
  - k. Install new drainage within playground area
- B. Site Furnishings
  - a. Removal of existing site furnishings
  - b. Install (2) new ADA compliant concrete benches
  - c. Install (7) new ADA compliant concrete picnic tables
  - d. Install (5) new ADA compliant high/low concrete fountains
  - e. Equipment rental/usage
  - f. Remove (4) existing overhead shade structures
  - g. New overhead shade structure for picnic tables
  - h. Install (4) new overhead shade structures
  - i. Remove (4) barbeque units
  - j. Install (4) new barbeque units
  - k. Equipment rental/usage
- C. ADA Accessibility
  - a. Demolition of existing concrete/AC/gravel pathways
  - b. Install new ADA compliant concrete pathway
  - c. Install new ADA compliant AC pathway (path of travel from park access to park amenities)
  - d. Install new ADA compliant concrete pads for benches
  - e. Install new ADA compliant concrete pads for picnic tables
  - f. Install new ADA signage

- g. Install new ADA concrete ramp with truncated domes
  - h. Install (5) new drinking fountain pad with connection to drain sump
- D. Landscape/Irrigation
- a. Landscape/irrigation modification for restroom expansion
  - b. Landscape/irrigation modification per new ADA access pathways
  - c. Remove existing lawn around ball field
  - d. Import topsoil for ball field
  - e. Soil preparation for ball field
  - f. Install new irrigation for ball field
  - g. Install new sod lawn for ball field
  - h. Remove existing lawn around picnic areas
  - i. Import topsoil for lawn around picnic areas
  - j. Soil preparation for lawn around picnic areas
  - k. Install new irrigation for lawn around picnic areas
  - l. Install new sod lawn for picnic areas
  - m. Install new irrigation controller
  - n. Pro-rate new irrigation central control system
- E. Park Improvements
- a. Tennis court resurfacing
  - b. Practice tennis court surfacing
  - c. Tennis court grinding/crack repair
  - d. Tennis court striping/painting
  - e. Rebuilding tennis practice wall
  - f. Basketball court resurfacing
  - g. Basketball court grinding/crack repair
  - h. Basketball court striping/painting
  - i. Install (1) new monument sign
- F. Fees/Permits
- a. 10% design and construction management
  - b. 7% architectural/engineering fees
  - c. Playground safety audit fee
- G. Sales Tax/Shipping
- a. Bench, picnic table, drinking fountain, shade structures, play equipment and rubber surfing





**NANCY BOYD PARK**  
**7.3 ACRES - APN:162180049**  
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**NANCY BOYD PARK  
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**Legend:**

- Covered Picnic Area
- Uncovered Picnic Area
- Irrigation Control
- Bridge
- Restrooms
- Bench
- Street Light
- Entrance
- Electric Meter
- Drinking Fountain
- Lighted Tennis Courts
- Practice Wall
- Parking Lot
- Single Family Housing
- Soccer & Baseball Field
- Turf
- Paved Path
- Basketball Court
- Play Equipment
- Tot Lot
- Monument
- Entrance Sign

**Scale in Feet**  
0 100 200

**North Arrow**

**Valley Ave.**  
**Church Street**  
**Pleasant Hill Road East**

# 14. Plaza Ignacio Martinez

## GENERAL DESCRIPTION

This attractive plaza, adjacent to the City Hall, is named in honor of one of the area's first settlers and pioneers. The Plaza Ignacio Martinez occupies the one-acre City block in front of City Hall and includes the Martinez Boys and Girls Club. It features a Spanish style fountain surrounded by a brick plaza rimmed with magnolia, crape myrtle trees and raised flower beds. Park benches line the perimeter of this beautiful turn-of-the-century plaza. The park is bordered by the City Hall courtyard and parking area.

## HISTORY OF THE MASTER PLAN

Royston, Hanamoto, Alley and Abey prepared the Master Plan for the Plaza Ignacio Martinez. The construction plans were approved by the City Council May 18, 1977.

## EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS

- A. Park plaza
  - a. Spanish style fountain (lighted)
  - b. Eight park benches
  - c. Four raised flower beds
- B. Small turf areas
- C. Parking areas
  - a. City Hall - 29 spaces
  - b. Boys Club - 17 spaces

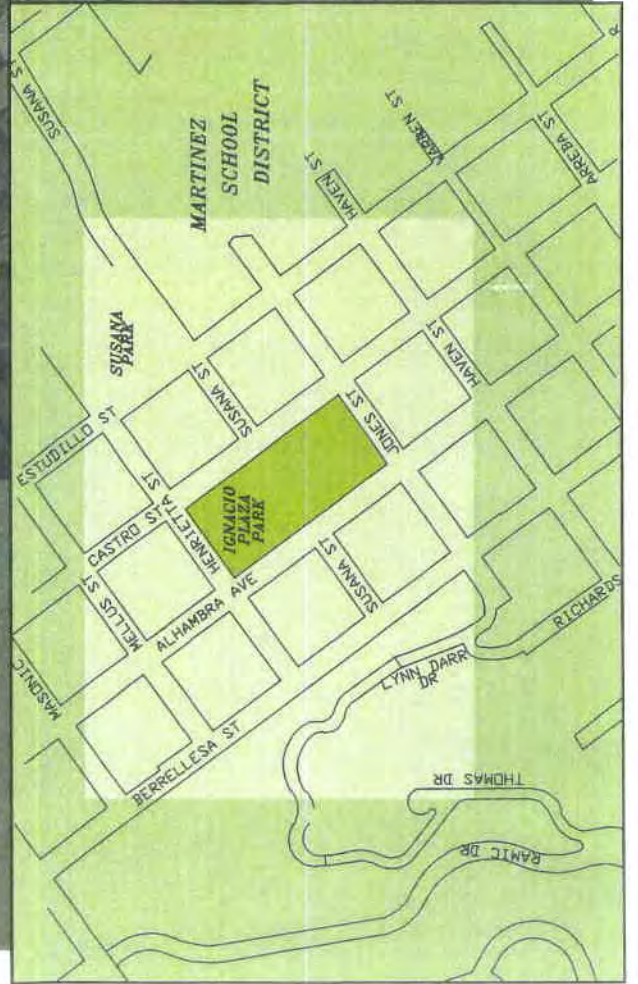
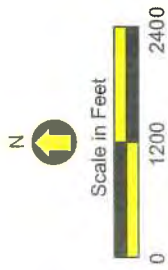
## PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

- A. Install the south parking lot improvements as identified in the Phase III Plaza Ignacio Martinez Master Plan
- B. Flag pole replacement
- C. South parking lot improvements

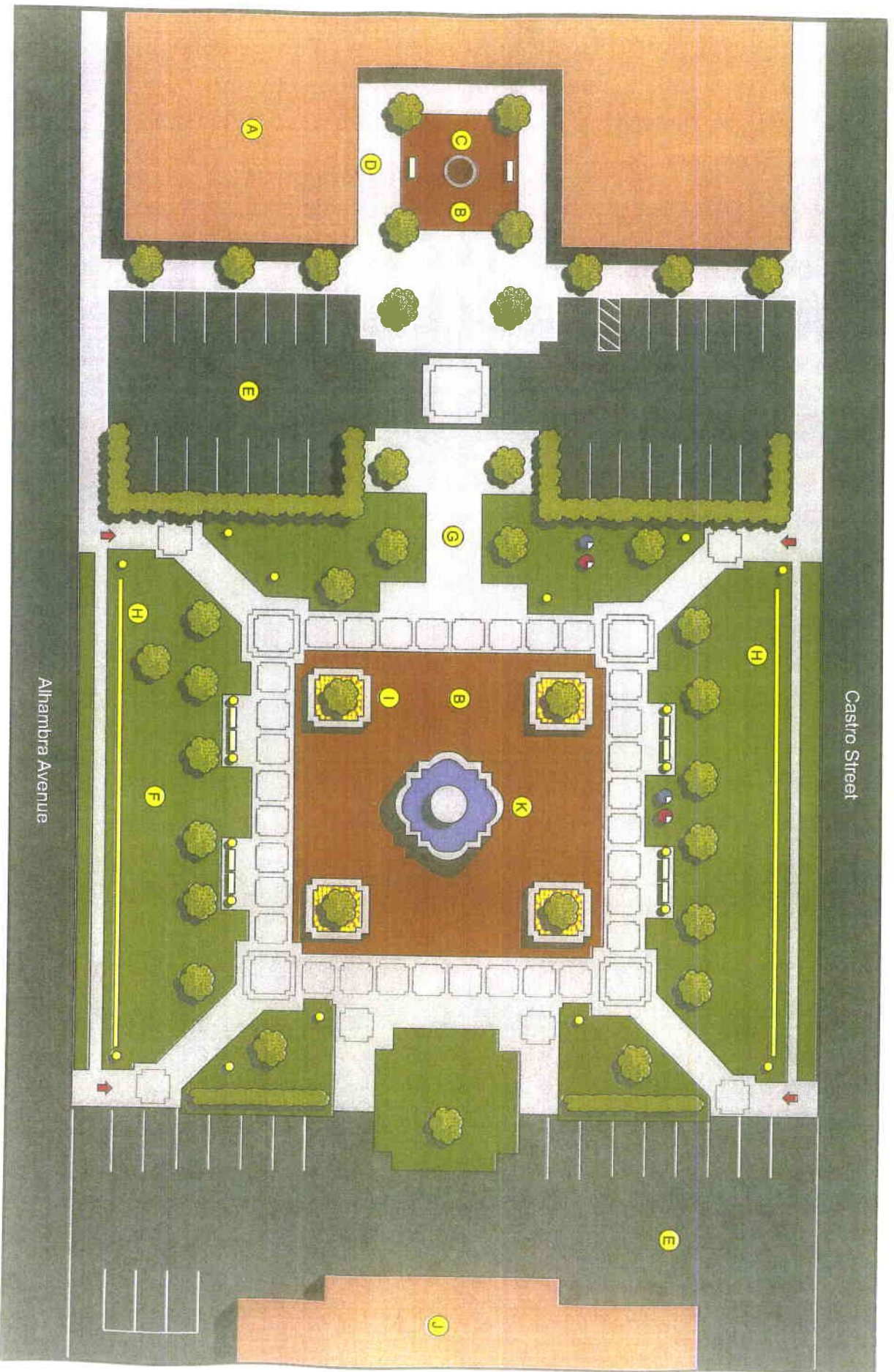






**PLAZA IGNACIO MARTINEZ**  
MASTER PLAN, CITY OF MARTINEZ







**Legend:**

-  Bench
-  Street Light
-  Water Meter
-  Electric Meter
-  Entrance
-  City Hall
-  Brick Plaza
-  Planter
-  Telephone
-  Parking
-  Turf
-  Concrete
-  Fence
-  Raised Planters
-  Boys and Girls Club
-  Water Fountain



Scale in Feet



**PLAZA IGNACIO MARTINEZ  
MASTER PLAN  
CITY OF MARTINEZ**

# 15. Rankin Park

## GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Rankin Park is the oldest City park. At the entrance to the 42-acre park is a large swimming complex with three pools. The main park area is set in a wooded ravine overlooking downtown Martinez. Picnic facilities at Rankin Park are extensive. Tavan Field, the oldest and only lighted ball field facility in Martinez, is also within the park's boundaries. Other features include children's play areas and hiking trails into the adjacent open space area. The park is only a few minutes walk from the downtown area and is accessible from the west end of Buckley Street.

## HISTORY OF MASTER PLAN

The first Master Plan was prepared by Royston, Hanamoto, Beck and Abey in 1972.

## EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS

- A. Tavan Field (lighted ball field)
  - a. Bleachers
  - b. Two drinking fountains
  - c. Restroom and storage facility
  
- B. Gazebo
  
- C. Lighted pathway
  
- D. Restrooms near Olive Grove
  
- E. Parking in upper parking lot: 42 spaces
  
- F. Two park regulation signs
  
- G. Group picnic areas
  - a. Olive Grove picnic area
    - i. Concession building
    - ii. Barbecue pits (5 ft. diameter grill)
    - iii. Serving table
    - iv. Eighteen picnic tables (approx. 250 capacity)
    - v. Two horseshoe pits
  - b. Peppertree picnic area
    - i. Barbecue pit (4 ft. diameter grill)
    - ii. Service table
    - iii. Eight picnic tables (seating for 72)
    - iv. Two benches
  - c. Gazebo picnic area



- i. Two large serving tables
  - ii. Three picnic tables (seating for 24)
  - iii. Two small barbecue pits
- H. Three picnic tables at the upper play equipment along westerly hiking trail (6 people/table)
- I. Picnic tables on the west side of Olive Grove
- J. Two picnic tables on east side of tot lot
- K. Upper play area (western most)
  - a. Six swings
  - b. Three benches in swing area
  - c. Four spring animals
  - d. Merry-go-round
  - e. Large play/climbing equipment
  - f. Spiral slide
  - g. Tube slide
  - h. Wave slide
  - i. Chain bridge
  - j. Horizontal ladder
  - k. Various decks
- L. Tot lot
  - a. Climbing equipment with three small slides
  - b. Three benches
- M. Pool Facilities
  - a. Three swimming pools: wadding, swimming, diving
  - b. Four benches
  - c. Building with shower/dressing/rest rooms and lobby
  - d. Picnic Pavilion
- N. Turf area adjacent to the pools
- O. Parking areas
  - a. Lower parking lot - 24 spaces
  - b. Buckley Street - 17 spaces
  - c. Marina Vista - 7 spaces

## **PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS**

- A. Restroom Replacement at both Tavan Field and the Olive Grove
  - a. Demolition of (2) existing restrooms
  - b. Tavan field multi-use restroom (with CMAS discount)
  - c. Tavan field CMAS building construction

- d. Olive Grove multi-use restroom (with CMAS discount)
- e. Olive Grove CMAS building construction

#### B. Playground Replacement

- a. Removal of (2) existing play equipment
- b. Removal of (2) existing surfacing
- c. Play structure (2-5 year age use)
- d. Play structure (5-12 year age use)
- e. Install (2) new play equipment
- f. Install new poured-in-place rubber surfacing
- g. Install new concrete base/containment for rubber surfacing
- h. Wood fiber mulch surfacing
- i. Install new wood fiber mulch
- j. Install new ADA playground access ramp
- k. Install new drainage within playground area

#### C. Site Furnishings

- a. Removal of existing site furnishings
- b. Install (6) new ADA compliant concrete benches
- c. Install (39) new ADA compliant concrete picnic tables
- d. Install (3) new ADA compliant high/low concrete fountains
- e. Install new site furnishings
- f. Equipment rental/usage
- g. Remove (5) existing barbeque units
- h. Install (5) new barbeque units
- i. Install new group barbeque
- j. New group barbeque equipment

#### D. ADA Accessibility

- a. Demolition of existing concrete/AC/gravel pathways
- b. Install new compliant concrete pathway (path of travel from public sidewalk to park amenities)
- c. Install new ADA compliant AC pathway (path of travel from public sidewalk to park amenities)
- d. Install new ADA compliant concrete pads for benches
- e. Install new ADA compliant concrete pads for picnic tables
- f. Install new ADA signage
- g. Install new ADA concrete ramp with truncated domes
- h. Install (2) new drinking fountain pad with connection to drain sump
- i. Install new 42" guard rail at stairs between Tavan Field and upper parking area

#### E. Landscape/Irrigation

- a. Landscape/irrigation modification for new ADA access pathways
- b. Remove existing lawn Tavan Field
- c. Import topsoil for Tavan Field
- d. Soil preparation for Tavan Field

- e. Install new irrigation system for Tavan Field
- f. Install new irrigation controller for Tavan Field
- g. Install new sod lawn for Tavan Field
- h. Remove existing lawn at oval play area
- i. Import topsoil for oval play area
- j. Soil preparation for oval play area
- k. Install new irrigation system for oval play area
- l. Install new irrigation controller for oval play area
- m. Install new sod lawn for oval play area
- n. Pro-rate new irrigation central control system

F. Park Improvements

- a. Retaining walls
- b. Grading/modification of the Olive Grove
- c. Drainage
- d. Lighting for Sports field
- e. Baseball field 8 ft. chain link fence at Tavan Field
- f. Baseball field 6 ft. chain link fence at Tavan Field
- g. Install (2) 10 ft. gates
- h. Install (1) new monument sign

G. Fees/Permits

- a. Structural engineering for restroom
- b. 10% design and construction management
- c. 7% architectural/engineering fees
- d. Playground safety audit fees

H. Sales Tax/Shipping

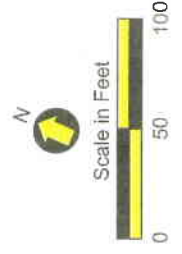
- a. Bench, picnic table, drinking fountain, play equipment and rubber surfacing
- b. Restroom S&H







# RANKIN PARK EXISTING FACILITIES MASTER PLAN CITY OF MARTINEZ



- Legend:**
- Swings
  - Entrance
  - Picnic Area
  - Park Regulations Sign
  - Restrooms
  - Parking Lot
  - Gate
  - Bleachers
  - Turf
  - Lighted Baseball Field
  - Memorial Dedication
  - Plaque & Drinking Fountain
  - Olive Grove Picnic Area
  - Trail Information Sign
  - Concession Stand
  - Lighted Pathways
  - Tot Lot
  - Peppertree Picnic Area
  - Upper Play Equipment
  - Gazebo



**RANKIN PARK  
POOL AREA  
MASTER PLAN  
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For Continuation, See Park Facilities Map

- Legend:**
- Bench
  - Light
  - Pool Entrance
  - Covered
  - Picnic Area
  - Pool Exit
  - Restrooms
  - Swim Complex Bldg.
  - Pool
  - Bleachers
  - Parking
  - Turf
  - Low Maintenance Landscaping
  - Residential
  - Ticket Booth
  - Lighted Baseball Field
  - Storage Area
  - Tree and Shrub Screen



## 16. Susana Street Park

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Susana Street Park is located just one block east of the City Hall at Susana and Estudillo Streets. This one-acre park contains many tall shade trees and offers a cool, rustic retreat close to the busy downtown area. Susana Park contains a picnic table, a concrete stage, rock drinking fountain, memorial benches, pathways and a variety of trees that have been imported from all over the world.

### EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS

- A. Restroom/Storage building
- B. Rock drinking fountain
- C. Turf area
- D. Four benches
- E. One picnic table (6 person capacity)
- F. Rock seating area
- G. Stage with electrical outlets

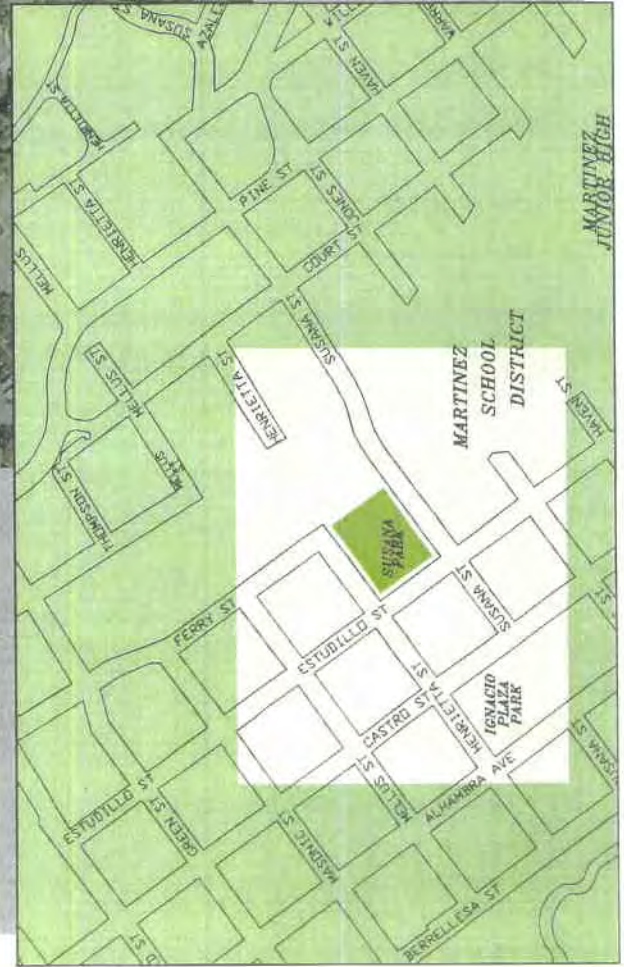
### PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

- A. Site Furnishings
  - a. Removal of existing site furnishings
  - b. Install (1) new ADA compliant concrete bench
  - c. Install (2) new ADA compliant high/low concrete fountains
  - d. Install new site furnishings
  - e. Remove (1) existing barbeque unit
  - f. Install (1) new barbeque unit
- B. ADA Accessibility
  - a. Demolition of existing concrete/AC/gravel pathways
  - b. Install new ADA compliant concrete pathway (path of travel from public sidewalk)
  - c. Install new ADA compliant AC pathway (path of travel from public sidewalk to park amenities)
  - d. Install new ADA compliant concrete pads for benches
  - e. Install new ADA compliant concrete pads for picnic tables
  - f. Install new ADA signage
  - g. Install (3) new ADA concrete ramps with truncated domes
  - h. Install (1) new drinking fountain pad with connection to drain sump

- C. Landscape/Irrigation
  - a. Landscape/irrigation modification per new ADA access pathways
  - b. Remove existing lawn areas
  - c. Import topsoil
  - d. Soil preparation
  - e. Install new irrigation system
  - f. Install new sod lawn
  - g. Pro-rate new irrigation central control system
  
- D. Parks Improvements
  - a. Remove existing non ADA compliant concrete circular seating
  - b. Install new concrete area for future activity
  - c. Install (1) new monument sign
  - d. Install (2) new pole lights to replace existing lights
  
- E. Fees/Permits
  - a. 10% design and construction management
  - b. 7% architectural/engineering fees
  
- F. Sales Tax/Shipping
  - a. Bench and drinking fountain



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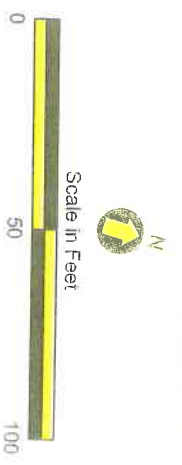






**Legend:**

- Entrance
- Picnic Table
- Bench
- Street Light
- Restrooms and Storage Building
- Concrete Stage
- Flagpole
- Rock Drinking Fountain
- Rock Seating Area



**SUSANA PARK**  
**MASTER PLAN**  
**CITY OF MARTINEZ**

# 17. Waterfront Park

## GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Waterfront Park is located north of downtown and the railroad tracks. The 150 acre park is adjacent to Martinez Regional Shoreline and the Martinez Marina which makes the entire waterfront area a unique recreational attraction. This park is owned by East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) with leases to the City for recreational activities such as the ball fields, and skate park and picnic areas.

Notable features of Waterfront Park include a soccer field, ball field complex , bocce ball courts and concrete skateboard park. The park also features extensive group picnic areas with tables and grills, water fountains, restrooms, a children's play area, large turf areas, horseshoe pits and a historic train display. The children's play area was completely renovated in 2003.

The EBRPD and Martinez Regional Shoreline has two tot lots, green meadows, restrooms, picnic areas, jogging and nature study trails and a parking lot.

The adjoining Martinez Marina to the north provides a 410 berth marina with a launch ramp, yacht club, fishing pier, boat sales and storage facilities. A privately operated horse arena lies east of the park. The City built the 1200-seat John Muir Amphitheater southeast of the marina in 2001.

The park is accessible from North Court Street via Ferry Street.

## HISTORY OF THE MASTER PLAN

Royston, Hanamoto, Alley and Abey prepared a Master Plan for the Martinez Regional Shoreline Park. This plan was accepted in 1981.

## EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS

- A. Lighted group picnic area (250 person capacity)
  - a. Two horseshoe pits
  - b. Four benches around horseshoe pits
  - c. Twenty-five large picnic tables (10 person capacity per table)
  - d. Three serving tables
  - e. Group barbecue pit with four adjustable grills
  - f. Counter top with two sinks
  - g. Restroom
  - h. Drinking fountain near restroom
  - i. Rock wall and redwood fence around area
  - j. Electrical service
  
- B. Covered Picnic Pavilion

- C. Children's play area and tot lot
  - a. Play equipment with slides, ladders and bridge
  - b. Tot lot slide and two swings
  - c. Two picnic tables and two barbecues
  - d. Two benches
  
- D. Three picnic tables with two barbecues and a drinking fountain west of ball field complex
  
- E. Bocce ball court area
  - a. Fifteen bocce ball courts with lighting
  - b. Storage building and drinking fountain
  - c. Message board
  - d. Memorial benches for bocce
  - e. Twenty-eight picnic tables
  - f. Drinking fountain on west side
  
- F. Joe DiMaggio Ball fields
  - a. Four ball fields (three softball and one hardball diamond)
  - b. Bleachers on fields one - four
  - c. Concession stand/restroom/storage building
  - d. Three concrete picnic tables at concession stand
  - e. Two drinking fountains
  - f. Four scoreboards
  
- G. Multi-use Field (one baseball field and soccer field)
  
- H. Parking Areas
  - a. Four lots with 200 spaces plus on street parking
  - b. Ball field/Marina overflow lot: about 70 spaces (near soccer field)
  
- I. Turf area (2.5 acres) with large special event electrical service
  
- J. Park entrance and regulations signs
  
- K. Skate Park

## **PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS**

- A. Restroom Replacement
  - a. Demolition of existing restroom
  - b. Multi-use restroom (with CMAS discount)
  - c. CMAS building construction
  
- B. Playground Up-Grade
  - a. Removal of existing surfacing
  - b. Install freestanding panels with roof for ADA compliance



- c. Install new play panels
- d. Install new poured-in-place rubber surfacing

C. Site Furnishings

- a. Removal of existing site furnishings
- b. Install (6) new ADA compliant concrete benches
- c. Install (39) new ADA compliant concrete picnic tables
- d. Install (5) new ADA compliant high/low concrete fountains
- e. Install new site furnishings
- f. Equipment rental/usage
- g. Remove (6) existing barbeque units
- h. Install (6) new barbeque units
- i. Remove (1) existing group barbeque
- j. New group barbeque unit
- k. Install (1) new group barbeque

D. ADA Accessibility

- a. Demolition of existing concrete/AC/gravel pathways
- b. Install new ADA compliant AC pathway (path of travel from public sidewalk to park access)
- c. Install new ADA compliant AC pathway (path of travel of park amenities)
- d. Install new ADA compliant concrete pads for benches
- e. Install new ADA compliant concrete pad for picnic tables
- f. Install new ADA signage
- g. Install (9) new ADA concrete ramps with truncated domes
- h. Install (5) new drinking fountain pads with connection to drain sump
- i. Remove existing timber and replace with new 6" AC deep curb along North Court Street

E. Landscape/Irrigation

- a. Landscape/irrigation modification for restroom expansion
- b. Tree removal located at Ferrypoint
- c. Tree stump removal
- d. Landscape/Irrigation modification per new ADA access pathways
- e. Remove existing lawn for (4) baseball fields
- f. Import topsoil for (4) baseball fields
- g. Soil preparation for (4) baseball fields
- h. Install new irrigation for (4) baseball fields
- i. Install new irrigation controller for (4) baseball fields
- j. Install new sod lawn for (4) baseball fields
- k. Remove existing lawn for soccer field
- l. Import topsoil for soccer field
- m. Soil preparation for soccer field
- n. Install new irrigation for soccer field
- o. Install new irrigation controller for soccer field
- p. Install new sod lawn for soccer field
- q. Remove existing lawn for open space area

- r. Import topsoil for open space area
- s. Soil preparation for open space area
- t. Install new irrigation for open space area
- u. Install new irrigation controller for open space area
- v. Install new sod lawn for open space area
- w. Pro-rate new irrigation central control system

F. Sales Tax/Shipping

- a. Small field 8 ft. chain link fence
- b. Baseball field 8 ft. chain link fence (four fields)
- c. Baseball field 6 ft. chain link fence (four fields)
- d. Installation of (2) 10 ft. gates at each field
- e. 6" deep AC curbing
- f. New asphalt paving at parking lot
- g. New 24" box trees for parking lot adjacent to soccer fields
- h. Irrigation for new trees for parking lot
- i. Imported topsoil for new trees
- j. Install (1) new monument sign

G. Fees/Permits

- a. Structural engineering for restroom
- b. 10% design and construction management
- c. 7% architectural/engineering fees

H. Sales Tax/Shipping

- a. Bench, picnic table, drinking fountain, play equipment and rubber surfacing  
restroom S&H







**Legend:**

- Electric Meter
- Entrance
- Picnic Area
- Street Light
- Drinking Fountain
- Restrooms
- Train Display
- Directory Sign
- Playground
- Union Pacific RR
- Skate Park
- Turf
- Concession Stand
- Parking
- Bocce Ball Courts
- Group Picnic Area
- Horseshoe Pits
- Creek
- Bleachers
- Basketball Court
- Regional Shoreline
- Waterfront Memorial Tree Grove
- Multi-Use Field
- Practice Ballfield


**Scale in Feet**

0 100 200

**WATERFRONT PARK  
MASTER PLAN  
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- Legend:**
- A** Fishing Pier
  - B** Pier Removal
  - C** Promenade Pier
  - D** Ferry Point
  - E** Marina Plaza
  - F** Oil Recycling
  - G** Parking
  - H** Overflow/Park Parking
  - I** East Bay Regional Park District
  - J** Harbor Master
  - K** Boat Launch
  - L** Pedestrian Link to Park
  - M** Retail Shops
  - N** Parking
  - O** Yacht Club
  - P** Amphitheater
  - Lawns
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- MARTINEZ MARINA**  
MASTER PLAN  
CITY OF MARTINEZ

## F. Open Space

### 1. Ashwood Drive Open Space

#### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

Ashwood Drive Open Space encompasses four parcels totaling 7.07 acres: 1.72 acres adjacent to Vine Hill Way on both sides of Ashwood Drive, 2.53 acres south of Vine Hill Way adjacent to Morello Avenue and 2.82 acres east of Ashwood Drive. The city acquired the parcels in 1972.

#### **EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS**

- A. None

#### **MAINTENANCE NEEDS**

- A. Fire prevention weed abatement
- B. Tree maintenance/removal/ planting

#### **PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS**

- A. Investigate possible trail connections to Hidden Lakes Park to South East





**ASHWOOD DRIVE OPEN SPACE - MORELLO AVENUE**  
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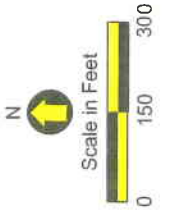
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**ASHWOOD DRIVE OPEN SPACE  
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## 2. Chateau Ridge Open Space

### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

Chateau Ridge Open Space encompasses three parcels totaling 13.3 acres in the hills to the south of the Chateau Ridge subdivision. The California Riding and Hiking Trail runs along the southern boundary. Other access points include Morello Avenue and Elderwood Drive from the northeast and MacAlvey Drive from the west. The city acquired the parcels in 1980 and 1986.

### **EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS**

- A. California Riding and Hiking Trail, maintained by East Bay Regional Park District
- B. Pedestrian bridge crossing over drainage culvert north of Jeanne Circle

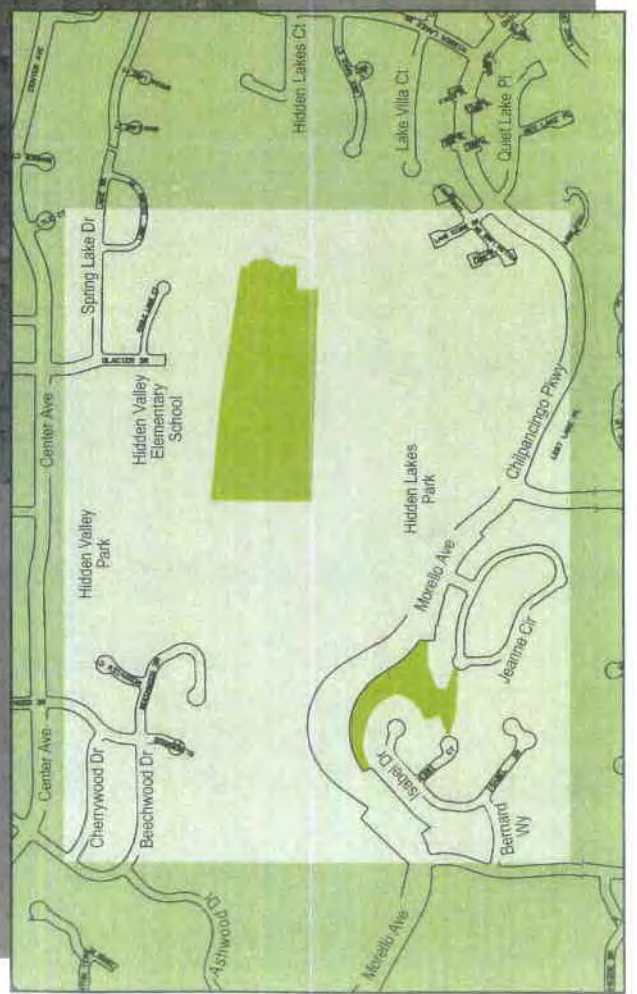
### **MAINTENANCE NEEDS**

- A. Annual fire break disc plowing
- B. Decomposed granite pathway from Jeanne Circle to Debbie Court

### **PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS**

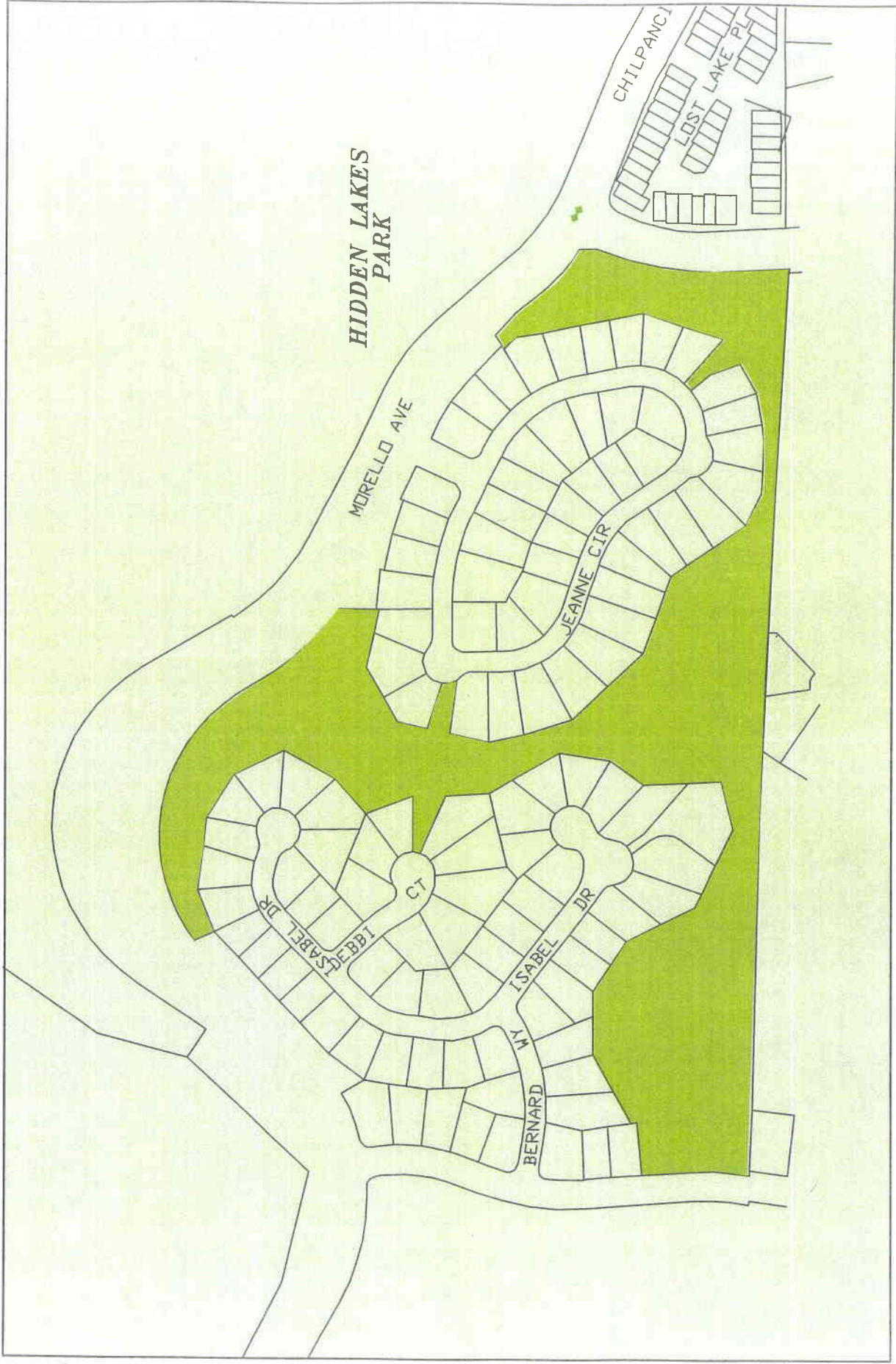
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**CHATEAU RIDGE OPEN SPACE - MORELLO AVENUE**  
**13.3 ACRES - APN:155431002, 155431003, 155431005**  
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Scale in Feet



**CHATEAU RIDGE OPEN SPACE**  
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### 3. Franklin Hills Open Space

#### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

Franklin Hills Open Space encompasses one, 116.34 acre parcel located in the hills to the west of Martinez, between C and H Streets. The California Riding and Hiking Trail runs north and south through the area. There is no paved access. The city acquired the parcel in 1981.

#### **EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS**

- A. California Riding and Hiking Trail, maintained by East Bay Regional Park District

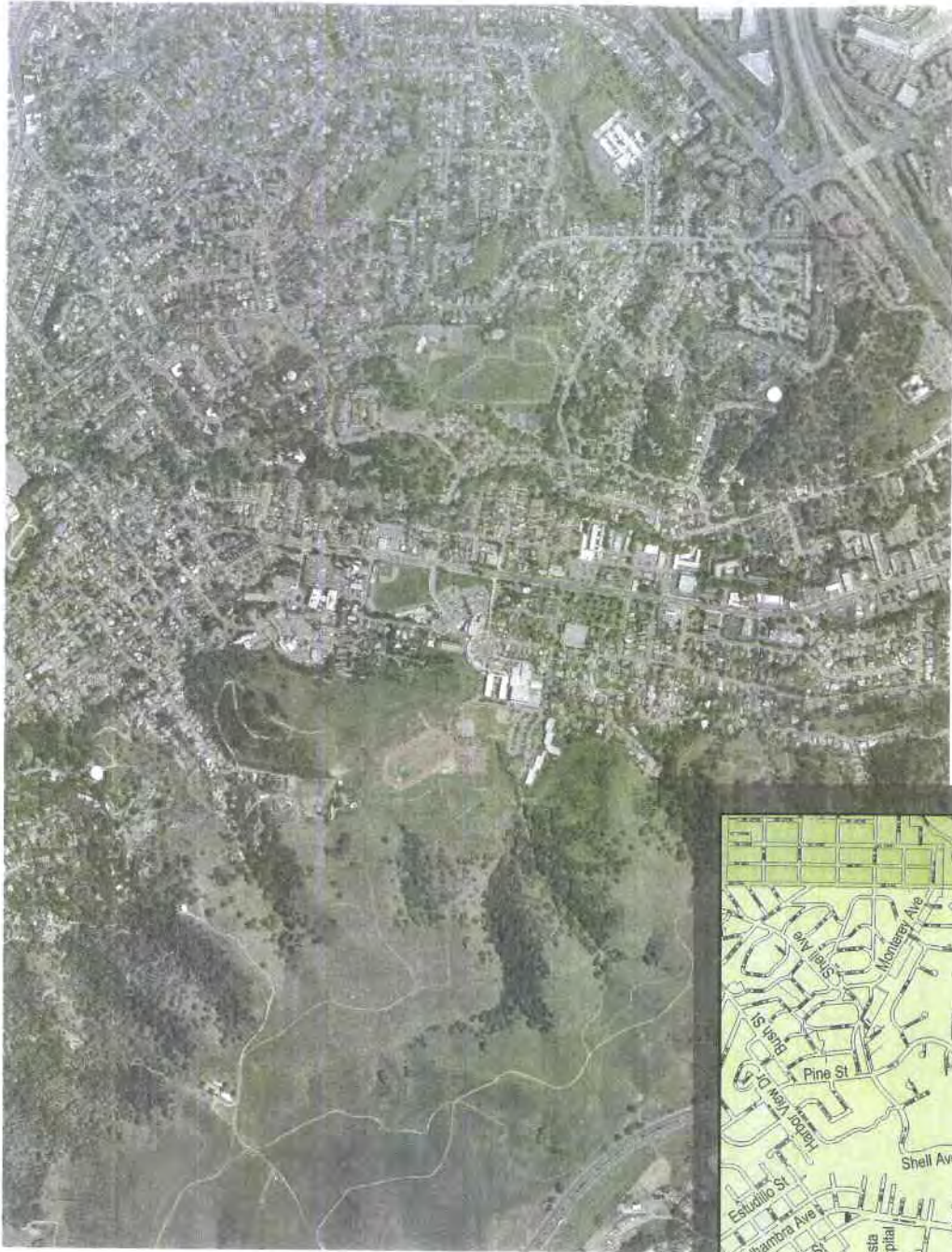
#### **MAINTENANCE NEEDS**

- A. Annual fire break disc plowing and weed abatement

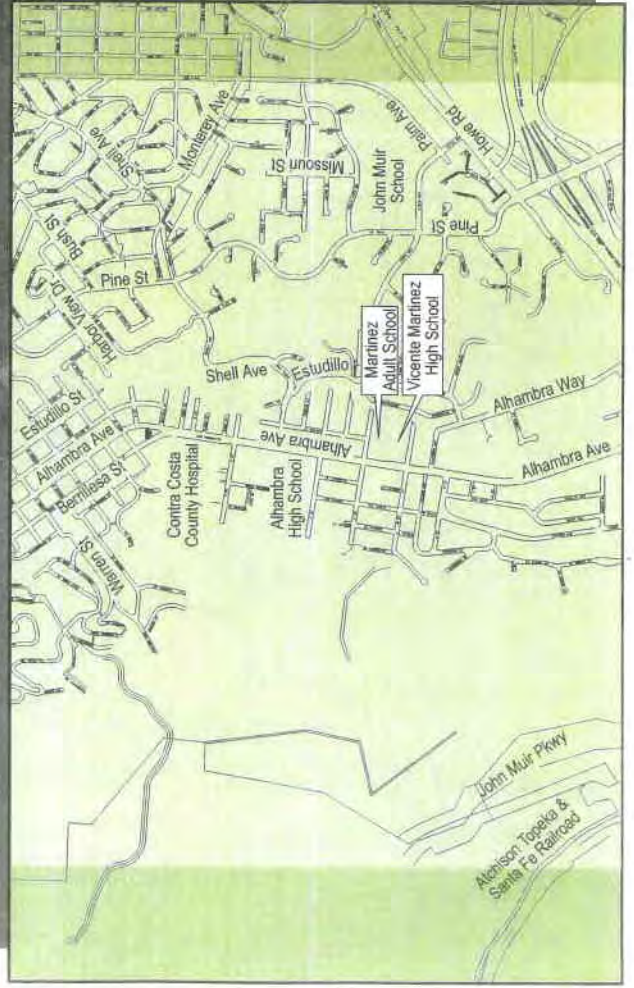
#### **PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS**

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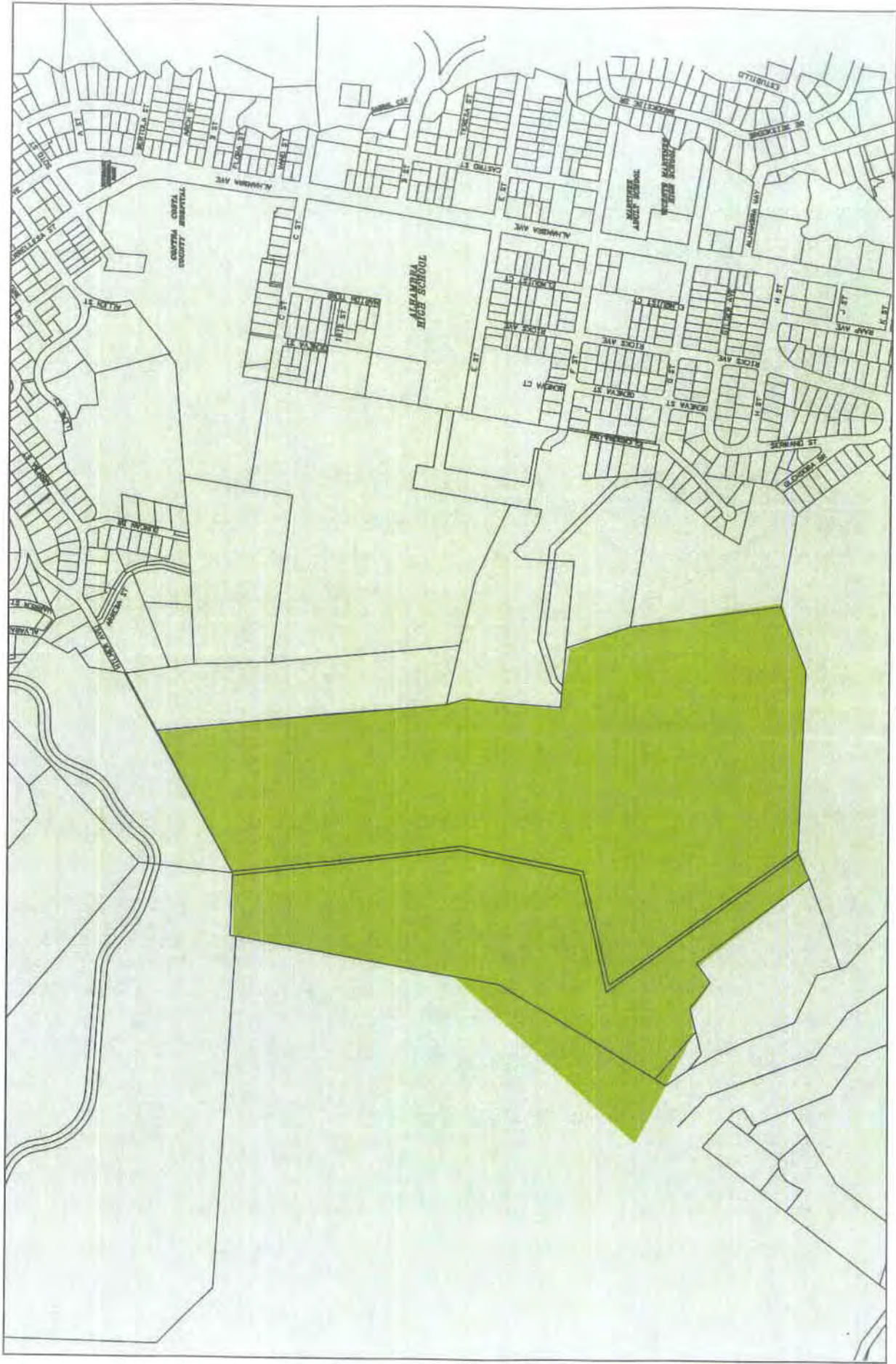




**FRANKLIN HILLS OPEN SPACE - MORELLO AVENUE**  
**116 ACRES - APN:370150006**  
**MASTER PLAN, CITY OF MARTINEZ**







Scale in Feet



**FRANKLIN HILLS OPEN SPACE  
MASTER PLAN  
CITY OF MARTINEZ**

## 4. Golden Hills Open Space

### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

Golden Hills Open Space includes one 20.77 acre parcel of which 7 acres is the developed Golden Hills Park. It is located north of Blue Ridge Drive and east of Reliez Valley Road. The open space contains native oaks on rolling hills. Access is at the end of Condor Drive at Eagle Nest and Webster Drive. The city acquired the parcel in 1971.

### **EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS**

- A. None identified

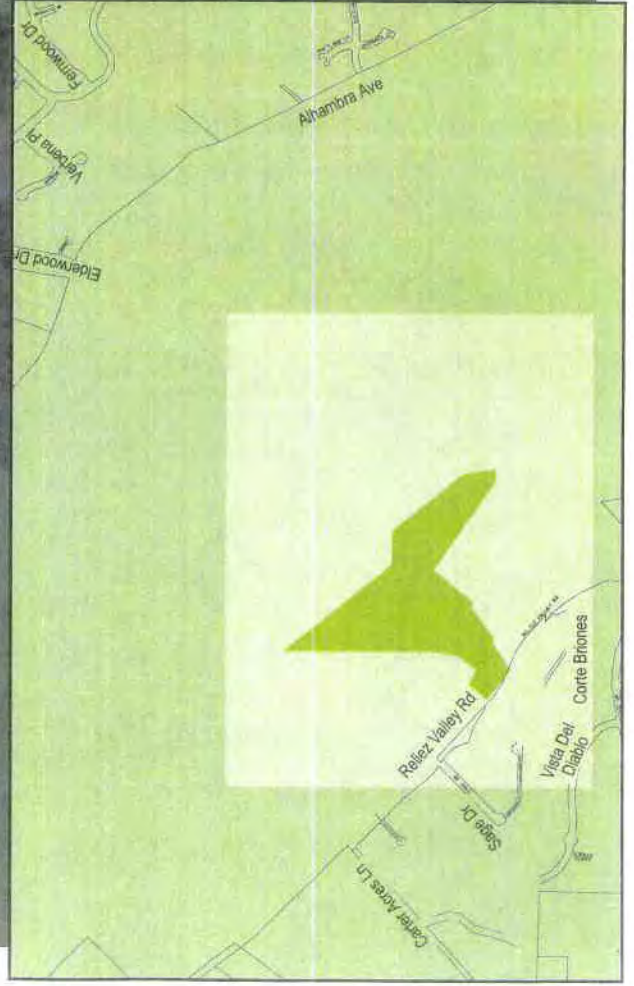
### **MAINTENANCE NEEDS**

- A. Annual fire break disc plowing

### **PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS**

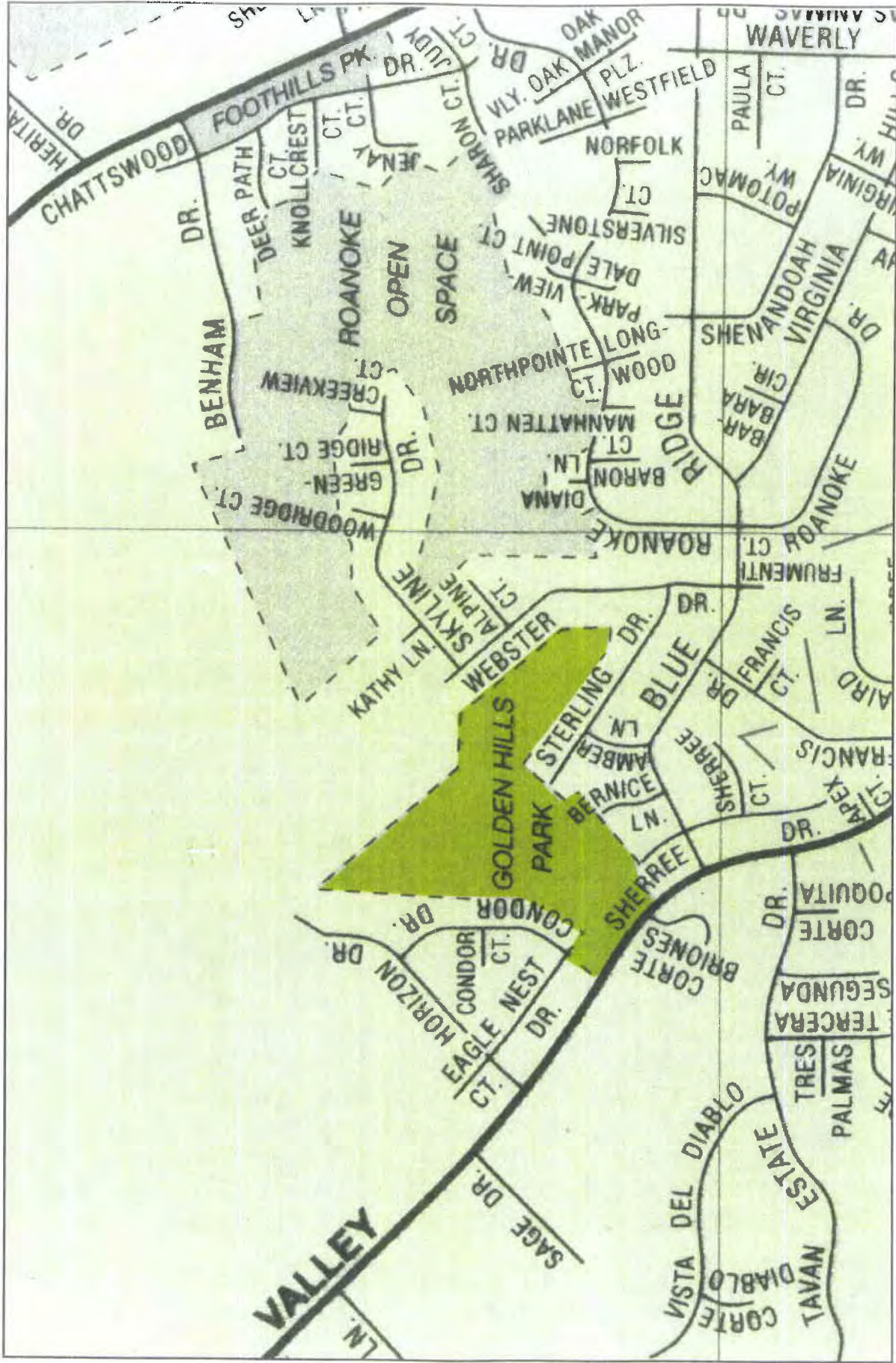
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**GOLDEN HILLS OPEN SPACE - RELIEZ VALLEY ROAD**  
**12.6 ACRES - APN:164150024**  
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GOLDEN HILLS OPEN SPACE  
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## 5. Hidden Lakes Open Space

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Hidden Lakes Open Space includes all or part of several parcels totaling approximately 106 acres of rolling hills, native oaks and grass lands. The special feature of the area is a series of three man-made lakes nestled in a valley between Hidden Valley Park on the north and Hidden Lakes Park on the south.

Access points include paved pathways from the adjoining parks, Glacier Drive from the north, Hidden Lakes Drive from the east, Morello Avenue from the south and Chilpancingo Parkway from the south east. The city acquired the first parcel in 1970 and continued expansion to preserve surrounding parcels in 1979, 1984 and 1986.

### EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS

- A. Aeration Pumps
- B. Three pedestrian Bridges
- C. Improved trail connecting Hidden Valley and Hidden Lakes Parks

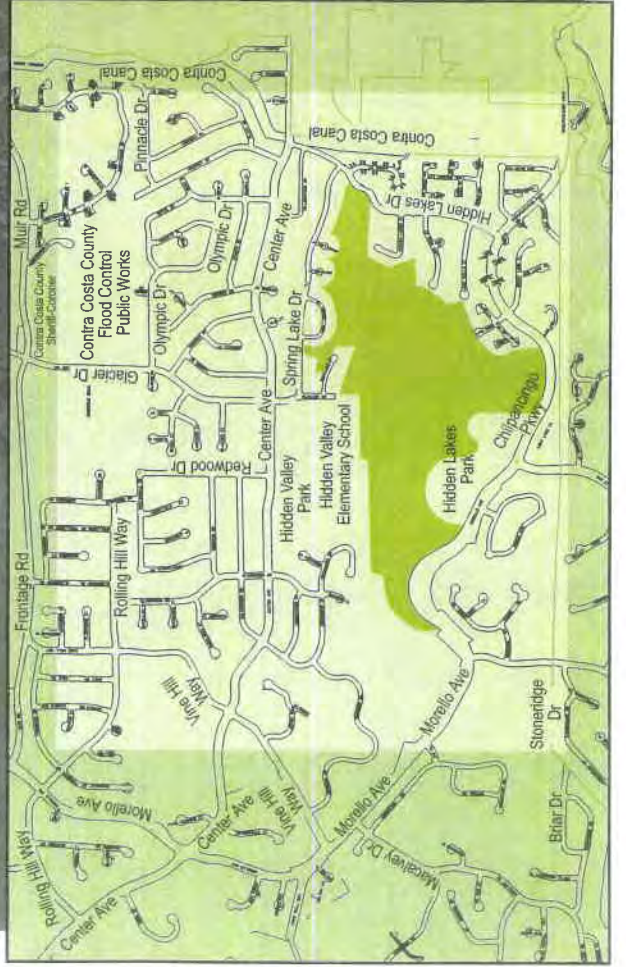
### MAINTENANCE NEEDS

- A. Annual fire break disc plowing

### PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

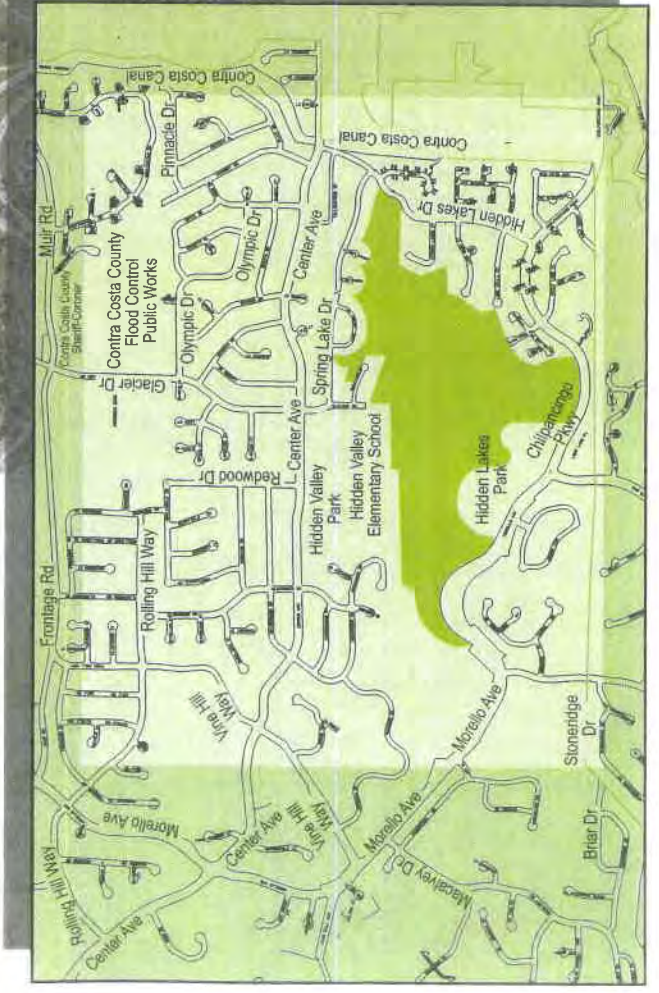
- A. Pave pathway between footbridges
- B. Restore lanes, possibly by dredging
- C. Create Native Plant demonstration garden area near school
- D. Restore lake shores and trails
- E. Install wildlife interpretive signs
- F. Perform resource inventory





**HIDDEN LAKES OPEN SPACE**  
**106 ACRES - APN:155352025, 155343032, 155020005**  
**155020007, 155030009, 155432001**  
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**HIDDEN LAKES AND CHATEAU RIDGE OPEN SPACE**  
**106 ACRES - APN:155352025, 155343032, 155020005**  
**155020007, 155030009, 155432001**  
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**HIDDEN LAKES OPEN SPACE**  
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## 6. Holly View Open Space

### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

Holly View Open Space includes two parcels totaling 2.1 acres along a narrow ravine and hillside covered with dense oak, pine groves and native grasses. It is located south of Holly View Drive between Pine Street and Lodgepole Court. This open space also connects to John Muir School via a pathway through a narrow linear parcel. The city acquired the parcels in 1985.

### **EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS**

- A. Trail connecting John Muir School Park to Holly View Drive
- B. Drainage Channel

### **MAINTENANCE NEEDS**

- A. Annual fire break disc plowing
- B. Tree Trimming/Removal/Planting

### **PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS**

- A. None identified



**HOLLY VIEW OPEN SPACE**  
**2.1 ACRES - APN:376261006, 376261007**  
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**HOLLY VIEW OPEN SPACE  
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JOHN MUIR  
SCHOOL

MONTEREY AVE

PALM AVE

WILSON A

HOLLY VIEW CT

KELLY AVE

KELLY AVE

OAK BREEZE CT

LODGEPOLE CT

WYOMING ST

PINE PARK CT

PINE ST

MISSOURI ST

SAXON ST

WAYNE ST

HOLLY VIEW DR

JAMES ST

GLEN CT

PINE ST

WESTVIEW CT

KRISVIEW CT

PALOMA CT

BRIDGVIEW CT

DR

## 7. MacAlvey Drive Open Space

### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

MacAlvey Drive Open Space consists of one parcel totaling 1.5 acres at the corner of Costanza and MacAlvey Drive. It provides easement for the California Hiking and Riding Trail. The city acquired the parcel in 1985.

### **EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS**

- A. California Hiking and Riding Trail
- B. Concrete drainage ditch

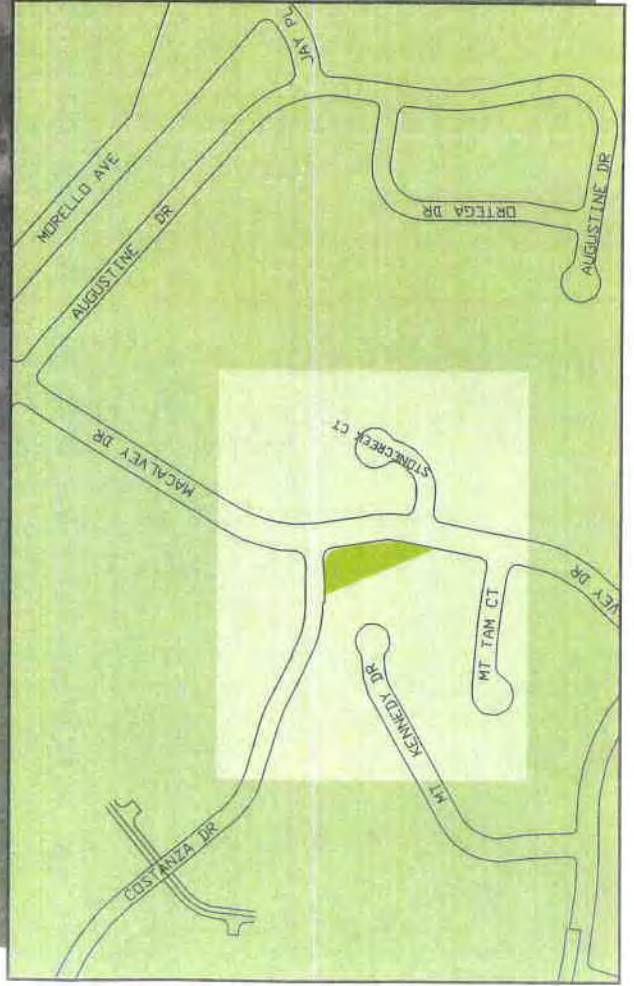
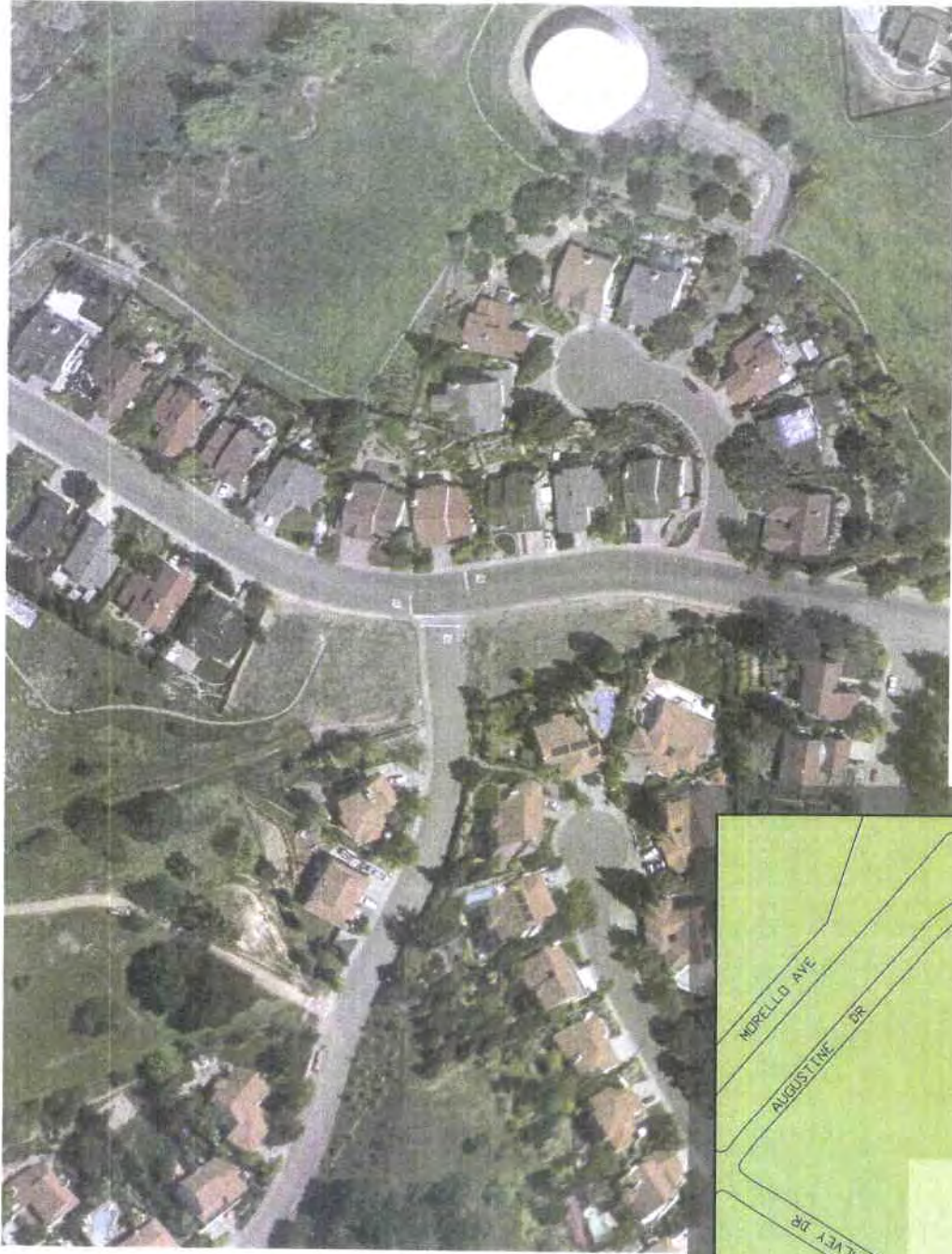
### **MAINTENANCE NEEDS**

- A. Annual weed abatement

### **PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS**

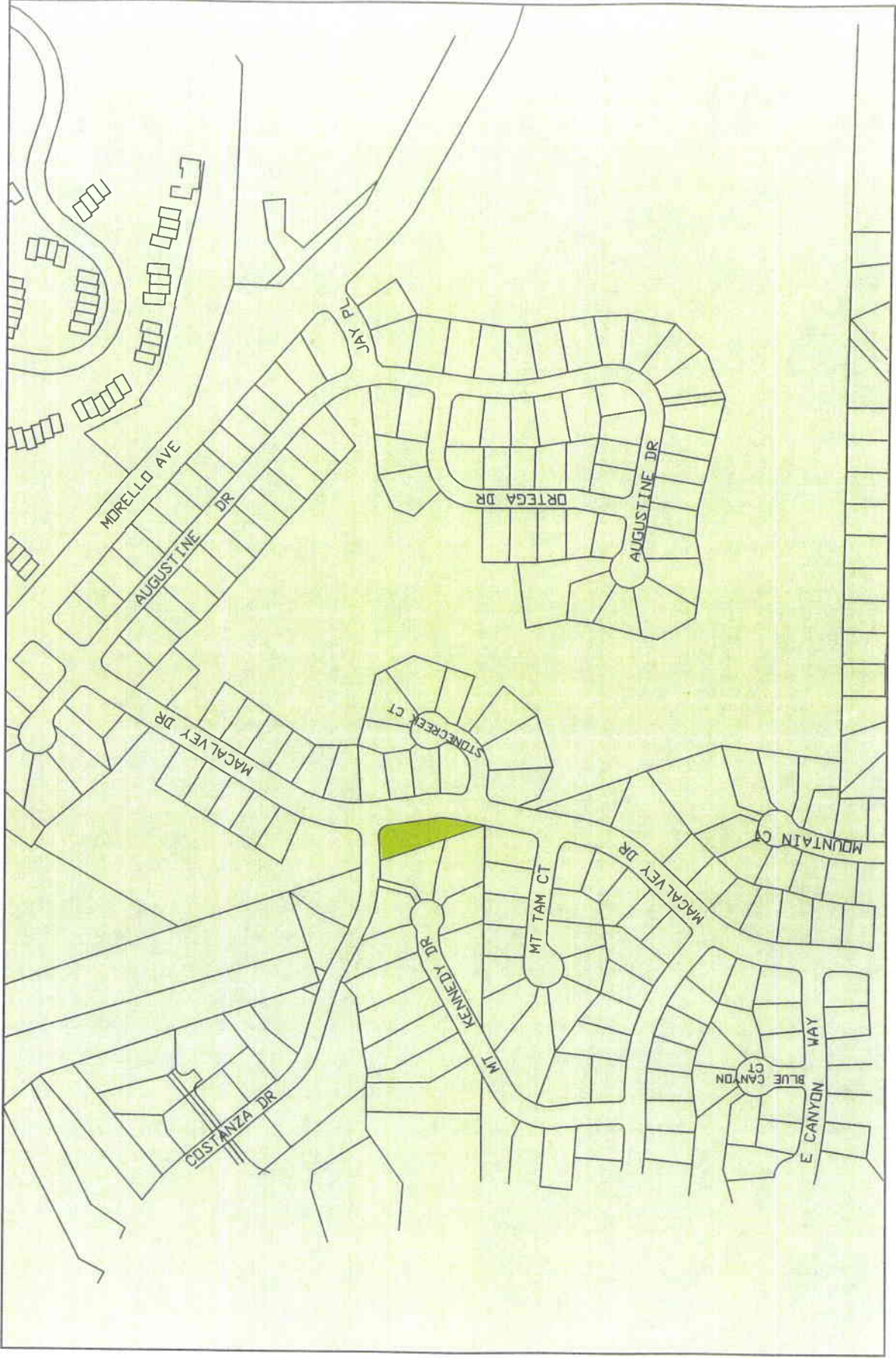
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**MACALVEY OPEN SPACE**  
**1.5 ACRES - APN:155472022**  
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**MACALVEY OPEN SPACE**  
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## 8. Pine Ridge Open Space

### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

Pine Ridge Open Space consists of one parcel totaling 6.4 acres of grass lined hillside with panoramic views of Mount Diablo and the surrounding valley. The open space features unimproved pathways linking the neighboring subdivisions. The area is easily accessible from Griffanti Court to the north, Pinon Court to the east, Missouri Street to the South and Pine Street to the west. The city acquired the parcel in 1981.

### **EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS**

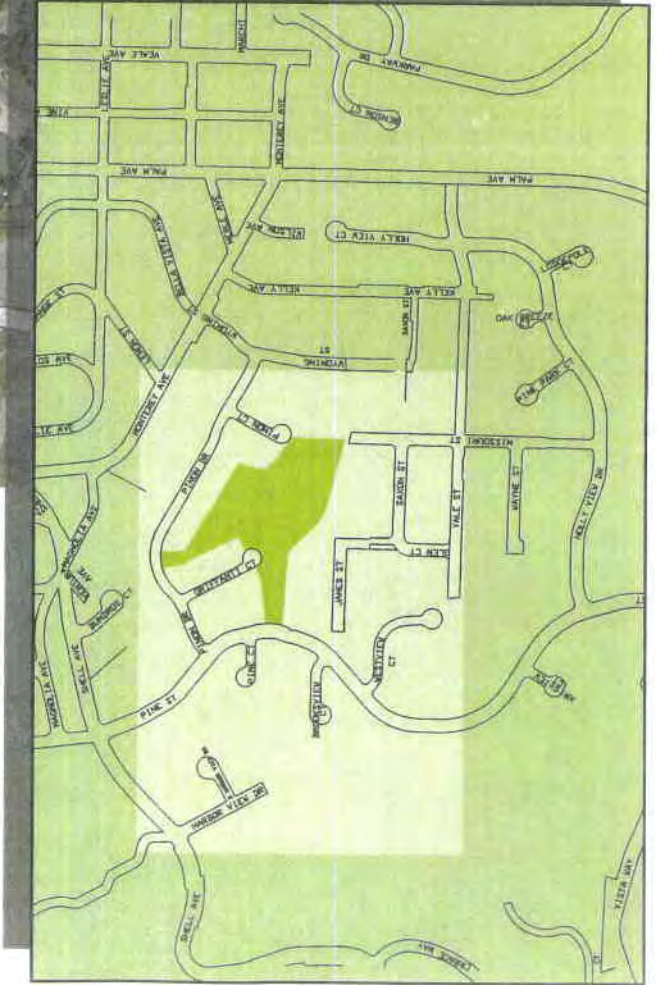
- A. Crushed granite pathway from Griffanti Court to the Missouri Street Bridge
- B. Missouri Street Footbridge

### **MAINTENANCE NEEDS**

- A. Annual fire break disc plowing

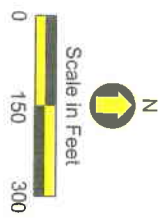
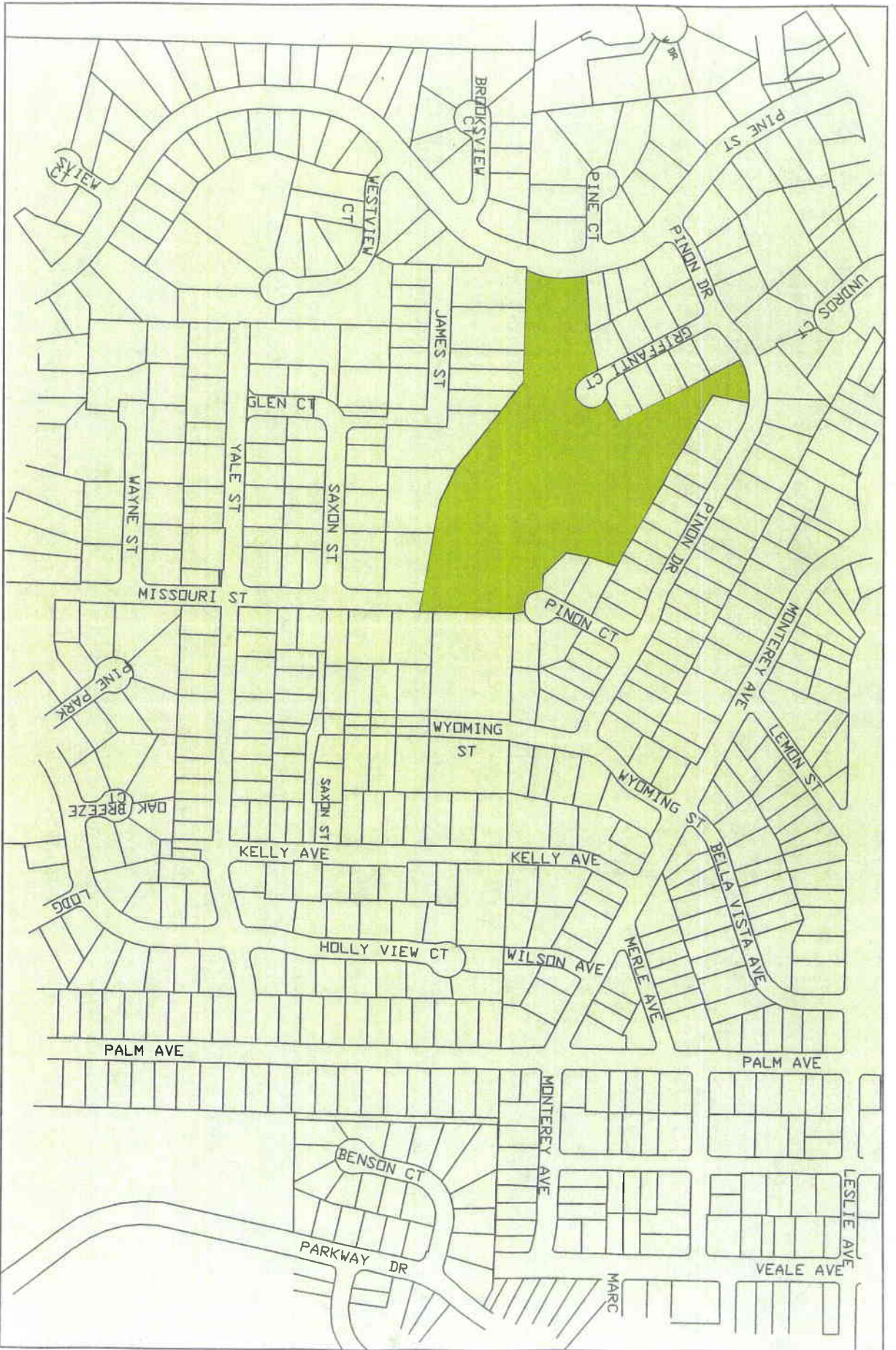
### **PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS**

- A. Crushed granite pathways from Pine Street to Griffanti Court
- B. Pave pathway from Pinon Court to Missouri Street



**PINE RIDGE OPEN SPACE**  
**6.4 ACRES - APN:375123035**  
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**PINE RIDGE OPEN SPACE**  
**MASTER PLAN**  
**CITY OF MARTINEZ**

## 9. Pleasant View Knoll Open Space

### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

Pleasant View Knoll Open Space consists of two parcels totaling approximately 10.6 acres of grass-lined hillside with sweeping views of the delta. It is located to the southeast of Kaiser Medical Center.

The open space features remnants of an orchard. The area is accessible from Hull Lane to the north and Center Avenue to the southwest. The city acquired the southern parcel in 1973 and the northern parcel in 1981.

### **EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS**

- A. None identified

### **MAINTENANCE NEEDS**

- A. Annual fire break disc plowing

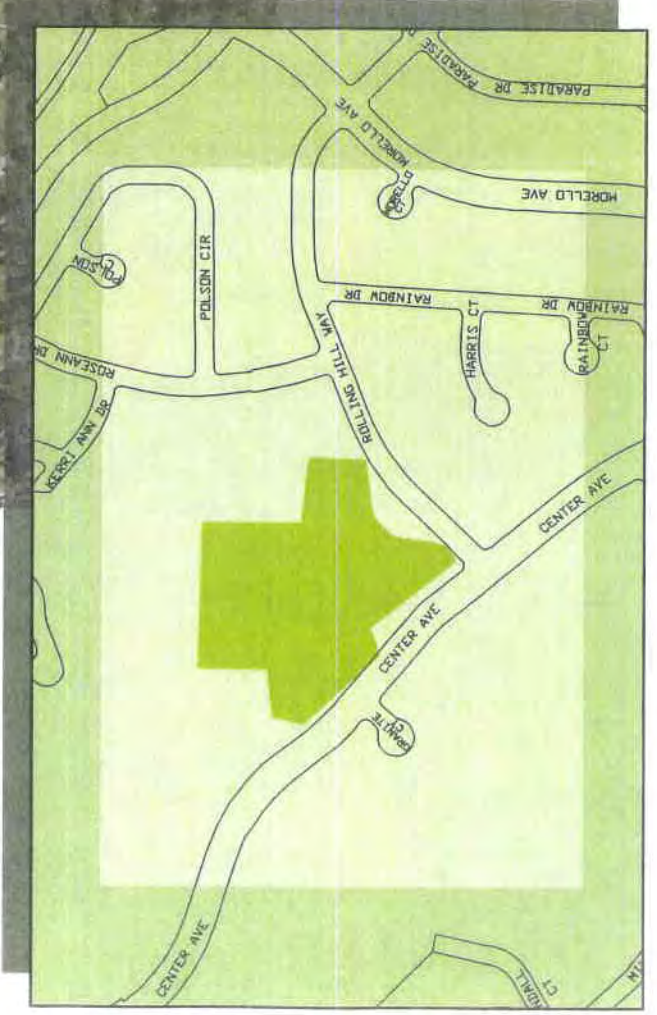
### **PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS**

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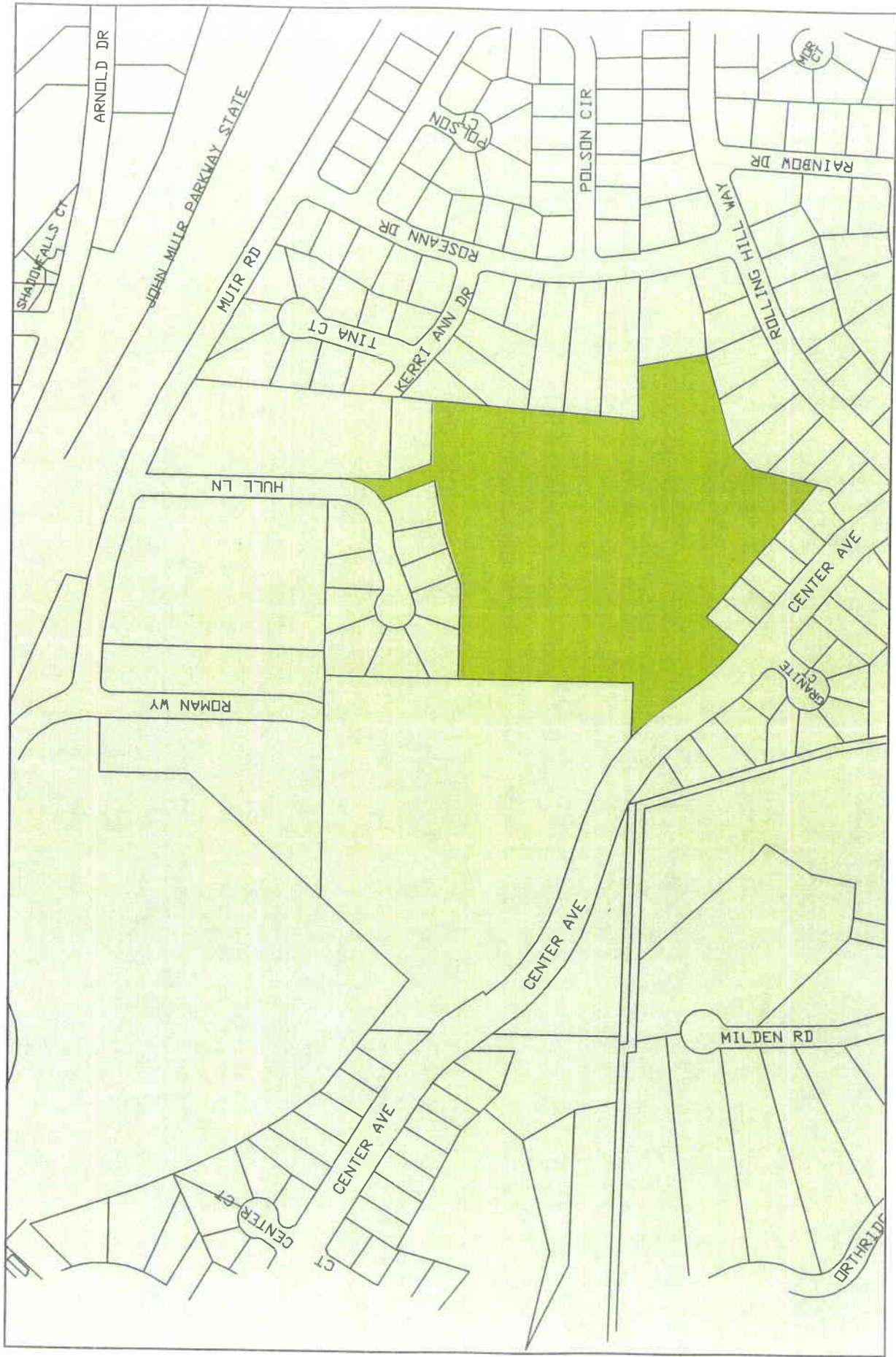




**PLEASANT VIEW KNOLL OPEN SPACE  
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**PLEASANT VIEW KNOLL OPEN SPACE**  
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## 10. Quiet Hills Open Space

### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

Quiet Hills Open Space is bordered by MacAlvey Drive on the west and Morello Avenue on the north. The open space features native foliage. This open space parcel encompasses 40.6 acres.

### **EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS**

- A. California Hiking and Riding Trail maintained by East Bay Regional Park District

### **MAINTENANCE NEEDS**

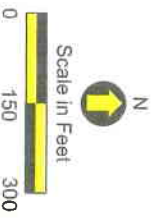
- A. Annual fire break disc plowing and weed abatement

### **PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS**

- A. None identified







**QUIET HILLS OPEN SPACE**  
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# 11. Rankin Park Open Space

## **GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

Rankin Park Open Space consists of one parcel totaling 30 acres on the south side of Rankin Park. The open space features an historic olive grove, native oak trees and a hiking trail with views of the Martinez downtown and marina. The area is accessible from Rankin Park from the north via a fire access road. The city acquired the parcel in 1981.

## **EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS**

- A. California Hiking and Riding Trail maintained by East Bay Regional Park District

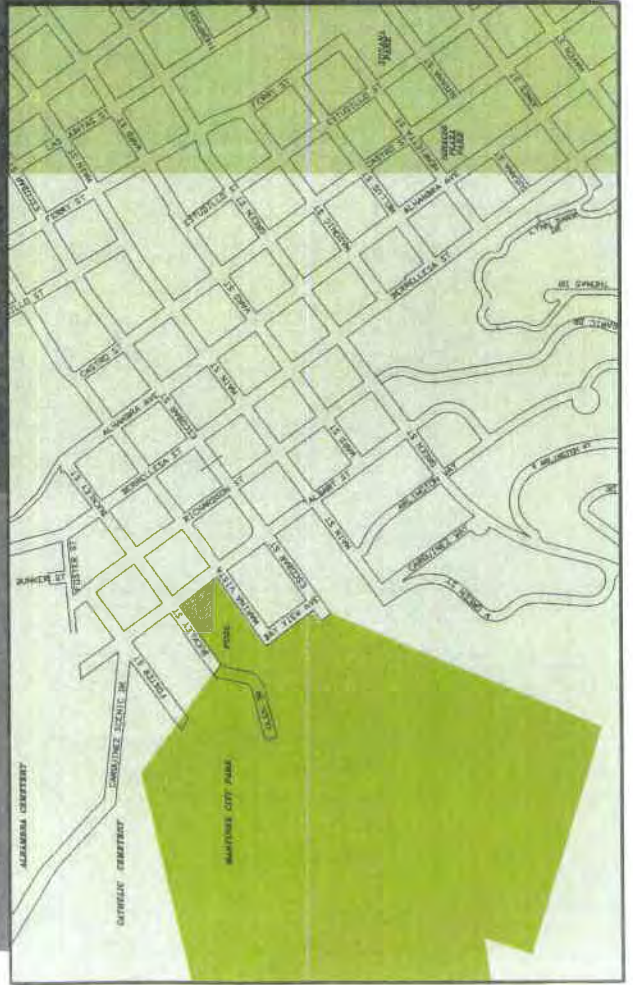
## **MAINTENANCE NEEDS**

- A. Annual fire break disc plowing and weed abatement

## **PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS**

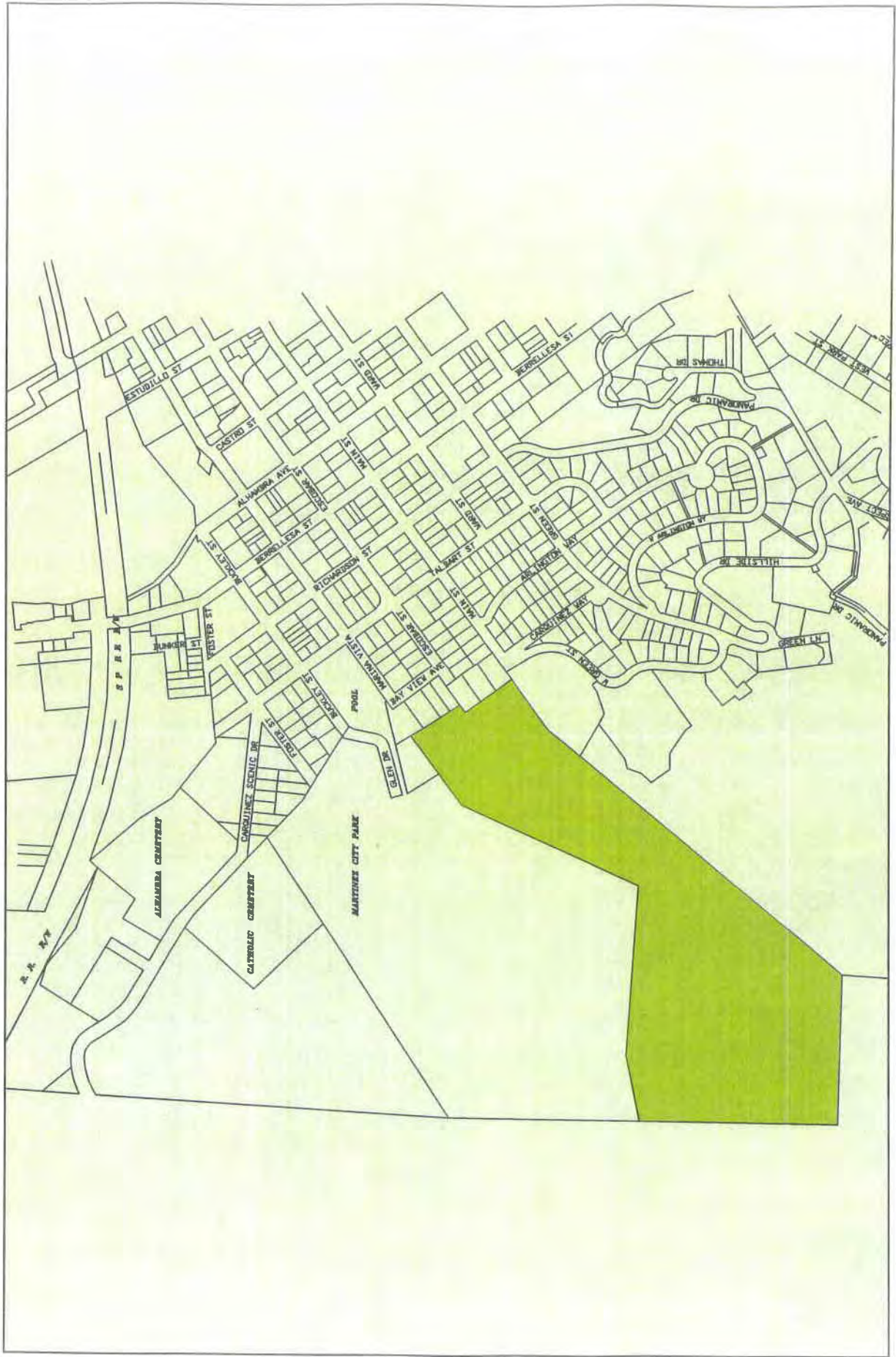
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**RANKIN OPEN SPACE**  
**30 ACRES - APN:372040007**  
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**RANKIN OPEN SPACE  
MASTER PLAN  
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## 12. Roanoke Open Space

### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

Roanoke Open Space consists of three parcels totaling 51.04 acre.

The open space features a narrow canyon with native oak trees and grass-lined hillsides. The area is accessible from a fire trail at the end of Benham Drive and at Roanoke Drive. The area is leased by a private group for horse grazing. The city acquired the largest parcel in 1973 and two smaller parcels in 1981.

### **EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS**

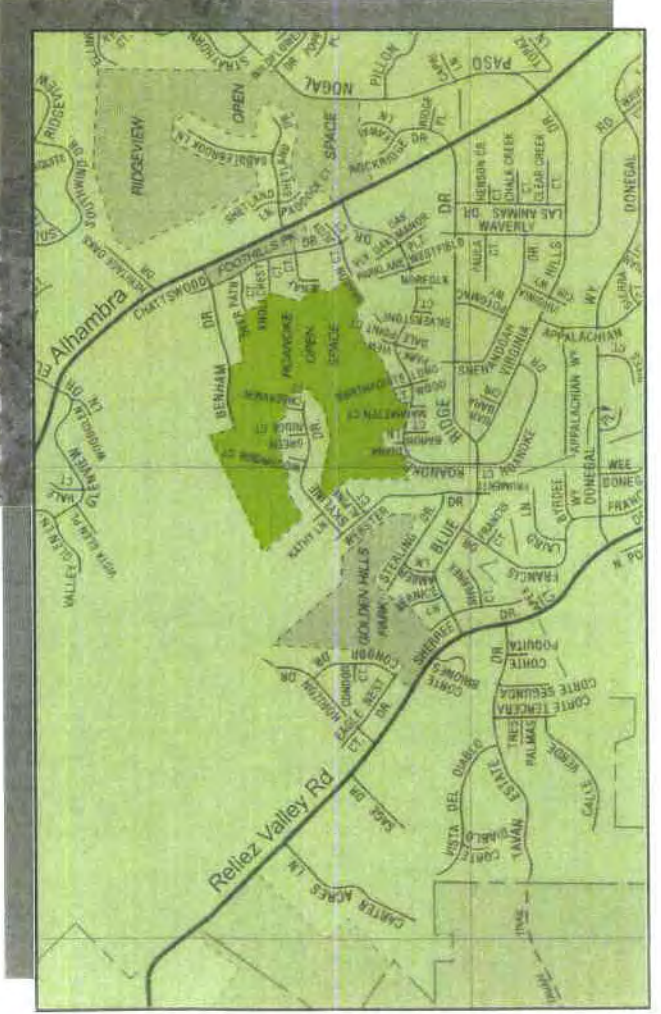
- A. Horse Fencing and pedestrian gate along Benham maintained by lease holder
- B. Fire access gate

### **MAINTENANCE NEEDS**

- A. Annual fire break disc plowing

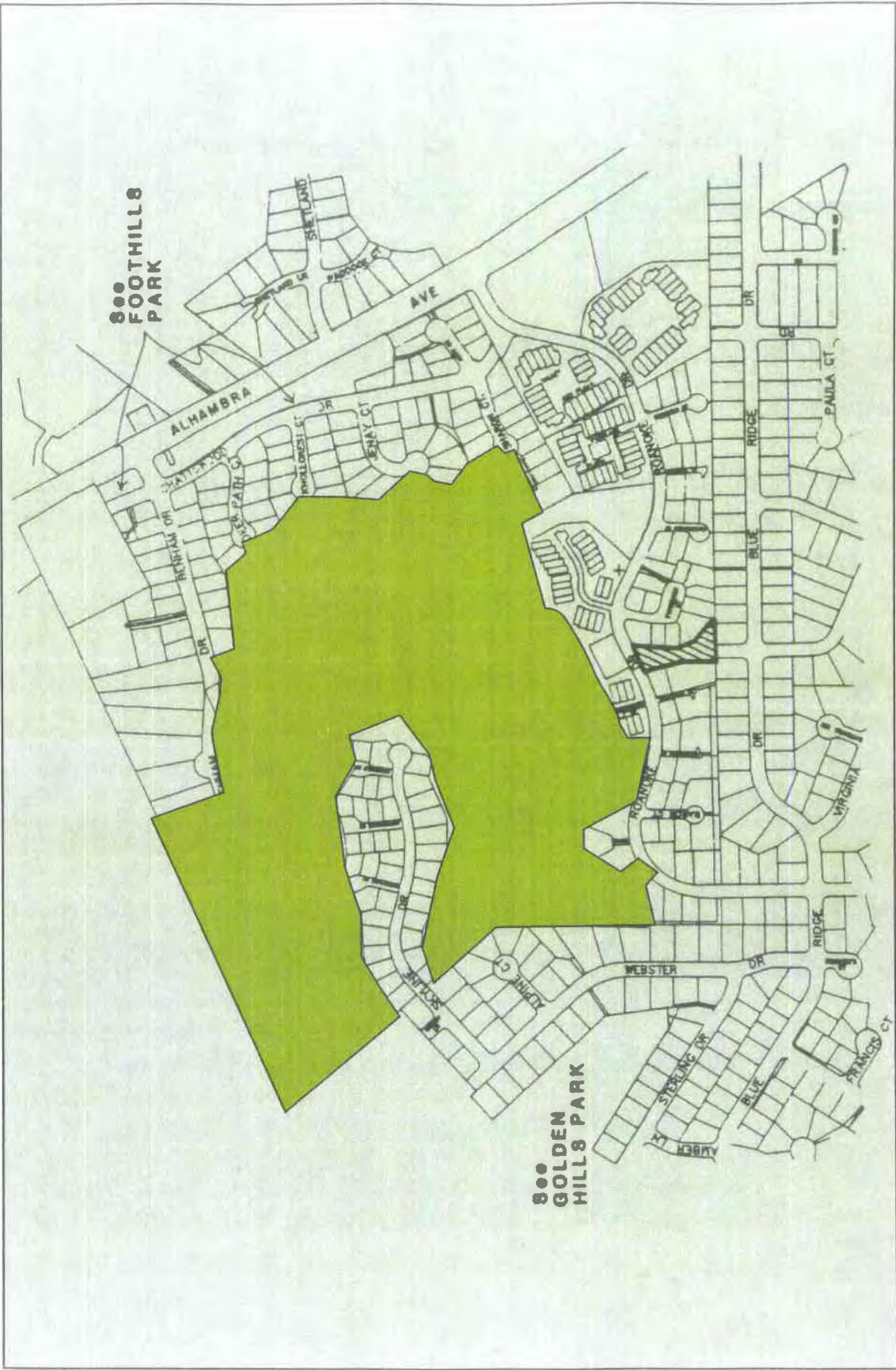
### **PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS**

- A. None identified



**ROANOKE OPEN SPACE**  
**51 ACRES - APN:164470001;164020026;164452059**  
**MASTER PLAN, CITY OF MARTINEZ**





**ROANOKE OPEN SPACE  
MASTER PLAN  
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# 13. Schaefer Memorial Open Space

## GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Schaefer Memorial Open Space consists of one 9 acre parcel located off Duncan Drive. The open space is named for Eric Schaefer who served as Mayor from 1979 – 1983, and perished in a fire in 1989.

The open space features scenic views of Martinez. The area is accessible from Duncan Drive.

## EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS

- A. Hiking and riding loop trail that also serves as emergency vehicle access

## MAINTENANCE NEEDS

- A. Annual fire break disc plowing

## PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

- A. Installation of concrete ditch to control storm water run-off and minimize erosion problems
- B. Planting native drought tolerant vegetation
- C. Possible acquisition of additional lots from Hall/Avalon property to provide better access to the property

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION and RATIONALE

### Schaefer Memorial Open Space Erosion Control Project

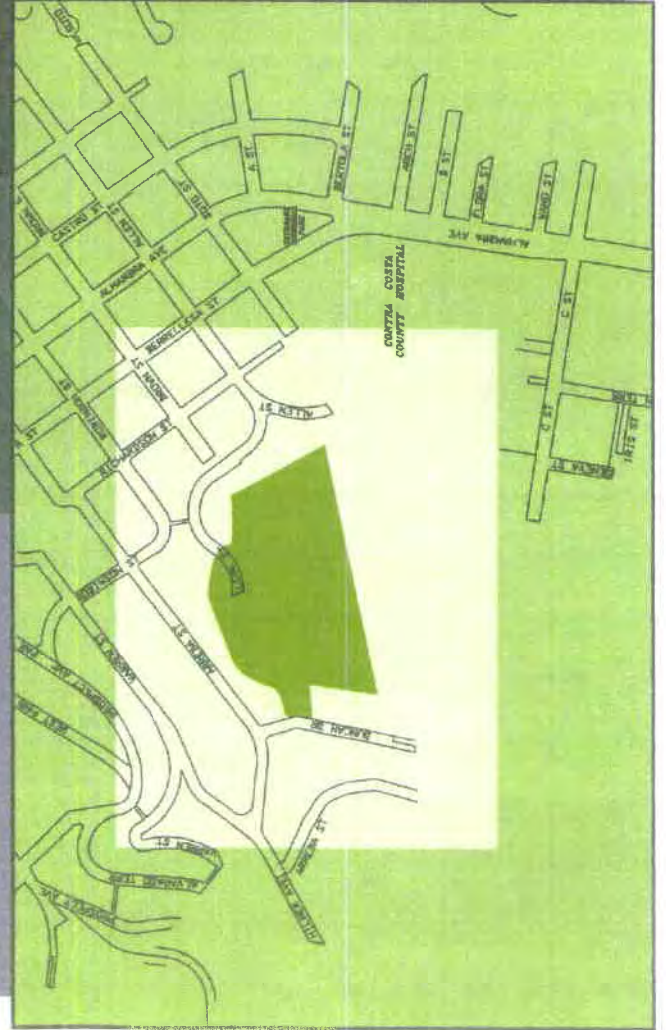
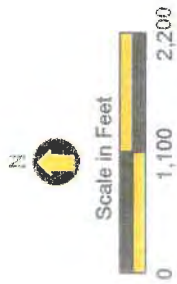
The installation of erosion control measures including a concrete ditch and native drought tolerant plantings can stabilize the soil and reduce storm water runoff.

Item	Estimated Cost
Concrete Ditch system	\$75,000
Native tree planting	\$5,000
<b>Total Estimated Cost</b>	<b><u>\$80,000.00</u></b>

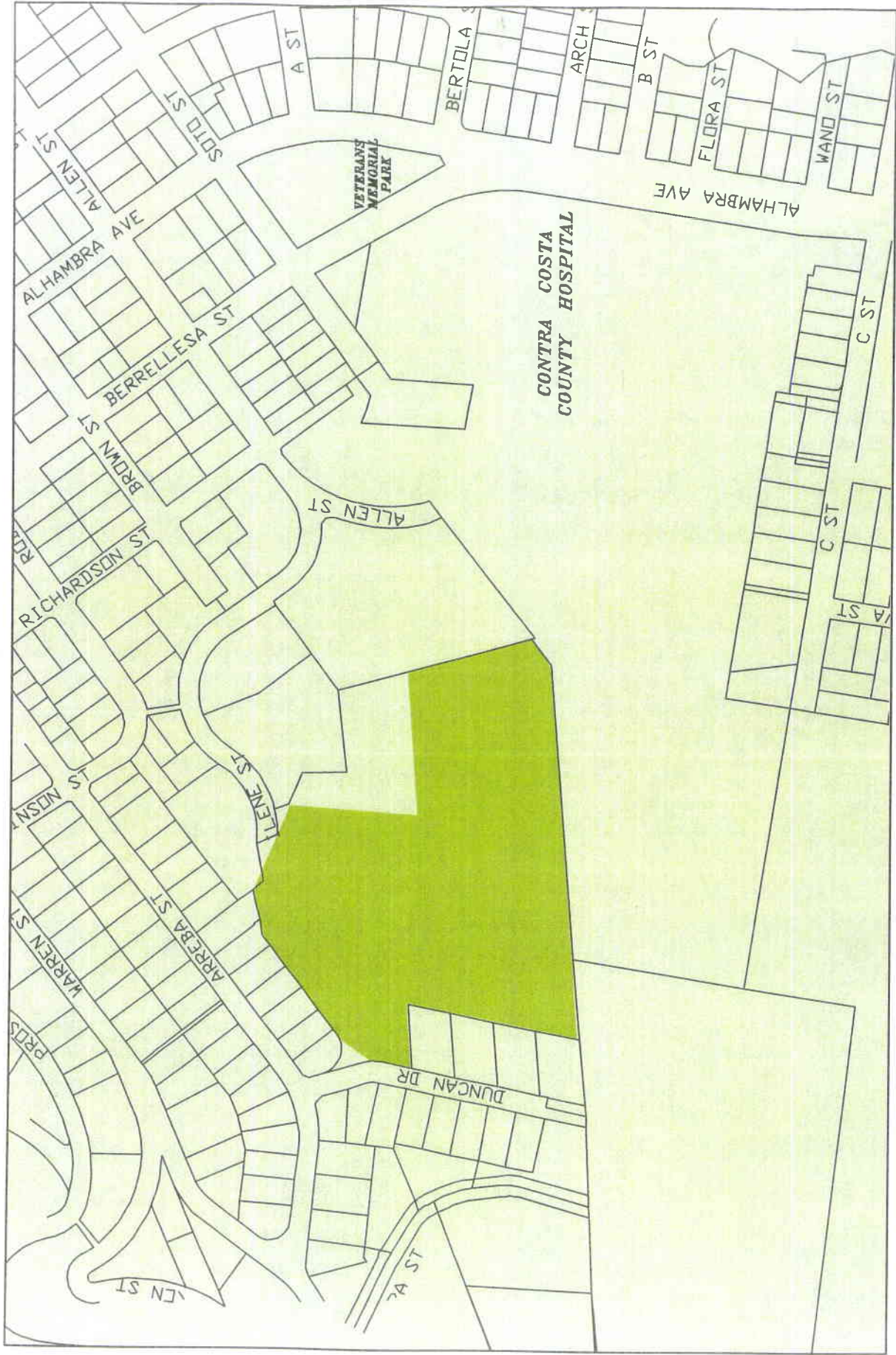




**SCHAEFER MEMORIAL OPEN SPACE**  
**9 ACRES - APN:372182029**  
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**SCHAEFER MEMORIAL OPEN SPACE**  
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## 14. Sunnybrae Open Space

### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

Sunnybrae Open Space consists of two parcels totaling 3.53 acres. The two parcels are located south of Sunnybrae Court and south of Sunnybrae Drive. The area is accessible from Alhambra Avenue on the west end and Wildcroft on the east end. The open space features the Alhambra – Briones dirt trail. The parcels were acquired in 1978.

### **EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS**

- A. Alhambra – Briones dirt trail

### **MAINTENANCE NEEDS**

- A. Annual fire break disc plowing

### **PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS**

- A. None identified



**SUNNYBRAE OPEN SPACE**  
**3.5 ACRES - APN:154720019;154713018**  
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SUNNYBRAE OPEN SPACE  
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## 15. Waterfront Road Open Space

### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

Waterfront Road Open Space consists of one parcel totaling 8.5 acres. The area is accessible from waterfront road. The open space features a quiet, passive recreation site with a decomposed granite pathway that leads out to benches for bird watching or reflection. This site was recently completed and opened for use.

### **MAINTENANCE NEEDS**

- A. None identified

### **PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS**

- A. None identified



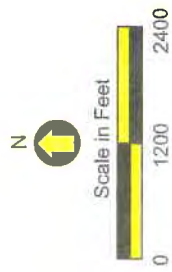
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**WATERFRONT ROAD OPEN SPACE  
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## *G. Recreation Buildings*

### 1. Kiwanis Youth Center

#### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

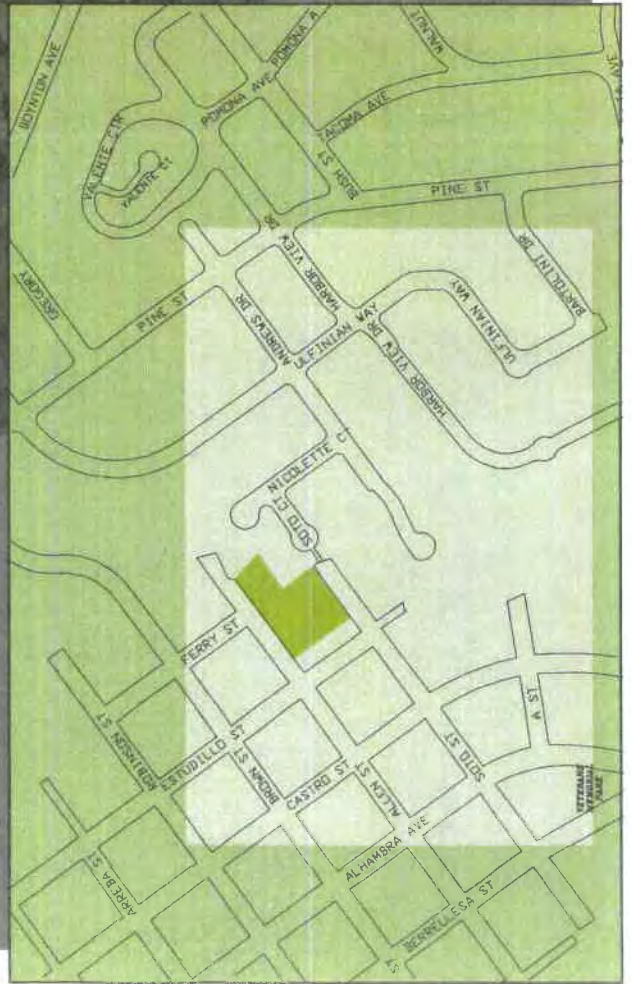
The Kiwanis Youth Center is located at 750 Allen Street. The building was constructed in 1947 and is approximately 2,062 square feet. It is also available for group use through the recreation services office. CDBG grant for renovations in 2005. The building has housed day care programs as well as recreational classes. The Kiwanis Club holds a 99 year lease on the building to enable them to hold their weekly luncheon meetings.

#### **EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS**

- A. Large meeting room with tables and chairs
- B. Restrooms
- C. Kitchen
- D. Fenced play area for children



**KIWANIS YOUTH CENTER**  
**15,800 sq. feet - APN:372251010**  
**MASTER PLAN, CITY OF MARTINEZ**





**KIWANIS YOUTH CENTER  
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**Legend:**

- Entrance
- Chain Link Fence
- Wood Fence
- Retaining Wall
- Meeting Room
- Women's Restroom
- Men's Restroom
- Kitchen
- Storage
- Concrete Patio
- Play Area
- Sand Play Area
- Gate



## 2. Morello Child Care Center

### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

The Morello Child Care Center is located at the end of Morello Hills Drive. The center is located on the Martinez Unified School District property parcel. The building was constructed in 1992 and has approximately 1500 square feet. This building is used for a day care program. It has an outside fenced play area and equipment.

### **EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS**

- A. Large room with tables and chairs
- B. Restrooms
- C. Kitchenette
- D. Fenced play area for children

### **MAINTENANCE NEEDS**

- A. None identified

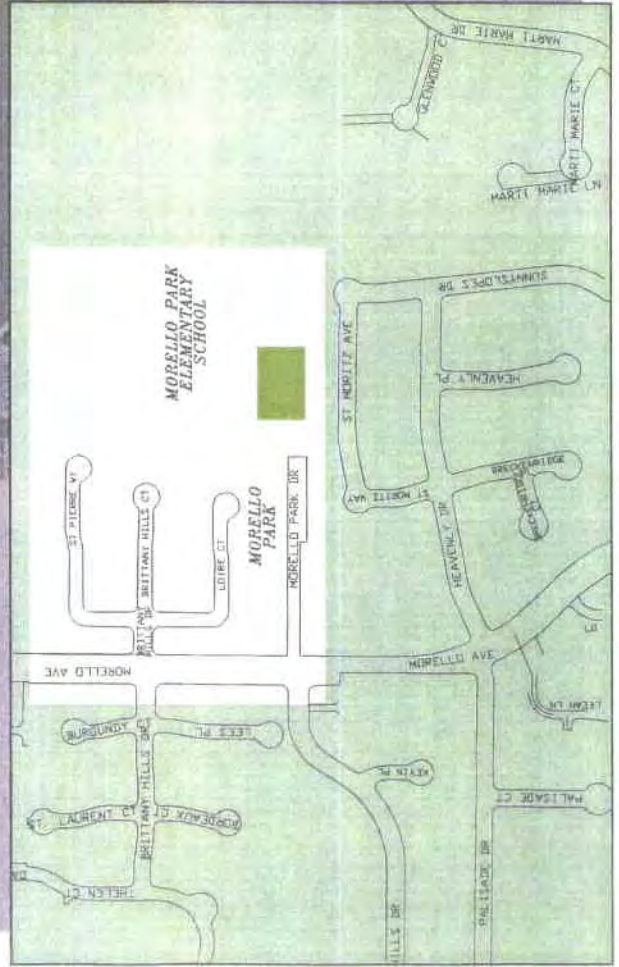
### **PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS**

- A. None identified





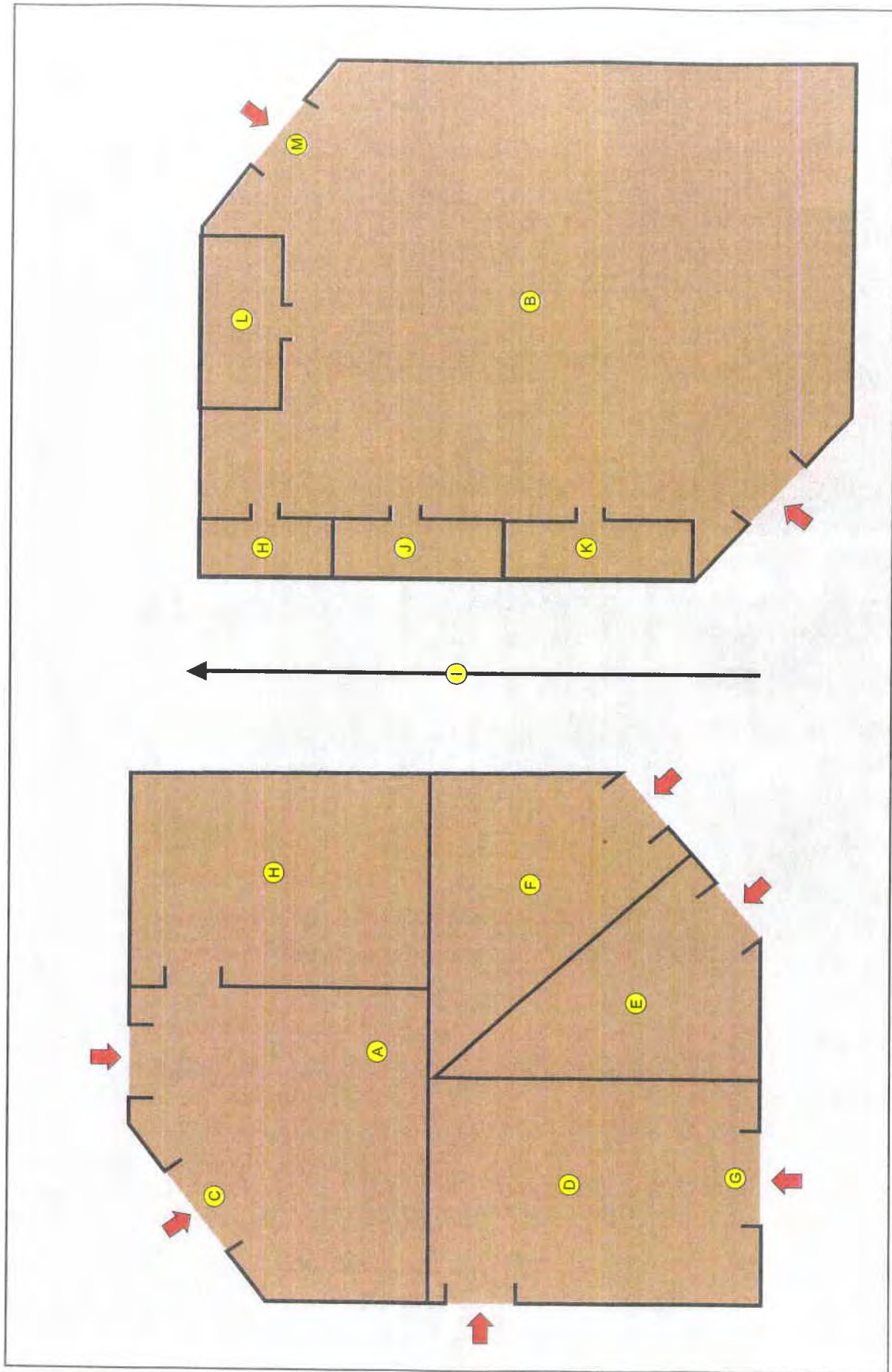
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**MORELLO CHILD CARE CENTER**  
**1,500 SQ.FEET - APN:372251010**  
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**MORELLO CHILDCARE CENTER**  
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**Legend:**

- Entrance/door
- Concessions
- Childcare Center
- Roll-up Window
- Maintenance Room
- Women's Restroom
- Men's Restroom
- Pathway
- Boy's Restroom
- Girl's Restroom
- Office
- Back Door

- (C)
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### 3. Senior Community Center

#### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

The Martinez Senior Community Center is located at 818 Green Street. The property was acquired in 1984. Constructed in 1988, the Center contains approximately 7,000 square feet. It is adjacent to the downtown area and Alhambra Creek. It is available for senior activities during the day, recreation services classes during the evening and rental or special events on the weekends.

#### **EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS**

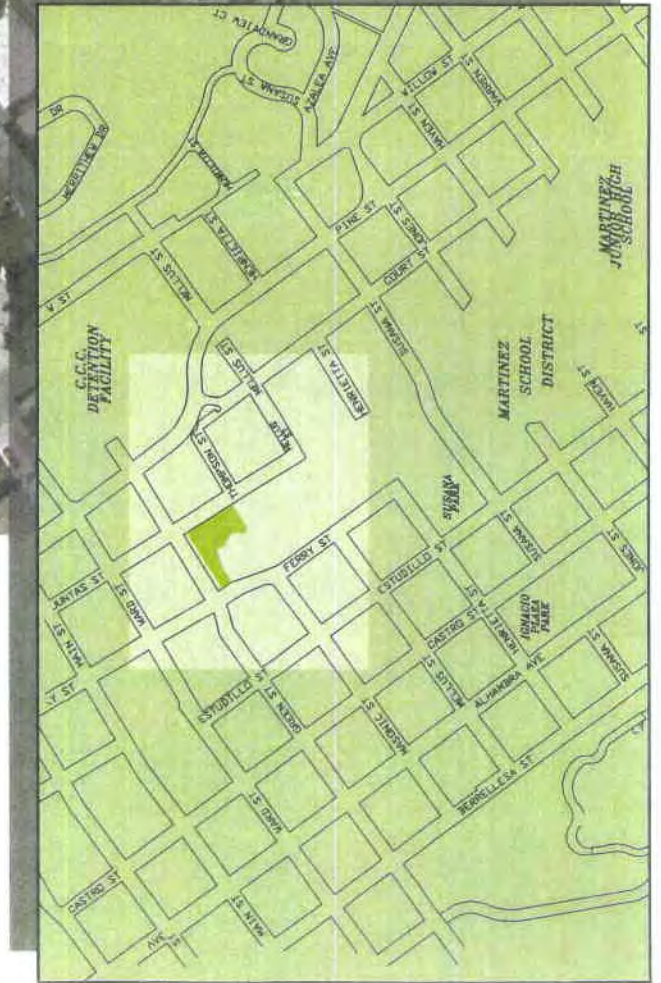
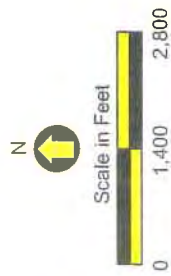
- A. Recreational center
  - a. Large Meeting room with dividers (can be divided into 3 smaller meeting rooms)
  - b. Kitchen with service counter
- B. Lobby, Reception Counter and Staff Offices
- C. Lounge/Game Room
- D. Restrooms
- E. Paved parking lot (34 spaces)
- F. Staff Parking and Rear Fire Lane (3 spaces)
- G. Deck around back exterior of building

#### **PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS**

- A. New floor
- B. New roof

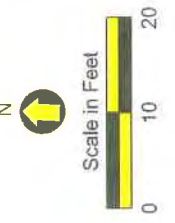


**SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER**  
**24,500 FT. - APN:373151004;373151005\***  
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**SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER**  
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- Legend:**
- Entrance
  - Hall A
  - Hall B
  - Hall C
  - Stage
  - Kitchen
  - Dressing Room
  - Storage
  - Lounge
  - Lobby
  - Office
  - Men's Restroom
  - Women's Restroom
  - Trash Enclosure
  - Deck
  - Ramp
  - Parking Lot

## 4. Golden Hills Recreation Room

### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

The Golden Hills Recreation Room is located in Golden Hills Park. This building is used for recreation programs and community meetings. It is also available for rental through the recreation services office. The capacity is 20 persons for assembly seating or dancing and 35 dining or conference. The building is approximately 900 square feet.

### **EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS**

- A. Small meeting room with tables and chairs
- B. Restrooms
- C. Sink and counter tops

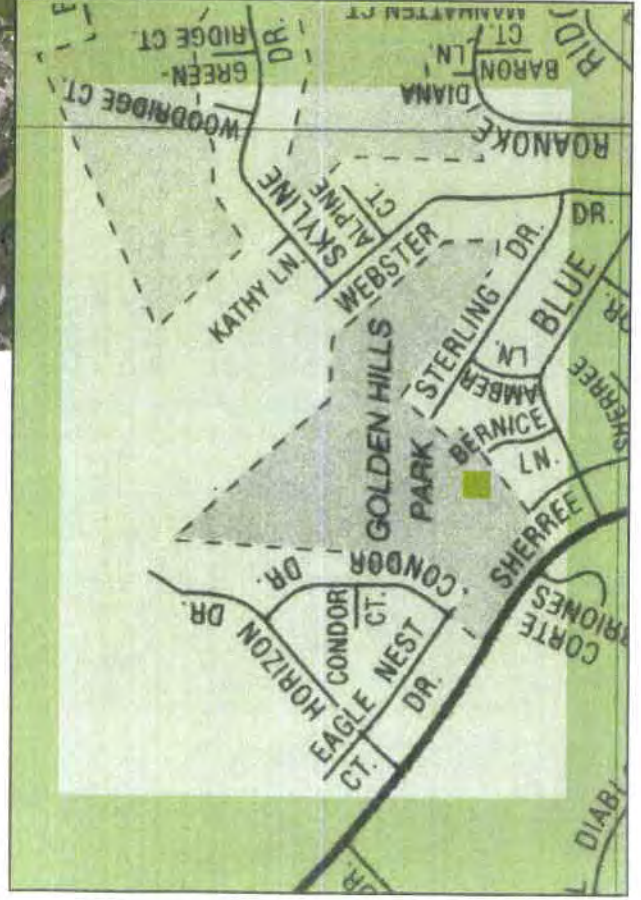
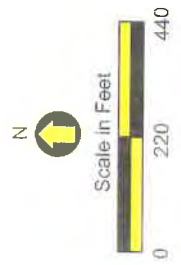
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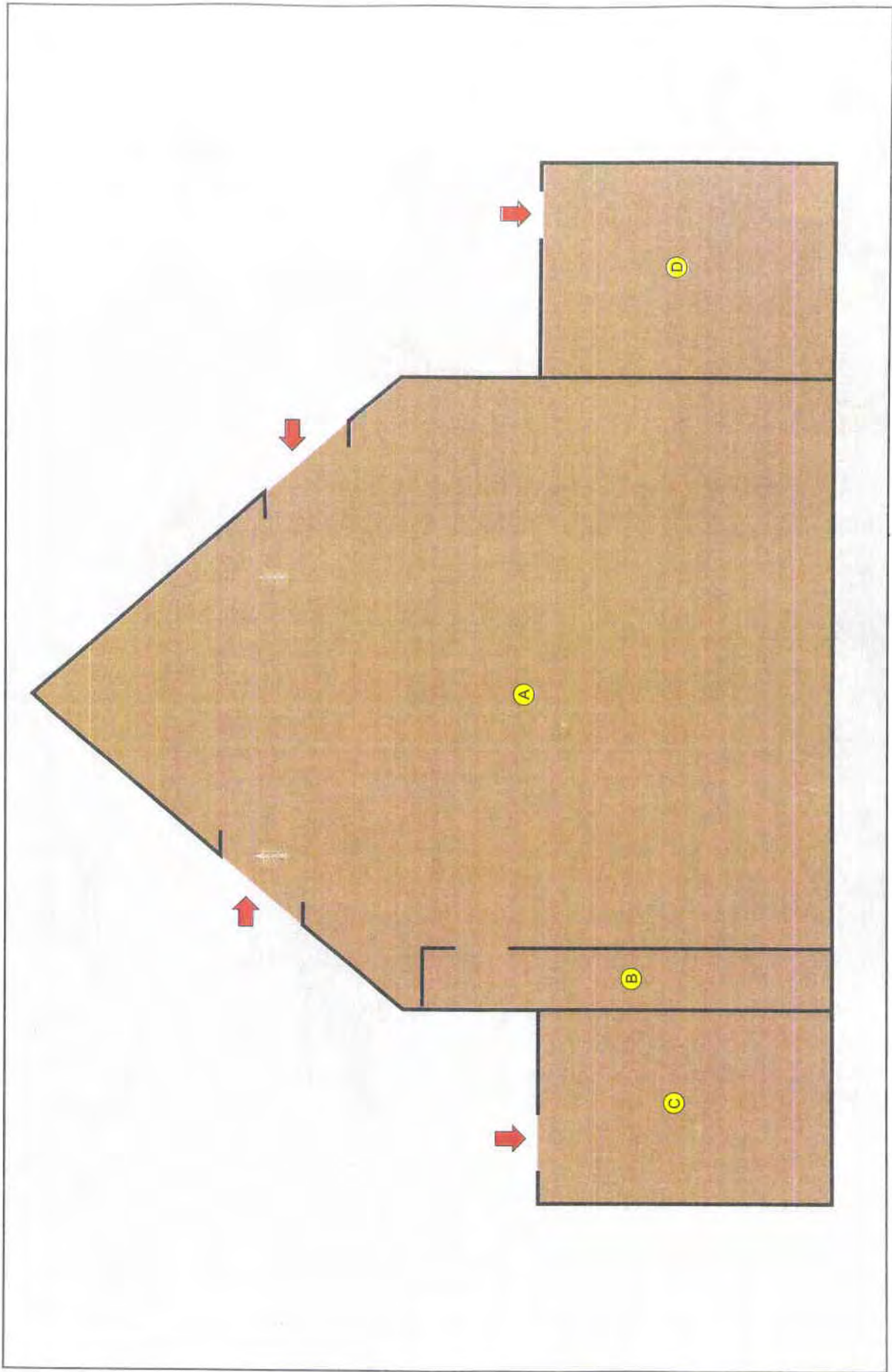
- A. Expansion of the facility and restrooms to accommodate 50-75 persons
- B. Restrooms – modified to meet ADA





**GOLDEN HILLS RECREATION BUILDING  
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**Legend:**

-  Entrance
-  Recreation Building
-  Girl's Restroom
-  Boy's Restroom



**GOLDEN HILLS RECREATION BUILDING**  
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## H. Memorial Areas

There are several types of Memorial Areas in Martinez: groves of trees and benches dedicated to individuals, historic features, and small memorial parks dedicated to prominent persons or historic events in Martinez. The Park and Recreation Commission has a shared interest with the general public and other appointed Commissions in preserving the memory of individuals, features and important events. The Martinez Cemetery Commission conducts bi-annual clean-ups of the Alhambra Historic Cemetery. The Veterans Commission holds memorial events at the Alhambra Cemetery and the Veterans Park. Only those areas under the scope of responsibility of the Park and Recreation Commission are included in this Park System Master Plan.

### **Memorial Gift and Donation Policy**

In July 2003 the City Council adopted Resolution #104-03, to institute a Memorial Gift and Donation Policy in order to provide specific guidelines to donors and city staff. The policy welcomes public participation in the funding of specific benches, trees, gardens, picnic tables, tile or brick pathways and other park and recreation amenities. The City Council designates the Park and Recreation Commission to review requests and make final determination on location and number of memorials in each park. The policy is included in the Appendix D.

# 1. Ferry Point Memorial Tree Grove

## **GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

The Ferry Point Memorial Tree Grove is located along the south and west sides of the Ferry Point Parking Lot. The lagoon and the Carquinez Strait can be viewed from the grove. The Grove is complete and closed to further dedications.

## **EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS**

- A. Area A:
  - a. Sixty-five Memorial Trees
  - b. Twenty Memorial Benches
- B. Area B:
  - a. Fourteen Memorial Trees
  - b. Eighteen Memorial Benches
- C. Memorial Display Map

## **PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS**

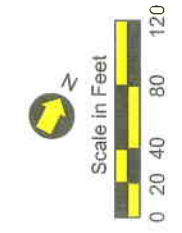
- A. See Memorial Gift and Donation Policy and Ferry Point Park for further information
- B. Renovate sign
- C. Raise trail/provide better drainage to prevent flooding



# MEMORIAL GROVE FERRY POINT PICNIC AREA MASTER PLAN CITY OF MARTINEZ



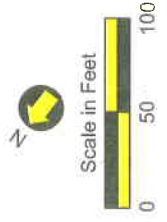
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1	177 Memorial	Holly Oak	Luisen & Julia 777 St
2	Edwards Memorial	Bronze Cedar	Gene J. C. Edwards
3	Miller Memorial	Japanese Cedar	Mrs. John A. Miller
4	Garrett Memorial	Japanese Cedar	Fisher, Walters & Fryman, Shell Oil Company
5	Wanda Mendi Loring Memorial	Redwood Cedar	Corporate Social Responsibility Committee
6	Calcasieu State Drive Committee	Japanese Cedar	Corporate Social Responsibility Committee
7	Earl 1777 Memorial	Japanese Bay Pine	619/941E Local No. 2100
8	McCorm Memorial	California Shore Pine	California Gas Pipeline Company
9	Cheryl Roman Memorial	Redwood Merle	Trappers / Tax Collectors Staff
10	Monte Skinner Memorial	California Shore Pine	Progressive Municipal, King & Norman Trevilco
11	John Calcasieu	Alder	Shelton Dry Channel
12	Deanna Anita DeMico	Japanese Black Pine	Dr. & Mrs. David Calcasieu
13	777	Red Oak (277 area)	Madam & Barbara Keeler
14	Henry Blake	Baldwin Pine	Sandy & Ann Williams, Marge Farris, Fran & Ed, Robert, Robert & John Lacombe
15	Mattias Memorial	Redwood Pine	Chris Potts & Jay Wiley
16	Jeanette Healy	Baldwin Pine	Carly A. Healy
17	Memphis Hill	Baldwin Pine	Ann & Eck Hubley
18	Yuba City Bus	Baldwin Pine	City of Martinez
19	Barbara Merritt	Baldwin Pine	Mr. Scott, Lisa / Mr. / (P. Elbert)
20	Bonnie Jean Pugh	Baldwin Pine	Wendy & Martin Gable and Christine Pugh
21	Gerry Etkin	Baldwin Pine	Paul & Tracy Applegate and Maggie Gels
22	Eric Schaefer	Oak	Mr. & Mrs. Richard 777
23	Eric Schaefer	Oak	Harold & Joan Nussli
24	Monika Sue Meigs	Baldwin Pine	Margie & Larry Goss, Jerry Avila, and Virginia Schaefer
25	Francis Alois Martin	Baldwin Pine	Bravo Martin and Family
26	City Officials	Redwood Pine	Mayor and City Council
27	Eric Schaefer Memorial Grove	Redwood Pine	City of Martinez
28	Eric Schaefer	White, weathered picnic table	Robert Maloy
29	Traci Alan Moss	Redwood	Miss Parks
30	Billy Bowman	Baldwin Pine	Margie Byers
31	Julius & Susan Lopez	2 Baldwins Pine	Dorothy & Philip Lopez
32	Rachel Garcia	Baldwin Pine	Sandra & Ross Garcia
33	Howard Rex, Jr	California Black Pine	City Staff
34	Ray D. Little	Baldwin Pine	Thomas J. Little







**FERRY POINT PICNIC AREA  
(FERRY POINT MEMORIAL  
TREE GROVE)  
MASTER PLAN  
CITY OF MARTINEZ**



- Legend:**
- Street Light
  - Memorial Bench
  - Bench
  - Entrance
  - Picnic Tables
  - Memorial
  - Memorial Tree Kiosk
  - Turf
  - Parking Lot
  - Eric Shaefer Memorial Grove
  - Sand Beach



## 2. Hidden Lakes Memorial Oak Tree Grove

### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

The Hidden Lakes Memorial Oak Tree Grove is located in the southwest area of the Open Space. The grove is open to dedications.

### **EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS**

- A. None Identified

### **PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS**

- A. Space for up to 50 native oak trees
- B. Memorial Display Map
- C. Irrigation
- D. See Memorial Gift and Donation Policy for further information
- E. Developed paved/gravel pathways

## 3. Historic Train Display

### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

The train display area is located along the west side of the entrance to Martinez Regional Shoreline at the end of Ferry Street. The train was moved from Rankin Park to its present site in 1984 where it was restored and enclosed in an area of approximately 14,375sq. ft. obtained by amendment to the agreement with the East Bay Regional Park District.

### **HISTORY OF MASTER PLAN**

Landscape Architects Swanson and Swanson prepared the implementation plan in January 1990. The project was a combined effort between East Bay Regional Park District and the City of Martinez.

### **EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS**

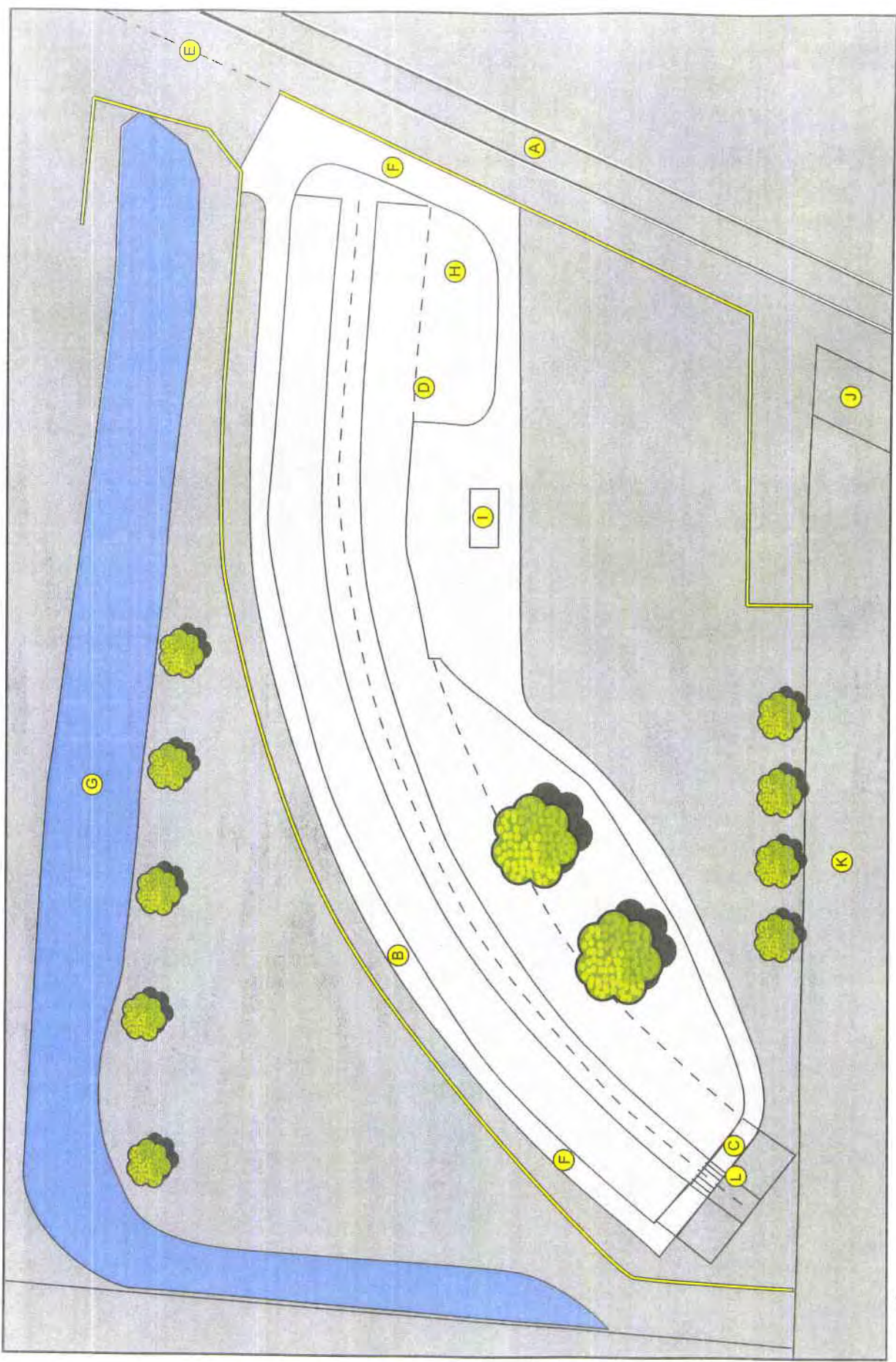
- A. Train engine, tender, boxcar and caboose
- B. Security fencing
- C. Train signal light and telephone kiosk
- D. Decomposed granite pathway and rail fence
- E. Trees and irrigation system

### **PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS**

- A. Equipment to be relocated to the old train station



# TRAIN DISPLAY MASTER PLAN CITY OF MARTINEZ



**Legend:**

- A** Existing Railroad
- B** Gravel Path
- C** Ramp Down
- D** Message Pole (by others)
- E** Union Pacific ROW Line
- F** Ramp Up
- G** Drainage Channel
- H** Signal
- I** Covered Seating (by others)
- J** Loading Dock Area
- K** Warehouse
- L** Railroad Tie Crossing



## 4. John Muir Memorial Park

### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

The John Muir Memorial Park is located at the intersection of Alhambra Avenue and Alhambra Valley Road and features a statue of John Muir and landscaping. The parcel was acquired in 1989 and is 18,295 sq. ft.

The statue and first phase of landscaping was provided by Shell Oil Company. Some off street parking and a City pump station is on the southern portion of this lot.

### **EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS**

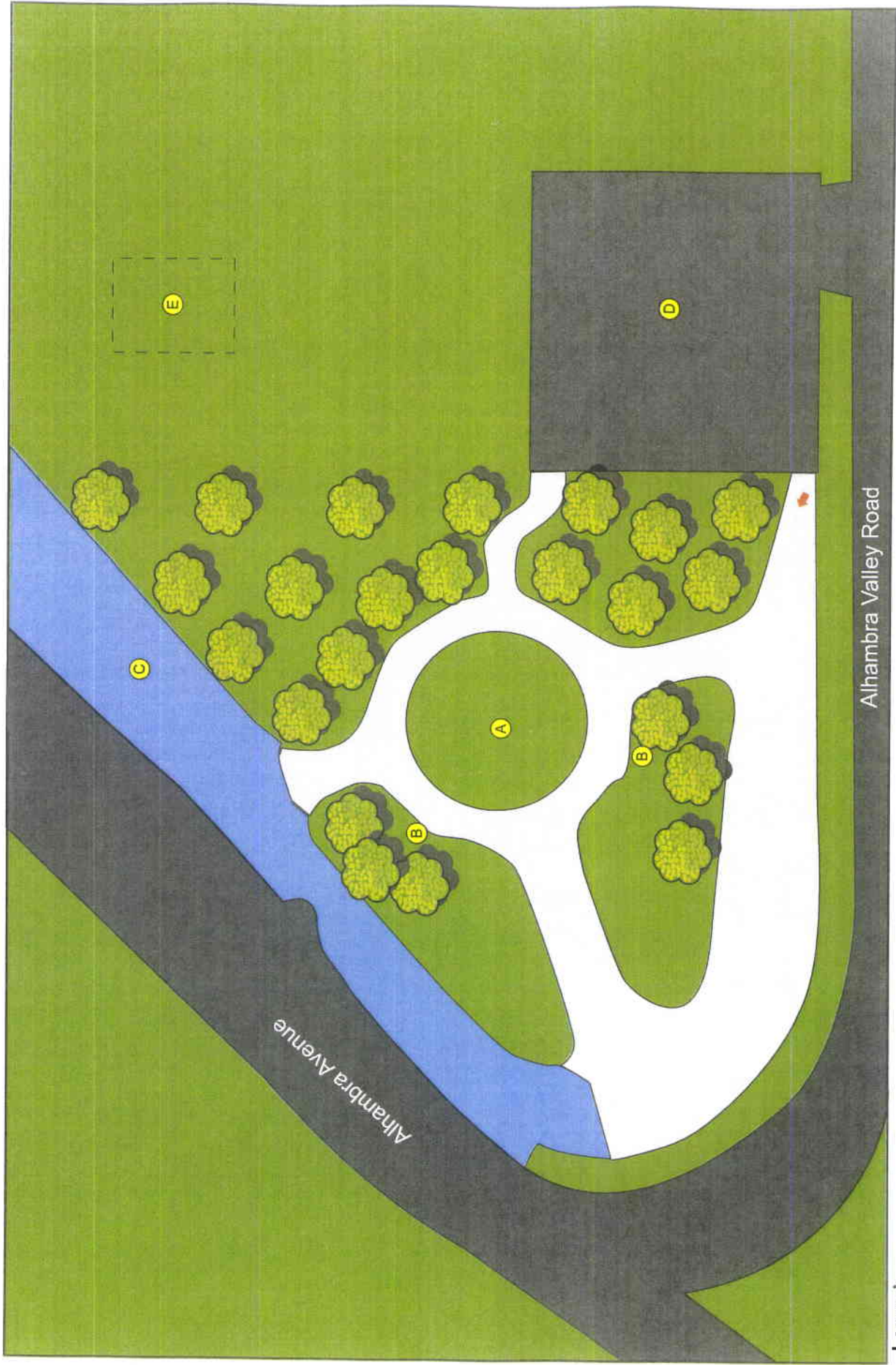
- A. Statue of John Muir
- B. Landscaping that includes native shrubs and redwood trees
- C. Informal decomposed granite pathways
- D. Automatic irrigation system

### **PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS**







- A. None identified



**JOHN MUIR MEMORIAL  
MASTER PLAN  
CITY OF MARTINEZ**



**Legend:**

-  Entrance
-  John Muir Statue
-  Rock Seats
-  Existing Drainage Ditch
-  Parking Lot
-  Future Water Pump Station

## 5. Veterans' Memorial Park

### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

The Veterans Memorial Park is located at the intersection of Alhambra Avenue and Berrellesa Street. This small park is used primarily for memorial ceremonies. It was completed by the City in cooperation with a developer in 1998.

### **EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS**

- A. All Veterans Statue
- B. Plaque
- C. Two benches
- D. Flag pole

### **PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS**

- A. None identified



VETERANS' MEMORIAL PARK  
 MASTER PLAN  
 CITY OF MARTINEZ



Legend:

- Bench
- Street Light
- Entrance
- Monument
- Lawn
- Flag Pole
- Seat Wall
- Optional Podium
- Senior Housing Project
- Brick Paving
- Relocated Wrought Iron Fence

# I. Major Trails

## INTRODUCTION

Within and adjacent to its borders, Martinez residents enjoy an exceptional trail system. Trails are both popular and functional. The trails provide access to and through rolling hills, teeming wetlands and sweeping vistas. As an alternative for non-motorized transportation, trails are now considered part of a network that spans the region through natural areas devoid of car traffic.

Trail Name	Surface	Alignment/Trail	Use
California State Riding and Hiking Trail	Dirt	Known/Existing	Horse
Contra Costa Canal Trail	Paved/Gravel	Known/Existing	Bike
Alhambra Hills Trail	Dirt	Known/No Trail	Horse
Briones to California Riding and Hiking Trail	Dirt	Proposed	
Bay Area Ridge Trail: Briones to Martinez Shoreline		In Development	
Contra Costa Feeder Trail #1	Dirt	Known/Existing	
Hercules to Briones Trail	Dirt		
John Muir Trail	Dirt		
Bay Trail Martinez Shoreline Segment	Dirt/Gravel		

In Martinez, both completed and proposed trails will provide an important link between natural public spaces and lead to many destinations, from Briones Regional Park in the south to the Carquinez Regional Shoreline and Waterfront Park in the north. They include a number of regional trails, including the California Riding and Hiking Trail, the Bay Area Ridge Trail, and the Bay Trail. The California Riding and Hiking Trail crosses the city, border to border. The Bay Trail may someday encircle San Francisco and San Pablo bays. The 400-mile Bay Area Ridge Trail, when completed, will completely encircle the Bay. A new trail alignment may link to the Contra Costa Canal Trail.

Due to the need for coordinated regional planning, and interagency agreements to provide for local maintenance, trail system plans for various agencies tend to connect and overlap. The following abbreviations refer to agencies and documents which are referenced in the following trail descriptions.

EBRPD (1997)	East Bay Regional Park District 1997 Master Plan
County (1970)	Contra Costa County Recreation Element of 1970 General Plan
City (1981)	City of Martinez Circulation Element of 1981 General Plan
City	City of Martinez Alhambra Hills Specific Plan of 1987 (Alhambra SP-1987)
ABAG	Association of Bay Area Governments
PG&E	Pacific Gas and Electric Company



Some of the trails identified in the Park System Master Plan now exist while others are still conceptual and require further study. Before easements can be acquired these questions must be answered:

Is this trail feasible considering geographic and land use constraints?

Have several alternate routes, based on geography and aesthetics, been shown on a map?

Who will be the lead agency, and/or the maintenance agency for new trails?

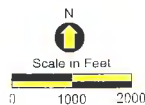


**TRAILS**

- |                                        |                                                    |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| (H) California Riding and Hiking EBRPD | (T) John Muir Trail                                |
| (H2) Alhambra Hills                    | (B1) Contra Costa Canal Trail, EBRPD               |
| (H3) Alhambra - Briones                | (B2) Bay Trail, EBRPD (Martinez Shoreline Segment) |
| (H4) Alhambra - Franklin               | (B3) Rellax Valley                                 |
| (H5) (Franklin Canyon) Feeder Trail #1 |                                                    |
| (H6) Hercules - Briones                |                                                    |

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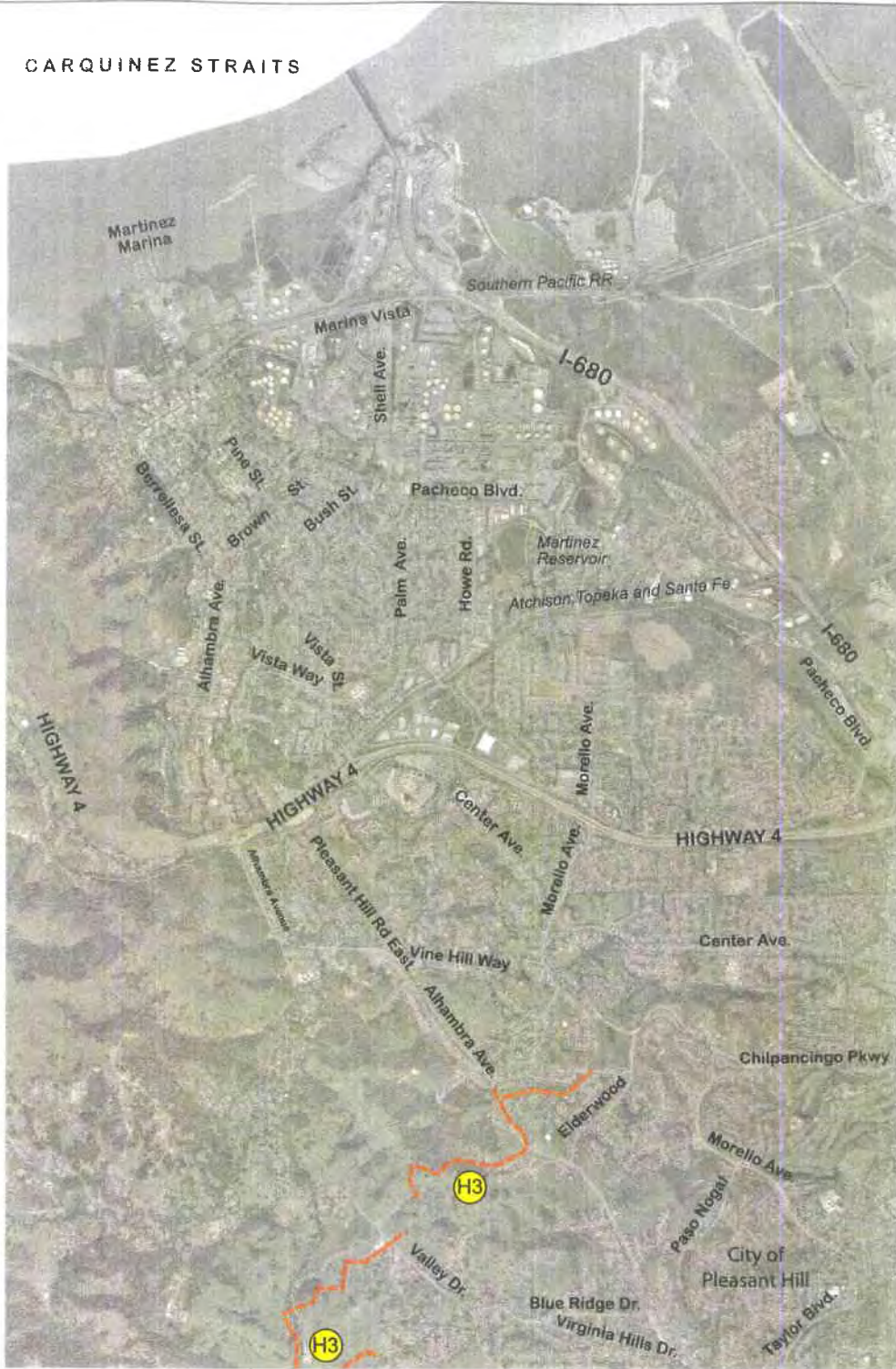
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|     | Trail - Alignment known, no trail                             |
|     | Trail - Alignment known, trail existing                       |
| (H) | Trails - with improvements for horse use                      |
| (T) | Trails - with dirt surface suitable for hiking                |
| (B) | Trails - with paved surface and improvements for bicycle use* |




**TRAILS SYSTEM  
MASTER PLAN  
CITY OF MARTINEZ**






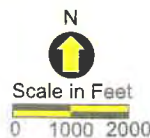
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**SYMBOLS**

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-  Trail - Alignment known, trail existing
-  Alhambra - Briones Trail

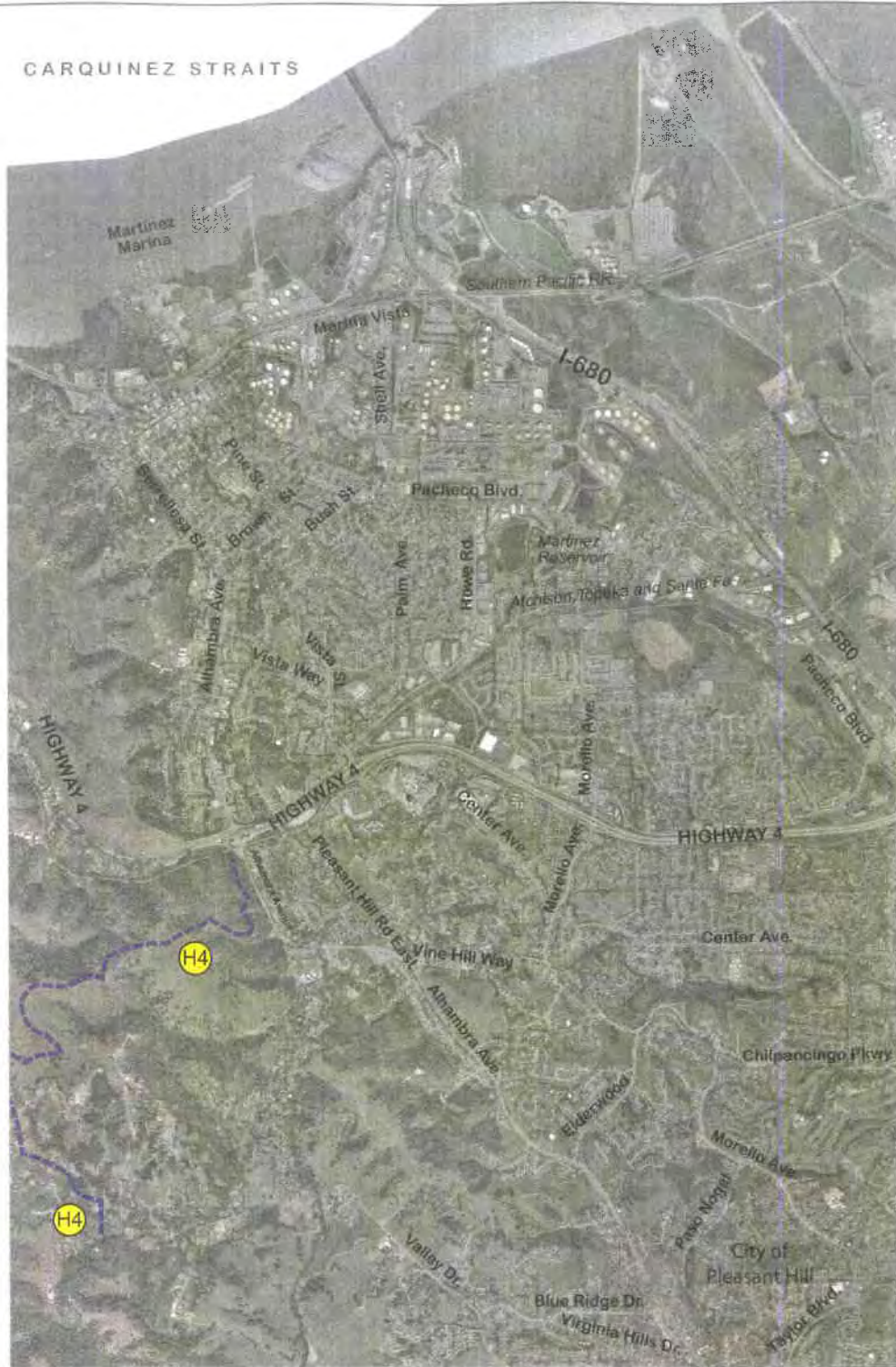
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**ALHAMBRA - BRIONES TRAILS SYSTEM MASTER PLAN CITY OF MARTINEZ**



CARQUINEZ STRAITS



**SYMBOLS**

- - - - - Trail - Alignment not established
- - - - - Trail - Alignment known, no trail
- - - - - Trail - Alignment known, trail existing
- H4 Alhambra - Franklin Trail

- H Trails - with improvements for horse use
- T Trails - with dirt surface suitable for hiking
- B Trails - with paved surface and improvements for bicycle use



**ALHAMBRA - FRANKLIN TRAILS SYSTEM MASTER PLAN CITY OF MARTINEZ**



# 1. California State Riding and Hiking Trail

## **DESCRIPTION**

This 20.35 mile long historic trail, some portions of which were established in the 1940s, provides spectacular views, community access and a challenging experience to trail users of various abilities. When completed, it will connect Carquinez Strait shoreline in Martinez to the Lime Ridge Open Space in Concord. The Martinez segment passes from Carquinez Regional Shoreline (Nejedley Staging Area) over the Franklin Hills and makes a connection to the John Muir National Historic Site. It crosses Highway 4 near Alhambra Avenue and winds through the Muir Oaks and Hidden Lakes sections of southern Martinez. The trail uses a portion of the Contra Costa Canal Trail as it exits Martinez into Pleasant Hill. Recreation sites along the way include Rankin Park, John Muir National Historic Site, including Mt. Wanda, Hidden Valley Park, Hidden Lakes Park and open space.

## **STATUS**

The trail is a dirt trail maintained by EBRPD with staging areas at the Carquinez Regional Shoreline and Mt. Wanda.

## **USERS**

Horseback riders, hikers and mountain bikers all use the trails

## **DESIGNATIONS**

City (1981) identifies the trail as an existing hiking and riding trail

EBRPD (1997) identifies the trail as an existing trail

County (1970) identifies the trail as a hiking and riding trail

CARQUINEZ STRAITS

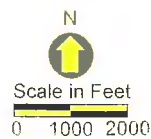


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- Trail - Alignment known, trail existing

(H1) California Riding and Hiking, (EBRPD)

- (H) Trails - with improvements for horse use
- (T) Trails - with dirt surface suitable for hiking
- (B) Trails - with paved surface and improvements for bicycle use



**CALIFORNIA RIDING  
AND HIKING (EBRPD)  
TRAILS SYSTEM  
MASTER PLAN  
CITY OF MARTINEZ**



## 2. Contra Costa Canal Trail

### **DESCRIPTION**

This 13.49-mile trail is one of the first Regional Trails established in 1976. This multi-use, whole-access trail is a 10-foot wide paved pathway suitable for bikers, runners and equestrians. Created through a cooperative effort of the Contra Costa Water District, The Bureau of Reclamation and EBRPD, the trail provides a safe, off-road corridor connecting Martinez, Pleasant Hill, Walnut Creek, and Concord.

The trail follows the Contra Costa Canal along the eastern Martinez City limits entering from the County at Center Avenue from Chilpancingo Parkway near Pleasant Hill. The Center Avenue to Muir Road segment is within the City limits, the remainder is in the County. Recreation sites along the way include the Hidden Lakes/Hidden Valley recreation complex, Contra Costa Country Club and access to Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill.

### **STATUS**

Open to public use along a paved 10-ft. wide service road parallel to the Contra Costa Canal. The north of Highway 4 segment is not complete. The maintenance agency is EBRPD.

### **USERS**

Bicyclists, hikers, joggers and walkers

### **DESIGNATIONS**

City (1981) identifies this trail as a jogging and hiking trail

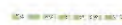


County (1970) identifies this trail as a hiking and bicycle trail

EBRPD (1997) identifies the full extent of this trail




CARQUINEZ STRAITS



**SYMBOLS**

-  Trail - Alignment not established
-  Trail - Alignment known, no trail
-  Trail - Alignment known, trail existing

 Contra Costa Canal Trail (EBRPD)

-  Trails - with improvements for horse use
-  Trails - with dirt surface suitable for hiking
-  Trails - with paved surface and improvements for bicycle use



**CONTRA COSTA CANAL (EBRPD)  
TRAILS SYSTEM  
MASTER PLAN  
CITY OF MARTINEZ**



### 3. Alhambra Hills Trail (Proposed)

#### DESCRIPTION

The proposed trail would begin at several trailheads in the vicinity of Benham, Webster and Horizon Drives and head northwest, crossing John Swett School to Alhambra Valley Road. It then would enter the hills to the west and veer north to join the California Hiking and Riding Trail.

#### STATUS

No trail and no easements exist. Approximate alignment has been determined east of Alhambra Valley Road; west of the road the alignment requires further study. The maintenance agency needs to be determined.

#### USERS

Horseback riders, hikers and mountain bikers

#### DESIGNATIONS

City (Alhambra SP-1987) identifies a hiking trail coinciding with the westerly half of the trail described above.

County (1970) identifies an east-west hiking trail along Franklin Ridge (west of Alhambra Valley Road). The Alhambra Hills trail could share a portion of this alignment.

#### IMPROVEMENTS

- A. Existing:
  - a. None
- B. Proposed:
  - a. Dirt trail
  - b. Crossing on Alhambra Valley Road
  - c. Signs
  - d. Fence




#### EASEMENTS


- A. Existing:
  - a. None
- B. Proposed:
  - a. Dedications from developers and from private owners
  - b. The segment west of Alhambra Valley Road is located within the County unincorporated area and requires County cooperation to acquire dedications from developers.




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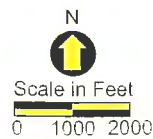


**SYMBOLS**

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-  Trail - Alignment known, no trail
-  Trail - Alignment known, trail existing

 Alhambra Hills Trail

-  Trails - with improvements for horse use
-  Trails - with dirt surface suitable for hiking
-  Trails - with paved surface and improvements for bicycle use



**ALHAMBRA HILLS TRAILS SYSTEM MASTER PLAN CITY OF MARTINEZ**



## 4. Briones to California Riding & Hiking Trail (Proposed)

### DESCRIPTION

This trail would ultimately connect Briones Regional Park to the California Riding and Hiking Trail and with the Alhambra Hills and Reliez Valley. Recreation sites along the way may include: private horse stables in Reliez Valley, Golden Hills Park and Open space, and Roanoke Open Space.

### STATUS

- A. Segment northeast of Alhambra Avenue: Existing dirt trail north of Wildcroft Drive along PG&E easement maintained by the City. No trail exists along the PG&E easement, paralleling Wildcroft Drive to Alhambra Avenue. A dirt trail winds through the Sunnybrae Open Space and connects to Alhambra Avenue and may provide an alternate route.
- B. Segment southwest of Alhambra Avenue: No trail and no easements exist. Portions of this trail require further study. The maintenance agency needs to be determined.
- C. A staging area for horse trailers and parking exists near the entrance to Briones Regional Park. It is maintained by EBRPD.

### USERS

Horseback riders, hikers and mountain bikers

### DESIGNATIONS

City (1981) identifies this trail

City (Alhambra SP-1987) identifies the segment of this trail between Reliez and Alhambra Valley Roads

EBRPD (1988, and 1997 (#19)) identifies this trail

### IMPROVEMENTS

- A. Existing:
  - a. Segments northeast of Alhambra Avenue
    - i. Dirt trail north of Wildcroft Drive
    - ii. Dirt trail through Sunnybrae Open Space (alternate route)
    - iii. None parallel to Wildcroft Drive
  - b. Segment southwest of Alhambra Avenue
    - i. None

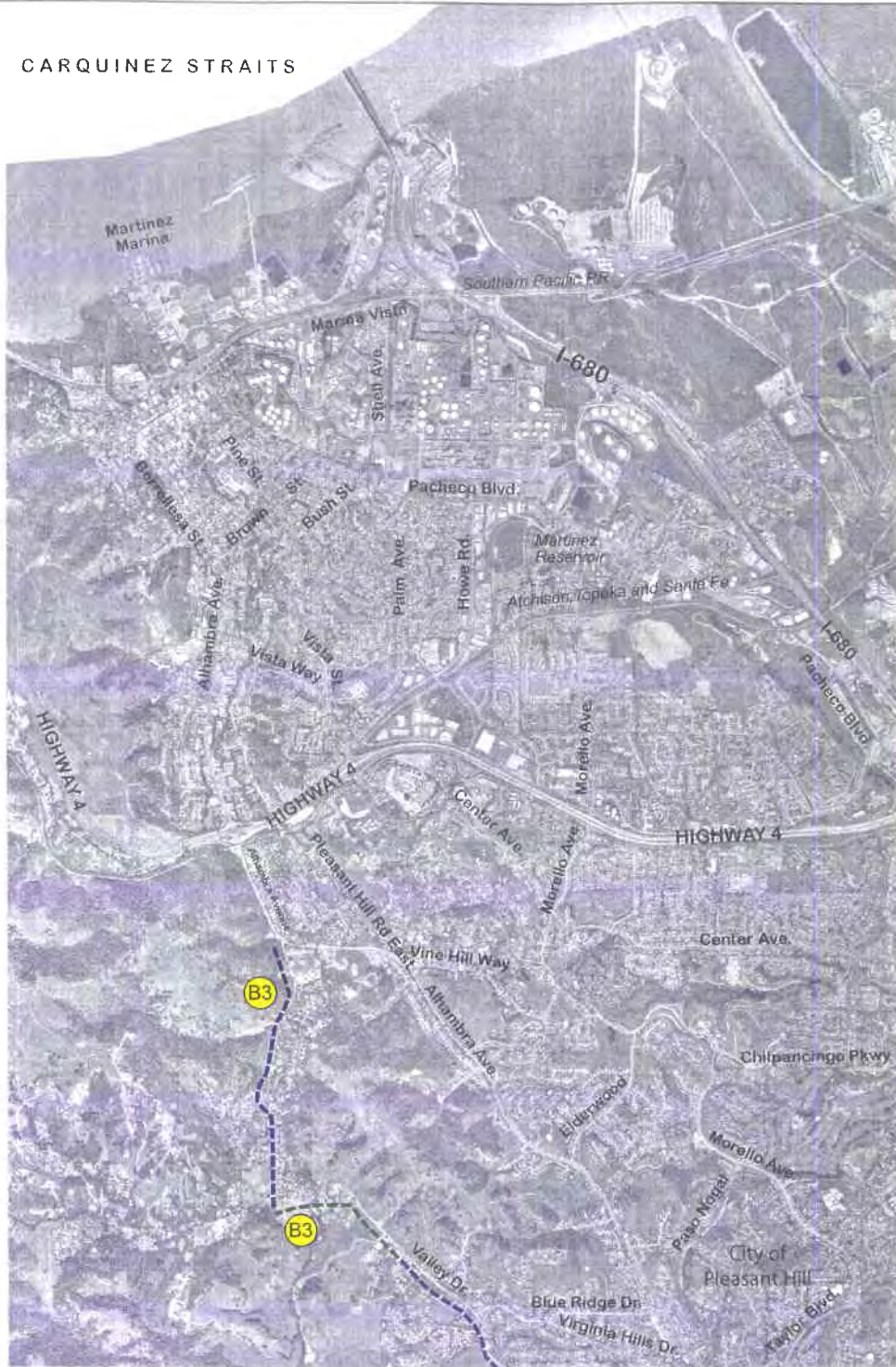
- B. Proposed:
  - a. Segments northeast of Alhambra Avenue
    - i. Signs
  - b. Segments southwest of Alhambra Avenue
    - i. Signs
    - ii. Dirt trail
    - iii. Crossing at Alhambra Valley Road
    - iv. Crossing at Reliez Valley Road

## EASEMENTS

- A. Existing
  - a. Segment northeast of Alhambra Avenue
    - i. City easements within PG&E easement
    - ii. Sunnybrae Open Space Area (alternate route)
  - b. Segment southwest of Alhambra Avenue
    - i. None
- B. Proposed:
  - a. Segment northeast of Alhambra Avenue
    - i. PG&E easement parallel to Wildcroft Drive
  - b. Segment southwest of Alhambra Avenue
    - i. Dedications from developers
    - ii. A portion is within Briones Regional Park



CARQUINEZ STRAITS

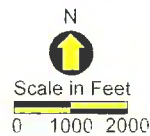


**SYMBOLS**

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- - - - - Trail - Alignment known, no trail
- - - - - Trail - Alignment known, trail existing

- (H) Trails - with improvements for horse use
- (T) Trails - with dirt surface suitable for hiking
- (B) Trails - with paved surface and improvements for bicycle use

(B3) Reliez Valley Trail



**RELIEZ VALLEY  
TRAILS SYSTEM  
MASTER PLAN  
CITY OF MARTINEZ**

## 5. Bay Area Ridge Trail: Briones to Martinez Shoreline

### DESCRIPTION

This trail is located in the County in the hills west of Alhambra Valley Road between Franklin Canyon and Alhambra Valley.

### STATUS

This trail is entirely in the County unincorporated area but within the city's sphere of influence. A small segment from Briones Regional Park and across Alhambra Valley Road is complete and maintained by EBRPD. A link with Mount Wanda and the California Hiking and Riding Trail is proposed. The alignment requires further study.

### USERS

Horseback riders, hikers and mountain bikers

### DESIGNATIONS

City (1992, H-4) Identified as a proposed "Alhambra-Franklin Trail"

EBRPD (1997) Identifies this trail as #2F-a segment of the Bay Area Ridge Trail

### IMPROVEMENTS

- A. Existing:
  - a. Dirt roads
- B. Proposed:
  - a. Dirt trail
  - b. Signs

### Easements

- A. Existing:
  - a. None
- B. Proposed:
  - a. Acquisitions from existing residential parcels along Alhambra Valley Road
  - b. Dedications from developers with the cooperation of Contra Costa County



CARQUINEZ STRAITS

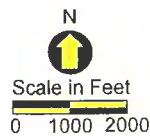


**SYMBOLS**

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- Trail - Alignment known, no trail
- Trail - Alignment known, trail existing

**(B2)** Bay Trail, EBRPD (Martinez Shoreline Segment)

- (H)** Trails - with improvements for horse use
- (T)** Trails - with dirt surface suitable for hiking
- (B)** Trails - with paved surface and improvements for bicycle use



**BAY TRAIL (EBRPD)  
TRAILS SYSTEM  
MASTER PLAN  
CITY OF MARTINEZ**

## 6. Contra Costa Feeder Trail #1

### DESCRIPTION

This trail is located in the County in the hills west of Franklin Canyon. This trail is entirely in the county unincorporated area but within the city's sphere of influence. Identified as the Franklin Canyon Feeder Trail in the previous Park Master Plan, Contra Costa Feeder Trail #1 is an historic hiking and riding trail. Formally established in 1952, the trail's history dates back to an 1842 land grant to Ignacio Martinez. It was established as an access between western and central Contra Costa County and as a feeder trail into the California State Riding and Hiking Trail system. Although other feeder trails were planned by the County, Feeder Trail #1 remains one of a kind.

### STATUS

This trail is an important component of the planned EBRPD Hercules to Briones Trail. It will connect to other regional trail connections into the California State Riding and Hiking Trail, Briones Park and Mt. Wanda/John Muir National Historic Site. It has been a popular local trail for hiking and equestrian use for the Martinez area. The Muir Heritage Land Trust successfully preserved the trail in the 1990's when the trail was threatened by development.

### USERS

Horseback riders, hikers and mountain bikers

### DESIGNATIONS:

EBRPD  
Bay Area Ridge Trail  
Bay Area Ridge Trail Council

Hercules to Briones Trail  
proposed alignment in 1987

### IMPROVEMENTS

#### A. Existing:

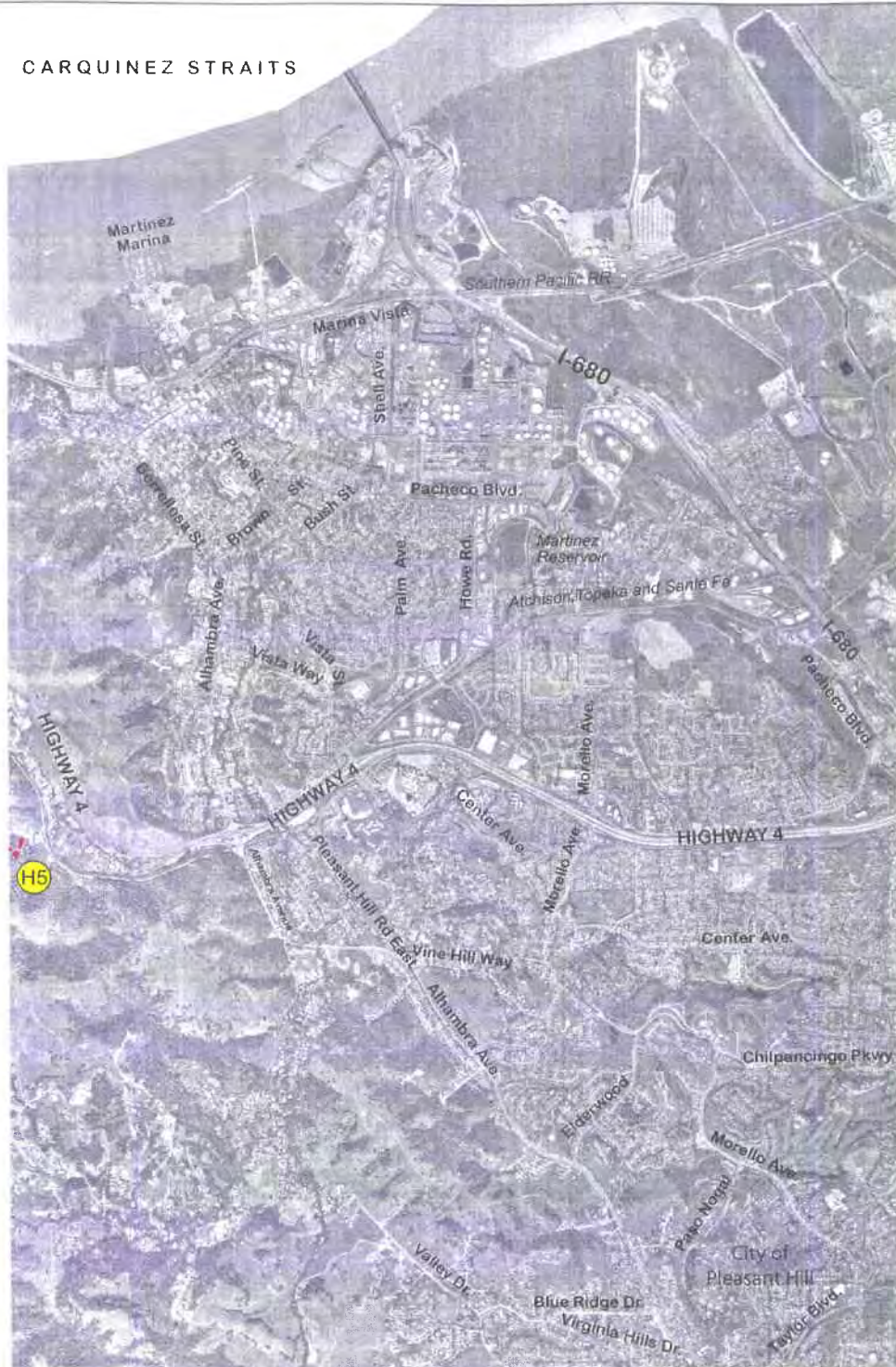
- a. Dirt roads

#### B. Proposed:

- a. Dirt trail
- b. The trail needs restoration, and the Bay Area Conservancy, EBRPD and the County are working together to identify funding for the improvements



CARQUINEZ STRAITS

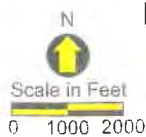


**SYMBOLS**

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- Trail - Alignment known, trail existing

(H5) Franklin Canyon Feeder Trail #1

- (H) Trails - with improvements for horse use
- (T) Trails - with dirt surface suitable for hiking
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**FRANKLIN CANYON FEEDER TRAIL #1  
TRAILS SYSTEM  
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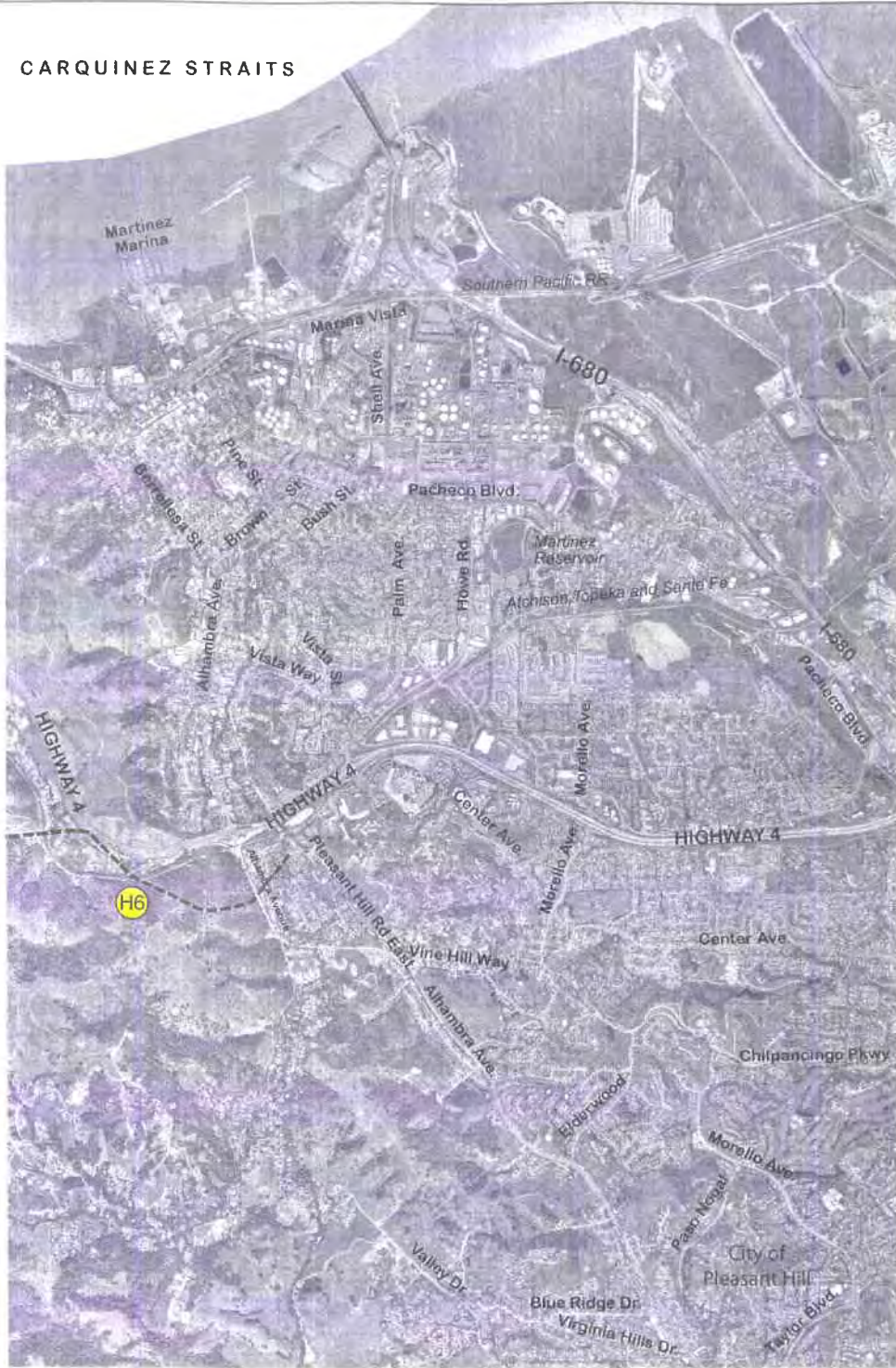
## 7. Hercules to Briones Trail (Proposed)

The Hercules to Briones Trail is an EBRPD Master Planned trail that will make a regional connection between Western and Central Contra Costa County. This trail will connect the San Pablo Bay Shoreline and Bay Trail to parkland in Pinole, EBRPD's Sobrante Ridge Park, EBMUD watershed lands, a portion of the County's Feeder Trail #1, and ultimately a connection into the California State Riding and Hiking Trail. The portion of the trail from Sobrante Ridge to the intersection with the California State Riding and Hiking Trail will likely be the alignment used for the Bay Area Ridge Trail.

The trail will generally use existing service roads and, in some locations, may be constructed as a narrow-gauge trail although, for maintenance purposes, a service-road width will be preferred for emergency vehicle access, maintenance and multiple-use features.



CARQUINEZ STRAITS

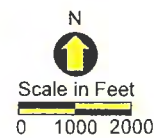


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- Trail - Alignment known, trail existing

(H6) Hercules - Briones Trail

- (H) Trails - with improvements for horse use
- (T) Trails - with dirt surface suitable for hiking
- (B) Trails - with paved surface and improvements for bicycle use



**HERCULES - BRIONES TRAILS SYSTEM MASTER PLAN CITY OF MARTINEZ**

## 8. John Muir Trail

### **DESCRIPTION**

The trail passes through the low-lying hills bound by Howe Road, Pacheco Boulevard and Arnold Drive. This is a developed residential area.

### **STATUS**

East end: Existing decomposed granite trail on City's easement. Trail maintained by the City.

Main segment: No trail and no easements exist. The alignment requires further study and the maintenance agency needs to be determined.



CARQUINEZ STRAITS

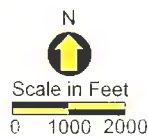


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John Muir Trail Trail

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**JOHN MUIR TRAIL  
TRAILS SYSTEM  
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CITY OF MARTINEZ**

## 9. Bay Trail Martinez Shoreline Segment

### **STATUS:**

Open to the general public through the Martinez Regional Shoreline and Waterfront Park, and along Marina Vista towards the 680 Interstate Freeway.

### **DESCRIPTION:**

The Bay Trail is a planned recreational corridor that, when complete, will encircle San Francisco and San Pablo Bays with a continuous 400-mile network of bicycling and hiking trails. It offers a setting for wildlife viewing and environmental education, and it increases public respect and appreciation for the Bay. It has important transportation benefits, providing a commute alternative for cyclists, and connecting to numerous public transportation facilities (including ferry terminals, light-rail lines, bus stops and Caltrain, Amtrak, and BART stations). It will connect the shoreline of all nine Bay Area counties, link 47 cities and cross the major toll roads in the region. To date, approximately 240 miles of the alignment have been completed.

History of the Plan: The Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) was directed by Senate Bill 100 in 1987 to develop a plan for this "ring around the Bay," including a specific alignment for the Bay Trail. The *Bay Trail Plan*, adopted by ABAG in July 1989, includes a proposed alignment; a set of policies to guide the future selection, design and implementation of routes; and strategies for implementation and financing. In 1990, the San Francisco Bay Trail Project was created as a nonprofit organization dedicated to planning, promoting and advocating implementation of the Bay Trail. The Bay Trail Project makes available grant funds for trail construction and maintenance; participates in planning efforts and encourages consistency with the adopted Bay Trail Plan. The Bay Trail Project does not own land or construct trail segments; instead segments are built, owned, managed and maintained by cities, counties, park districts and other agencies with land-management responsibilities, often in partnership with local nonprofit organizations, citizens' groups or businesses.

The Bay Trail also connects to trails that lead inland, and with the California Hiking and Riding Trail.

### **USERS**

Hikers, bicyclists, joggers and walkers

### **DESIGNATIONS**

City (1981) identifies this trail as a jogging and hiking trail

EBRPD (1988) identifies this trail

ABAG (1989) identifies this trail



## J. Needs Analysis

This section attempts to describe the challenges facing parks and recreation in the City of Martinez, and offer strategies to meet these challenges over time. The first section (A) will enumerate eight general challenges. The second section (B) will focus on parkland acquisition; the most significant and consequential planning challenge as the city moves toward build out. The third section (C) will look at one recent strategy, the Community Survey 2004, to help determine current public perceptions of broader capital improvement priorities. The fourth section (D) identifies and describes a specific list of park capital projects, concepts and features that, if adopted and funded, would address the basic challenges, improve the park system and therefore enhance the public's use and appreciation of their park and recreation facilities.

### 1. The Challenges Facing Our Parks and Open Spaces

The Martinez Parks System faces many challenges. These include: safety, access, social impacts, environmental changes, new technology, funding constraints, anticipating future needs, and limited land available for future park dedication, expansion or development.

#### a. Safety

Park safety is of primary importance. One goal of this Master Plan is to plan for the improvements needed to ensure facilities comply with the guidelines of the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and the American Society of Testing Materials (ASTM). Play equipment and other facilities that do not meet current safety standards will be replaced or modified, as described in the "Facilities Description" section.

For example, an October 2000 assessment of the safety and accessibility of park play equipment showed that aging and dilapidated equipment was contributing to unsafe conditions at several parks. Soon after receiving this report in March 2001, the Park and Recreation Commission recommended that some equipment be removed. Unsafe play equipment at Golden Hills, Holiday Highlands, Waterfront Park and John Muir were removed. In November, 2001, the Park and Recreation Commission recommended play equipment be replaced at Golden Hills, Waterfront and Holiday Highlands Parks. The installations were completed in 2003. The United States Consumer Product Safety Commission's (CPSC) "Handbook for Public Playground Safety" includes technical safety guidelines for the design, construction, operation and maintenance of public playgrounds. H.R. Senate bill 2733 adopts compliance to the CPSC as a minimum safety standard by state statute. Another industry-accepted document is by the American Society of Testing Materials (ASTM), Sections 1487-98, standard Consumer Safety Performance Specifications for playground equipment for public use as they relate to design, installation, inspection and maintenance of playgrounds and playground equipment of public playgrounds.

Safety begins with the design process. Risk Management guidelines assure that “design immunity” is established to reduce the City’s exposure to litigation. That is, a qualified architect or engineer develops the plan, the plan is a reasonable one, and once a facility is completed, it is approved by a proper authority at the City who verifies that it was built as planned.

Another element of safety involves how the park or feature is used, maintained and supervised. Parks must support the ease of supervision by public safety and park and recreation personnel. Safety in parks must consider not only dangerous conditions on the site, but also consider conditions adjacent to it.

## b. Americans with Disabilities Act

Access is another important need addressed in this plan. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) mandates that the city’s park facilities be accessible to individuals with disabilities. Play equipment , pathways, parking, drinking fountains and restrooms are among the facilities in our parks that need upgrading to be in compliance with this law. The commission has identified accessibility problems within our parks and has made it a priority to bring these facilities into compliance. The city plans to replace, refurbish, or add to restroom facilities and playground equipment to make them compliant as soon as feasible. See the “Facilities Description” section for information on specific facilities.

## c. Social Impacts

The social impacts affecting our parks include a growing population and vandalism. Martinez has grown from 22,682 residents in 1980, to 36,000 residents in 2000. Population is projected to increase an additional 2,697 residents by 2010. According to the 2000 U.S. Census, one-quarter (25.0%) of the population is under age 20, thirty-seven percent (37.7%) age 20-44, twenty-seven percent (27.2%) age 45-64 and ten percent (10.2%) over age 65. Contra Costa County has become an increasingly more urban area. It is the ninth most populous county in California with close to one million residents.

As the County becomes more urban, collaboration and integration with regional resources, agencies and plans are increasingly important. Trails and open spaces are used by increasing numbers of hikers, bikers and equestrians. Martinez is fortunate in that many of its open spaces and trails are enhanced by their proximity to those owned by the East Bay Regional Park District, the Muir Heritage Land Trust, and the county, state and federal governments. Martinez owns and maintains approximately 410 acres of open space. Martinez open spaces are adjacent to the State Riding and Hiking Trail, the Bay Area Ridge Trail and the Bay Trail.

An increased population with planned unit developments that allow for smaller yards and private outdoor space, will mean an as-yet-to-be-determined impact on park facilities. Increasingly frequent destructive behavior has led to costly repairs. The Park and Recreation Commission hopes to foster responsible community involvement in our park system. The Commission also promotes recreation programs that foster positive behavior in



youth. Increased community pride and a sense of ownership for our parks and open spaces will decrease the likelihood of undesirable behavior in the future. The commission proposed, and the City Council adopted a Memorial Gift and Donation policy in July 2003 to foster public participation in upgrading specific park amenities such as benches, trees, picnic shelters and playground equipment.

## d. Environmental Impacts

The trees in many of our parks and open spaces are aging, and some have been stricken by disease. The quality of the park experience is diminished and landscapes are affected by adversely outside environmental impacts. These impacts include diseases and invasive non-native species. Few funds have been available in the past decade to address these new stressors on trees and landscaping in the parks. Eucalyptus trees in some parks have become infected with an incurable disorder that will eventually kill them. The devastating "Sudden Oak Death" has been found in the East Bay, and is a disease that can rapidly kill oaks and damage other native species as well.

The threat to the community forest of our parks and open spaces is inescapable. In April of 1991 the City Council, on the recommendation of the Park and Recreation Commission, adopted a "no net loss" policy for trees in our parks. A copy of the approved "Park Tree Replacement Policy" can be found in Appendix B. Fortunately, the city has received grant funding for trees and landscaping and is recognized as a "Tree City USA". Such status requires budgeting at least \$2 per capita for trees, an adopted tree ordinance, tree planting events such as Arbor Day and an annual review—all demonstrating a commitment to the health of our urban forest.

## e. New Technology

As the general population is now more computer literate, park users now access more information on-line. Walkers and hikers seek information about trails. Active families search for information about picnic and playground facilities. However, some data indicates that too many online users remain sedentary and do not take advantage of available outdoor recreation. Online marketing must motivate more web-site users to enjoy the benefits of outdoor recreation.

Another challenge of new technology is seen in the new generations of turf technology and all-weather synthetic fields. These technologies can accommodate greater amounts of heavy use by various sports while reducing susceptibility to injury. They often reduce field preparation and transition times and are available during the rainy season. The initial costs are substantially higher than natural turf. It remains a challenge to select new park amenities that represent a good long-term investment for the community.

## f. Funding Constraints

The most critical challenges to the parks system are new capital funding to upgrade and expand our park system and necessary funding for ongoing operations and maintenance.

See the "Funding Analysis" section for further discussion of funding issues.

a) Capital Funding:

Funding for acquisition and construction is extremely limited. To begin to address this need, the City completed and adopted new impact mitigation fees in December of 2003. Through this process, park dedication fees were brought up to date and are more consistent with current land values. Updated fees may provide increased revenues so that park capital improvements can continue to be made.

The Park and Recreation Commission initiated, and the city undertook a "Legacy Project", to survey the community and determine what capital improvement projects were most important to citizens and what local funding mechanism would be most appropriate. The 2004 study concluded that the city's debt capacity for general obligation bonds was about \$30 million dollars, while the list of potential and needed projects were over \$167 million dollars. The survey results are discussed later in this Master Plan.

b) Operations and Maintenance Funding:

The City has for some time been operating and maintaining public parks and recreation programs at a reduced rate due to limitations on the City's general fund. Unlike capital funding, most of the operating and maintenance funds provides for personnel and ongoing routine activities. Without continued investments many needed repairs are delayed and become "deferred maintenance" items subject to increasing rates of failure. For example, without personnel to maintain irrigation controllers, the pipes, timers and other mechanical irrigation parts that service a ball field will wear out and fail. This can cause increased stress on plants and turf causing increased costs to maintain a safe level of play.

User groups are hesitant to provide maintenance funds or larger capital renovation of fields if the City cannot adequately maintain them.

Due to the national economic recession and State of California fiscal crisis, federal and state funding has been severely curtailed.

## g. Anticipating New Recreation Trends

As the community desire for various sports and outdoor recreation activities fluctuates, it can be challenging to anticipate future recreational needs. However, the California Outdoor Recreation Plan and Community Survey are tools to help guide local efforts to accommodate new recreational trends. Planning that takes into consideration both the immediate community resources and the wider regional resources and amenities allows for building upon the assets of a community and better responses to local needs. It also requires innovative strategies and collaborative approaches to respond effectively.

For example, the popularity of in-line skating and skate boarding increased sharply in recent years. The city responded to an organized youth desire for a skate park in the city. Funds



for the project became available when the City of Martinez negotiated a land use approval that resulted in a company dedicating same funds for the construction of a skate park. The completed skate park was opened in 2003.

The Commission has also considered a BMX (dirt bicycle racing track), a dog park and a sports/entertainment complex as new amenities to include in the park system. The detailed study of each park and open space, in the "Facilities Description" section has attempted to anticipate the capital improvement needs for the next five years and beyond.

## **h. Future Parkland Needs**

Since the demand for various sports can quickly increase or decrease, it is difficult to predict specific needs for the future. One basic strategy for accommodating needs is to acquire and hold land now for future use. Space to expand or add facilities has become extremely limited. Anticipating that there will be a need for more, and different facilities, the City of Martinez needs to consider setting aside land for parks when upgrading the city's General Plan and planning further housing developments.

Current parkland distribution was assessed for this Master Plan to identify the possible need and location for parks in the future. As the city nears its capacity for new construction, or "build out", it is imperative to identify potential park needs and sites. The following section further elaborates on the needed quantity and location of parkland.

## **2. Meeting the Basic Standard**

### **a. Five Acres of Parkland per 1000 Residents**

The Park Dedication ordinance found in Section 21.46.030 of the Municipal Code states: "It is found and determined that the public interest, convenience, health, welfare and safety require that five (5) acres of property for each one thousand (1000) persons residing within the City be devoted to local park and recreational purposes." If the current population is 37,000 residents, then the current park acreage would be 185 acres of developed parkland (37 thousand x 5 acres per thousand=185 acres). The city currently has 165.2 acres of developed parkland.

As a prime resource for the City and a valued buffer to the cityscape, adequate parklands need to be maintained to support the population. It is acknowledged that while the City's standard is only half the national standard, local standards should take into consideration the presence of regional and other public parkland resources available within the planning area. The Master Plan incorporates studies of demographic, land use, recreational facilities, park distribution and population growth data to determine park needs for the future.

Martinez has a good distribution of parks, open spaces and trails throughout the city. In addition, our parks provide a wide variety of recreational facilities and most residential areas are within a mile of a park. Park system expansion, however, has not kept pace with the

past decade's population growth (1990-2000). From 1990 to 2000, 1,490 single-family houses and 62 multi-family units were constructed in Martinez. Based on the city's formula for parkland that should have been acquired during this time (598 sq. feet for a single-family house, 448 sq. feet for a multi-family dwelling), *21.09 acres of land should have been added to the park system*. Two new parks developed since 1990 added only 10.8 acres to the city park system: 4.5 acres for Mt. View Park and 6.3 acres for Morello Park.

The City of Martinez projects a population growth of 2,697 people in the ten years from 2000 to 2010 (from 35,860 to a projected 38,557 residents). This is a 7.5 percent increase in population. To accommodate this population increase, *the City of Martinez should add 13.48 acres* to the park system by the year 2010.

Based upon the current net deficit of developed parkland (19.80 acres), plus the projected need for parkland (13.48 acres), the projected need is for acquisition and development of an additional 33 acres of new parkland by 2010.

While Municipal Code Section 21.46.105 allows for partial credit for development of privately owned park space, the Park and Recreation Commission discourages this practice. The Park and Recreation Commission encourages the dedication of land of sufficient size and useable topography that meets the 5 acres per 1,000 population standard.

## b. Sites

This Park System Master Plan identifies three general areas where park expansion will most likely be needed: a) Alhambra Hills, b) Downtown, and c) Pacheco Corridor. The Alhambra Hills is an area with the most potential growth in coming years, with the exception of the downtown area. This area lies south of Nancy Boyd Park and north of Foothills Park. It is unclear whether the private park associated with a planned development, if built, will adequately serve the anticipated population growth. This is an area where receiving land for a future park rather than receiving development fees might be beneficial. The setting aside of developable land and/or other strategies may be of highest long term value.

The downtown area may be an area of "in-fill" development and population growth. As industrial areas around Waterfront Park are phased out, expansion of the park into these areas may be an important goal to buffer the park from population growth, increases in use and an ever-increasing demand for a variety of developed facilities.

Since Martinez topography is generally hilly, finding relatively level spaces for additional sports fields (soccer, softball, etc.) is difficult. Nevertheless, the demand for these sports facilities is high, and the city may not be able to fulfill the demand in the future as both the population and the popularity of these sports increases. Determining a feasible location for a Sports Park, conversion of turf to an all weather surface and redesign of current fields at Waterfront Park to accommodate increased user demand should all be part of a comprehensive strategy as the city plans for future parks and land use.

The addition of a new Sports Park to our park system is highly desirable. A sports park would be dedicated to field play. Use of all weather synthetic turf within such a park facility



would help increase useable time on a field within a limited space. Martinez does not currently have this type of park, nor field. Concentration of a larger number of fields lends itself to operating, supervision and maintenance efficiencies.

A third area for consideration of new parkland is at the eastern edge of the city, north of Highway 4. As increased urban and industrial pressures along Interstate 680 increase, attention to connections to trails and green buffer along the Contra Costa Canal should be considered.

Collaboration with the East Bay Regional Park District, Muir Heritage Land Trust, Contra Costa County, Mount Diablo Unified and Martinez Unified School Districts, Bay Area Ridge Trail Council, and other public and private agencies will continue to be crucial to the city's locating, acquiring and developing public park open space and trail facilities.

### c. Parkland Acquisition Recommendations

The City's parks do not meet the City standard of 5 acres per 1,000 in population. The increased population by 2010 without acquisition or dedication of new parkland will place an increased pressure on the existing park system. Martinez must respond with greater investments of local resources, increased use of effective planning tools and identification of remaining opportunities.

#### **This Master Plan Recommends that the City:**

1. Identify specific locations and parcels where land may be set aside for future parks to accommodate population growth, particularly in the Alhambra Hills, downtown and Pacheco corridor areas.
2. Increase the acreage of new parkland by 33.28 acres by 2010.
3. Amend the Martinez General Plan to reflect a need for a park and recreational facilities in the areas that are deemed necessary, as discussed in this section of the Park System Master Plan.
4. Set aside land suitable for field sports and park expansion as a part of land use planning and negotiations for developments. If such land is part of one or more proposed developments, the city should accept land rather than park development fees in accord with the city's Park Dedication Ordinance Section 21.46.
5. Identify a possible site for a Sports Park to add a multi-use play field for soccer, baseball, softball, football, etc.
6. Re-evaluate and calculate annually the development fees required to be paid in lieu of parkland dedication according to the current land values as stated in Section 21.46.070.
7. Pursue State and other grant opportunities.

8. Partner with local and regional non-profit groups to pursue funding opportunities.

### 3. The 2004 Community Survey

#### a. Assessing the Needs

The Parks and Recreation Commission initiated a proposed bond measure (initially called the Legacy Project) in February 2003 for park capital improvements. The City Council concluded in May 2003 that additional information was needed to define the community's interest in and support for issuance of a general obligation bond for parks, recreation and community improvements.

The City Council authorized a public opinion survey and focus group. Evans McDonough, Inc. (EMC) was selected as the survey consultant. EMC completed a review of past surveys, voting patterns and reviewed the initial project list. The City engaged the services of Orrick, Herrington, Sutcliffe, LLP, as bond counsel and E. Wagner and Associates as financial advisor in November 2003 to help determine what financing options were available and appropriate for proposed projects.

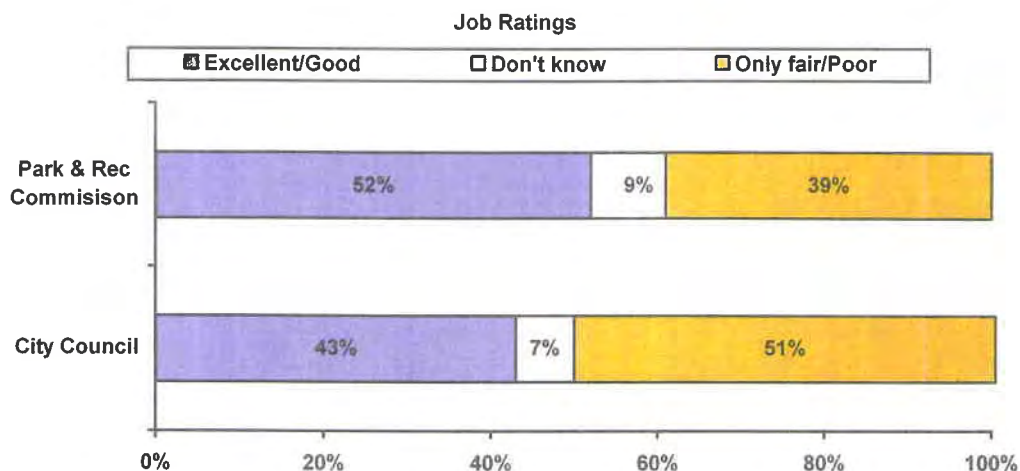
From December 2003 to February 2004, staff and consultants completed initial project cost estimates and reviewed comparable projects, parcels, tax assessments, financing mechanisms and draft surveys. The purpose was to provide reasonable criteria for deciding what projects would be feasible given various limitations such as scope of project, site constraints, debt capacity, operation and maintenance costs, public support and other sources of funding. In March 2004, the consultant convened a focus group of Martinez residents to gain additional input on the projects. A special joint public meeting of the City Council, Park and Recreation Commission, and members of the Marina Commission and Arts and Library Commission was held in April 2004 to refine the list of projects to be surveyed for inclusion in a November 2004 bond measure. A sample of over 400 Martinez voters was surveyed in April 2004. The results were presented to the City Council on June 2, 2004.

#### b. Survey & Methodology

A random sample of Martinez voters was drawn, and respondents were screened for likelihood to vote in the November 2004 Presidential election. The margin of error for a survey of this size is  $\pm 4.9$  percentage points. The demographic profile of survey respondents was checked against the demographics of likely voters of Martinez, and the data was weighted to ensure an accurate representation of the likely electorate in November. The following is a demographic profile of the survey sample.



that the Martinez City Council was doing a good or excellent job, but a bare majority (51%) believed that the Council was only doing a fair or poor job. The Martinez Parks and Recreation Commission fared marginally better – 52% gave the Commission positive marks, while 39% were not happy with their job performance.



The voters' mixed feelings about City administration and spending oversight were particularly evident when 82% indicated that they were much more likely to favor the proposed measure provided it was subject to annual audits that would make sure the bond money is being spent as was initially promised.

#### d. Use of Martinez Resources

Survey respondents were asked a few questions about the frequency of their visits to various Martinez areas and facilities. The areas of inquiry included downtown Martinez, the City parks, and Rankin Pool.

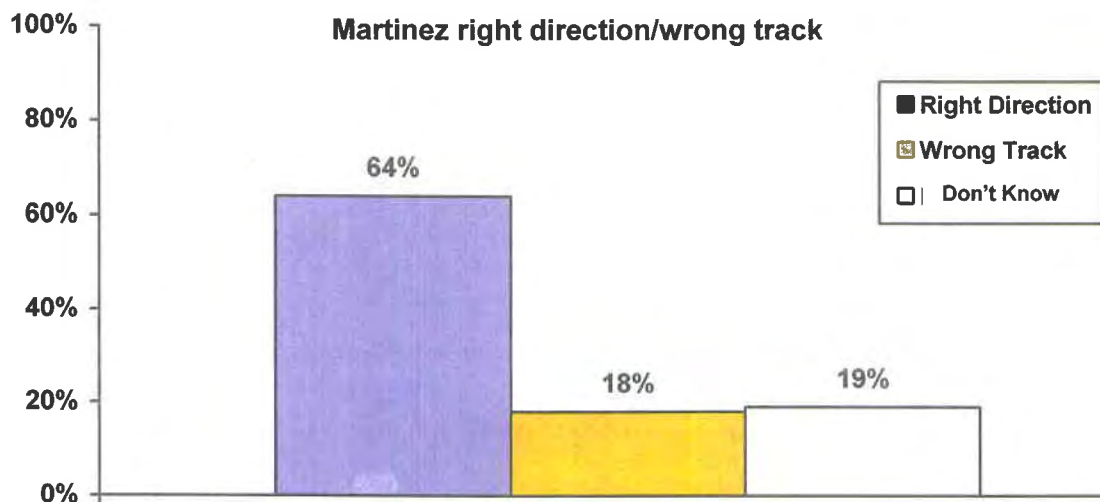
Of those areas tested, downtown Martinez garners the highest visitation rates. Most of the likely voters (91%) in Martinez visit downtown at least a few times a year, and 68% visit downtown at least once a month.

Martinez park facilities also enjoy wide usage by City residents. Fifty-four percent (54%) of likely voters visit a park at least once a month, while another 29% visit a few times a year. When voters visit Martinez parks, they engage in a wide variety of activities: 46% walk or hike, 25% play on playground equipment, 22% play sports on sports fields, 19% picnic or barbecue, and smaller percentages enjoy a wide variety of outdoor activities, including jogging, biking, walking their dogs, and playing bocce.

The Martinez Municipal Pool is less widely utilized by Martinez residents, but it does have a core of regular users. Two-thirds of respondents (66%) had never visited Rankin pool, while only 8% responded that they visit it at least once a month. Pool usage is not nearly as universal as park visitation, with just 18% visiting the pool at least a few times a year, while 83% visit Martinez parks with the same frequency.

Demographic subset	Percent of survey population
Male	46%
Female	54%
18 to 44	36%
45 to 64	48%
65 and over	17%
College graduates	52%
Homeowners	83%
Retired	24%
Lived in Martinez for 20 or more years	39%

### c. Issue Environment



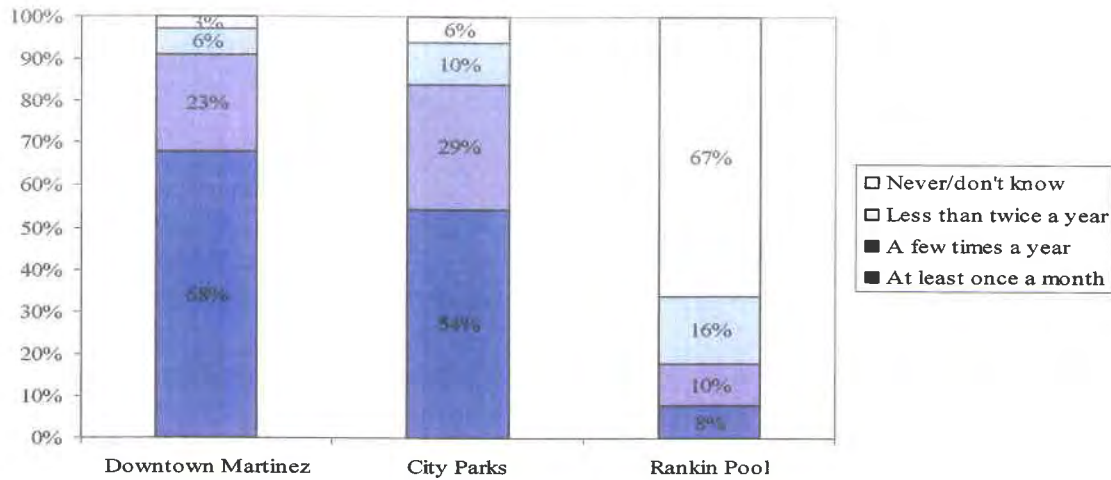
Martinez voters are generally satisfied with their City. When asked how things are going in Martinez, 64% said the City is going in the right direction and only 18% felt things were off on the wrong track, with 19% saying they don't know. This outlook is much more positive than the typical response on the same question for the state, as well as the entire country. Statewide and nationally, responses to that question tend to be close to evenly split between "right direction" and "wrong track," or even tending toward the "wrong track" response.

At the time this survey was conducted, one quarter of likely voters in Martinez (24%) said downtown redevelopment was the single most important problem facing Martinez today. This issue was very much in the news at the time the survey was conducted, as the Council was in the midst of debate on the subject, and banners and signs from the March advisory vote were still in place in some locations around the City. In addition to downtown redevelopment, business growth (6%), the need to improve streets and roads (6%), and the quality of schools and education (5%) were on the list of most important problems.

While voters were generally satisfied with the direction of the City, they were more divided and cynical about City government and spending oversight. Forty-three percent (43%) felt



### City Facilities: Visit Frequency



## e. Potential Projects

Voter priorities for a number of possible projects for the City of Martinez were tested in the survey. Of those tested, the project with the highest level of voter support is paving and road improvements (see the following table), with a mean response of 8.04 points on a scale from 1 to 10 (where 1 is the lowest priority and 10 is the highest priority).

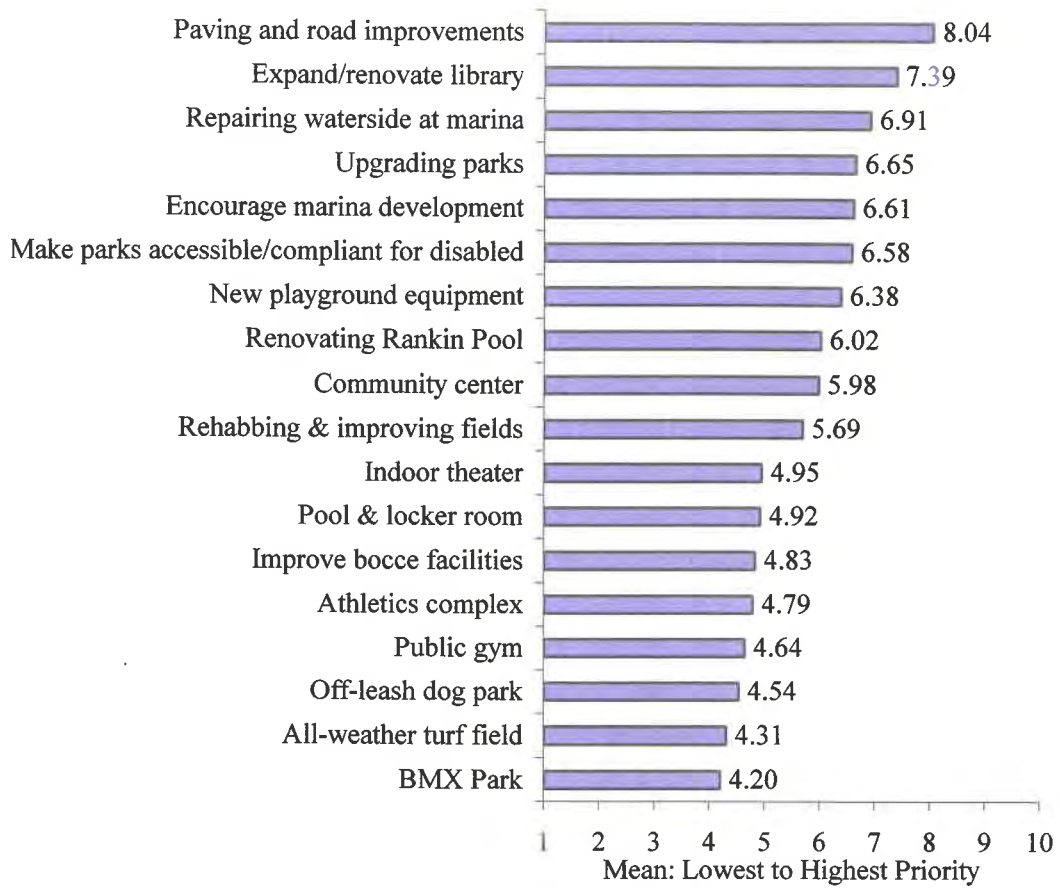
It is clear that the library is very important to many members of the Martinez community. Although the City may be unable to meet the challenge of staffing and maintaining a much larger library than they currently have, if there are improvements to the current library that can be funded through the bond measure without adding significant maintenance and operations costs for the City, increased support for the bond measure would be a high probability.

Another project with support from a large percentage of voters in Martinez is marina improvements, both on the water side and making it more attractive to residents and businesses to encourage commercial, retail, and hotel development.

Park upgrades, including lighting, parking, and amenity improvements, making the facilities accessible to people with disabilities, and installing new playground equipment were also popular projects in the survey. Because Martinez has parks spread across the entire city, passing a bond for these projects would bring benefit to all of the neighborhoods rather than concentrating the benefit in just one or two areas.

Other projects that tested above a 5 were renovating and improving Rankin Pool (mean: 6.02), building a community center and rehabilitating and improving the city's existing sports fields.

### Voter Priorities





## f. Survey Conclusions & Bond Measure

The survey provided the following general conclusions:

- Martinez voters are generally happy living in Martinez.
- Voters currently utilize the resources Martinez has to offer, but feel that capital improvements to current resources would increase their pride in the city and improve their quality of life.
- The projects that garner the most support are paving and road improvements, renovating and expanding the library, and making improvements to the marina and city park facilities.
- The proposed bond measure tested in the poll gained a two-thirds majority by only the slimmest of margins, and the simulation of a campaign environment was able to reduce support to below the two-thirds needed to pass.
- If improvements to the extremely popular library could be included in the bond measure, it would almost assuredly increase the measure's chance of passage.
- A bond measure for no more than \$30 per \$100,000 of assessed value per year with the right set of projects, public accountability measures, unified support from the council, and a strong campaign would have a good chance of passage in the November 2004 general election.

In July 2004, the City Council adopted a Resolution of Necessity and Ordinance calling for an election in November 2004. The \$30 million dollar bond measure was titled Measure "O", the *Martinez Library, Park, and Neighborhood Improvement Act* that asked voters in the November 2004 general election:

*"In order to improve the quality of life for the citizens of Martinez by renovating the public library, making land and waterside improvements to the marina, upgrading city park facilities and fields, renovating Rankin Pool, and repaving city road surfaces, shall the City of Martinez issue \$30 million of bonds at tax-exempt rates, with spending subject to review by an independent citizens oversight committee, biannual audits, and no money for city administrator's salaries?"*

It was estimated the improvements would cost: \$2 million library renovation, \$15 million marina waterside and land side improvements, \$7.5 million upgrade of parks playgrounds, restrooms, and amenities and sports ball field renovation/expansion, \$2 million Rankin Pool renovation and \$3 million renovating/paving streets. Actual amounts would be allocated and approved through the regular capital improvement program budget process. An independent citizen oversight committee appointed by City council would check audited statements of expenditures to verify expenditures were made on the intended projects.

## 4. Proposed Park Additions, Amenities, Facilities & Design Elements

There are several proposed park amenities, facilities and design elements that were considered during the Park System Master Plan development process.

### a. Community Garden Expansion

The Community Garden in Hidden Valley Park has enjoyed success since its establishment. The garden requires little cost or maintenance by the city and is highly used. The Community Garden is currently filled to capacity.

### b. Park Amenity Themes

The recognition of particular park attributes and community values can be demonstrated through the use of “park themes” when choosing and replacing amenities. For example, at Susana Street Park, a craftsman or Victorian theme would enhance the neighborhood with its quaint vintage homes and large stately trees. Light fixtures, benches and other amenities can continue the historic feel of this park.

Another example is Rankin Park and its natural areas. As a trail head with large picnic facilities, the restrooms, play equipment pathways and design could use boulders, river rock and other natural materials rather than asphalt, metal and plastic.

### c. Dog Park

Generally, a “dog park” is a closed area for dog owners to run and play with their pets off leash. It would include features such as: off street parking, walkway to entrance, signage with use rules, double access gates and fencing, separate play areas for large and small breeds, bench for seating, watering station, litter pick up station, trash cans, and basic landscaping/irrigation, including shade trees.

In July 2004, the Park and Recreation Commission decided to include a dog park in the Master Plan. Particular attention should be paid to working with potential users and residents to address site concerns; address liability concerns; mitigate impacts to current park/trail users; lower cost of construction; choose a design that minimizes maintenance costs; provides sufficient off-street parking; reduces noise and smell; establishes user guidelines; and provides for ease of policing/monitoring compliance.

No funding has been identified to pay for design, construction, or future maintenance. Therefore, alternative means of supporting the project such as a user group to assist with operation and maintenance must be considered. Another potential source of funding is through the Park’s Memorial Gift and Donation Program, where, fencing, trees, irrigation,



base material and other expense items would be covered by financial donations.

## d. BMX Track

The City was approached in August of 2003 by the proponents of a BMX track. A BMX Committee was appointed by the Mayor to explore the feasibility of constructing a BMX track in Martinez. The committee met to discuss the feasibility of various sites.

The following criteria provides a basis for evaluating potential.

- Size: 1½ acre minimum (65,000 sq. ft.);
- Ownership: preferably City
- Compatibility: Fit with existing park uses and neighbors
- Accessibility: Safe access for youth and central location
- Restrooms: Permanent or space for portable restroom
- Plumbing for Water: Drinking fountains and spigot for watering track
- Off street parking: Sufficient to unload bikes and accommodate 15-20 vehicles
- Traffic: Area streets large enough to accommodate increase
- Buffer Zones: Areas to mitigate impacts of dust, noise, view
- Shaded viewing area: Trees near track
- Picnic facilities: BMX events tend to be all day and family oriented
- Supervision: Visibility and ability for police supervision
- Insurance issues: Ability to incorporate signs, perimeter fencing; buffer zones; national bicycle league track guidelines, etc.

The following considerations should be incorporated into final BMX Track Design: a) Track design should follow established National Bicycle League or American Bicycle Association guidelines for construction, mogul height, width, length. b) Fencing should be in place to separate spectators from track participants, and perimeter fencing should be able to close the track as needed. Fencing should set back from the racing portion of the track via a buffer zone. Short fencing should be padded at potential collision spots. c) Signs should reflect Government Code 831.7 as well as standard safety equipment required, hours of operation, spectator control, directional use of track, restrictions on motorized equipment. Signage should be large, easy to read and posted in multiple locations. d) Maintenance should be regularly scheduled.

## e. Ball Field and Soccer Field Renovation & Expansion

The need for additional sports fields is widely recognized. Over 1500 youth participate in soccer leagues in Martinez through Pleasant Hill-Martinez Youth Soccer Organization. City-run, summer youth soccer camps are consistently full. New opportunities to reallocate limited level park spaces are being explored.

The Hidden Valley Park parcel has potentially adequate space to accommodate a level sports field within the park turf area with considerable grading. The adjacent parcel currently has two skinned infield baseball/softball fields and is used during alternating seasons for soccer. The City permits the field for use under agreement with the MDUSD. Re-grading (level) the adjacent portion of the city owned parcel to the west could provide sufficient space (150' x 300' = 45,000 sq ft) for an additional soccer field, however care would have to be taken to not compromise the aesthetic character of the current open grass area and stunning viewpoints of Mount Diablo.

## f. Alhambra Creekside Linear Park

Improvements to the Alhambra Creek area downtown could provide additional creek side pedestrian or linear parks that could enhance the creek's natural environment and offer additional flood control. This park could enhance downtown commercial establishments and provide a buffer for nearby residential areas.

## g. Waterfront Park Expansion

Population increases and proposed plans for increased density downtown will put increased demands on this popular community park. A possible area of expansion is the adjacent area now occupied by warehouses. Other possibilities should be studied.

## h. Martinez Reservoir

Located south on Pacheco Blvd. and east of Howe Road. The Martinez reservoir could be used as a recreation site. The previous Park System Master Plan 1992-1997 suggested this site for future study. Use there could be connected to the Contra Costa canal trail.

## i. Old Martinez Train Depot

The City has received a \$1.2 million Federal grant for renovation of this site. The grant requires that the site be renovated to a point some where in the site's history. Potential uses are shared. The Recreation Department and Martinez Historical Society would be desirable.



## j. Sports/Recreational/Entertainment Center

The waterfront area has the potential for a facility of this type. Based on the Chelsea pier model, Martinez could identify itself as a regional recreation center.

## k. Trail System Links and Expansion

Martinez is fortunate to be surrounded by extensive trail systems owned by various public and private agencies.

The East Bay Regional Park District's (EBRPD) nearby park areas contain numerous trails. Among these are: The Carquinez Shoreline Regional Park, the Waterbird Way Regional Preserve (dedicated in 2002), the wildlife preserve adjacent to Waterfront Park, and Briones Regional Park. As part of the John Muir National Historic Site, Mt. Wanda also contains a popular trail. In addition, EBRPD manages the Contra Costa Canal Trail.

The 400-mile around-the-bay Bay Area Ridge Trail, which in turn is part of the California Riding and Hiking Trail, is joined by city trails at Rankin Park.

The Bay Trail, not complete at this time, will encircle the San Francisco Bay at the shoreline level. A new trail alignment is proposed for Waterfront Park that will complete the Martinez Shoreline segment of this trail, traveling from Waterbird Way Regional Park to other shoreline alignments.

For more information, see the "Major Trails" section of this plan.

## 5. Community Involvement

The Park and Recreation Commission recognizes that community participation in the park system is invaluable. We invite residents with ideas and energy to help our park system be the best it can be.

**Adopt-a-Park:** Would include but not limited to community members. Citizens could help organize an "Adopt-a-Park" program and participate in city-managed park clean-ups. In addition, residents can help keep parks clean and safe by being aware of inappropriate behavior and alerting city police when needed.

**Memorial Gift and Donation Program:** The City of Martinez adopted a *Memorial Gift and Donation Policy* (Resolution # 104-03) in order to provide guidelines to prospective donors and city staff. The City of Martinez welcomes public participation in the funding of specific benches, trees, gardens, picnic tables, tile or brick pathways, and other park and recreation amenities to preserve the memory of Martinez residents and acknowledge the contributions of community members.

While there is strong community interest in memorials, there are also limited public spaces and funds. Therefore, the Park and Recreation Commission will assist staff in identifying appropriate public spaces to both honor the integrity of memorialized individuals and respect the aesthetics and intended public use of particular Parks, Recreation and Community facilities and amenities. Residents can arrange for a memorial bench, tree, table or other park amenity by requesting an application form from the City of Martinez Recreation Services Division.

A non-profit organization, capable of ongoing fund raising and grant writing such as a "Martinez Friends of Recreation" foundation could be established to set up trust funds to provide capital funding and operational support to city efforts.



## K. Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) & Priorities

One important reason for drafting a Park System Master Plan is to recommend priorities for the expenditure of limited capital improvement funds. These funds come from a variety of sources: local park dedication fees/impact fees, state and/or local bond fund revenues and foundation grants. This section includes project descriptions for proposed capital improvements throughout the park system. It should be noted that the city does not have sufficient funds to schedule or complete all the projects listed in this plan.

Agreement on the set of criteria for establishing the importance of various projects in relationship to each other is important. While all of the needs listed may impact the quality of the park experience, safety is of primary importance. Providing access for all park users is second. Projects that will offer the most value and benefit to the community are third. Projects with a unique or specified source of funding follow. Priorities recommended in this document may be amended over time to better respond to the current and most urgent needs. All costs are rough estimates.

### 1. Proposed Capital Improvement Projects 2007-2012

<b>Summary CIP List By Park</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Cappy Ricks Park Rehabilitation Project	\$527,495.00
Ferry Point Picnic Area Improvement Project	\$45,036.00
Foothills Park Improvement Project	\$374,315.00
Golden Hills Park Renovation Project	\$1,331,804.00
Hidden Lakes Park Improvement Project	\$3,075,597.00
Hidden Valley Park Rehabilitation and Playground Renovation Project	\$1,998,734.00
Holiday Highlands Park Improvement Project	\$808,268.00
Highland Avenue Park Improvement Project	\$291,770.00
John Muir Park Improvement Project	\$164,675.00
Morello School Park Improvement Project	\$758,200.00
Mountain View Park Improvement Project	\$904,442.00
Nancy Boyd Park Improvement Project	\$1,472,012.00
Ignacio Martinez Plaza Improvement Project	\$150,000.00
Rankin Park Improvement Project	\$1,910,376.00
Schaefer Memorial Open Space Erosion Control Project	\$80,000.00
Susana Street Park Improvement Project	\$324,493.00
Waterfront Park Improvement Project	\$3,624,688.00
<b>Total Estimated Cost</b>	<b>\$17,841,915.00</b>

a) **Cappy Ricks Park Rehabilitation Project**

APN: 374-132-008

**IMPROVEMENTS and RATIONALE**

The play equipment and restroom facilities do not meet accessibility or safety guidelines. Concrete pathways have lifted due to tree root growth creating tripping hazards.

The park experiences basketball and tennis court use after daylight hours. Glare/spill shields should be placed on existing light standards for both tennis and basketball courts to minimize neighborhood impact.

Installation of two picnic tables and a barbecue pit in former location of removed tetherball and swing set would support desired neighborhood uses.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>
Restroom replacement	\$200,952.00
Playground upgrade	\$15,550.00
Site furnishings	\$6,750.00
ADA Accessibility	\$91,337.00
Landscape/irrigation	\$91,633.00
Park Improvements	\$33,800.00
Fees/permits	\$77,301.00
Sales tax/shipping	\$10,172.00
<b>Total Estimated Cost</b>	<b><u>\$ 527,495.00</u></b>



b) **Foothills Park Improvement Project**

APN#: 164451012

**IMPROVEMENTS and RATIONALE**

A slurry seal of the basketball circle would improve playability and a larger concrete pad with drainage should be installed under the drinking fountain. Benches could be added along the trail. Install signs identifying park name and rules.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>
Playground addition	\$110,059.00
Site furnishings	\$8,300.00
ADA Accessibility	\$60,583.00
Landscape/irrigation	\$129,650.00
Park improvements	\$7,200.00
Fees/Permits	\$53,683.00
Sales tax/shipping	4,840.00
<b>Total Estimated Cost</b>	<b><u>\$374,315.00</u></b>

c) Golden Hills Park Renovation Project

APN# 164150024

**IMPROVEMENTS and RATIONALE**

The restrooms for the community building do not comply with current ADA guidelines. The community room is inadequate for most activities. A redesign of the building would accommodate additional uses. Recreation classes, and summer camps are now held in the space. Few public meeting rooms exist in the area.

The tennis courts are used after daylight hours. Tennis court lights need shields to reduce spill into neighborhood yards. Lights should have a coin operated timer with signs stating hours of use and operation. A community garden would reclaim use area of the park along Reliez Valley Road.

The park is a popular place for soccer and community picnics. Upgrade of the field is needed. A new picnic pavilion or tables to be added off of Sheree Drive closer to the playground equipment

<b>Item</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>
Restroom replacement	\$340,242.00
Playground up-grade	\$8,000.00
Site Furnishings	\$31,850.00
ADA Accessibility	\$290,888.00
Landscape/irrigation	\$341,062.00
Park improvements	\$115,570.00
Fees/permits	\$194,192.00
Sales tax/shipping	\$10,000.00

**Total Estimated Cost** **\$1,331,804.00**



d) **Hidden Lakes Park Improvement Project**

APN #: 155-432-001 and 155-030-009

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION and RATIONALE**

Existing play equipment found in two tot lots does not meet current ADA, ASTM and CPSC guidelines. Three picnic tables are not handicapped accessible and should have 4' wide concrete walks installed from the adjacent sidewalk to the picnic table pads. The restroom may not be handicap accessible. The curbing located in the turn-a-round should be painted red and bollards installed to discourage parking in turn-a-round and unauthorized vehicle access to field. The volunteer program to establish oak trees from acorns should be expanded to include adjacent hillsides.

The soccer field is in high demand for organized league play and summer recreation programs. Conversion to an all weather field would increase capacity, reduce herbicide, fertilizer and pesticide run-off into nearby lakes.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>
Restroom replacement	\$227,058.00
Playground replacement	\$137,904.00
Site Furnishings	\$7,650.00
ADA Accessibility	\$333,478.00
Landscape/irrigation	\$657,076.00
Park improvements	1,248,200.00
Fees/permits	\$446,431.00
Sales tax/shipping	\$17,800.00
<b>Total Estimated Cost</b>	<b><u>\$3,075,597.00</u></b>

e) **Hidden Valley Park Rehabilitation and Playground Renovation Project**

APN# 155-040-009(Main park: 759,164 sq. ft.), 155-020-004 (MDUSD ball fields), 155-370-071 (Linear Park: 2 acres)

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION and RATIONALE**

In October 2003, the Park and Recreation Commission identified Hidden Valley Park rehabilitation as the next priority project. This community park is heavily used for picnics, sports, school and community recreation. Additional, full sized activity areas are needed, such as volleyball and full court basketball. High demand for sport fields could be met with re-graded and expanded turf areas. Existing play equipment does not meet current ADA and CPSC guidelines. Restrooms are not ADA compliant, and pathways and features are aged and deteriorated, such as the "Par course" wood and pipe equipment, amphitheater and picnic pods.

Rehabilitation project calls for a tot lot play ground be designed and installed in a new area next to current children's playground equipment. This would be adjacent to picnic facilities for better supervision. Re-grading of large turf area to accommodate a multi use field (soccer and lawn sports). The proximity of a school adjacent to the park and Hidden Lakes Open Space would support installation of ecological interpretive signage.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>
Restroom replacement	\$277,384.00
Site furnishings	\$416,131.00
ADA accessibility	\$395,654.00
Landscape/irrigation	\$529,014.00
Park improvements	\$68,537.00
Fees/permits	\$289,242.00
Sales tax/shipping	\$22,772.00

**Total Estimated Cost** **\$1,998,734.00**



f) **Holiday Highlands Park Improvement Project**

APN #:161345015

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION and RATIONALE**

Existing pathways contain cracks and uplifted areas due to tree roots and erosion. Existing light standards allow light to spill into neighbor's yards. Existing vegetation should be thinned to provide additional visibility and security, especially on the eastern park boundary. The creek bed contains many trees infested with mistle-toe.

A restroom facility would help to accommodate wider than neighborhood park users due to the popularity of the playground, turf, creek and picnic facilities.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>
Restroom Addition	\$167,352.00
Playground upgrade	\$24,750.00
Site furnishings	\$101,667.00
ADA Accessibility	\$91,419.00
Landscape/irrigation	\$252,230.00
Park improvements	\$37,850.00
Fees/permits	\$117,294.00
Sales tax/shipping	\$15,706.00
<b>Total Estimated Cost</b>	<b><u>\$808,268.00</u></b>

**g) Highland Avenue Park Improvement Project**

APN #: 378072017

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION and RATIONALE**

The eucalyptus trees pose a continuing maintenance cost potential liability risk due to falling branches and debris. Removal would allow for parallel parking on street and improved access.

Due to the remote hillside location of the park removed from public facilities, the picnic facility would be enhanced by a bathroom facility.

The basketball court is cracked and receives runoff from the horse shoe pit and hillside. Resurfaced court with retaining curb would improve playing surface.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>
Playground replacement	\$91,136.00
Site furnishings	\$115,986.00
ADA accessibility	\$63,337.00
Landscape/irrigation	\$60,054.00
Fees/permits	\$41,392.00
Sales tax/shipping	\$11,001.00
<b>Total Estimated Cost</b>	<b><u>\$291,770.00</u></b>

**h) John Muir Park Playground Improvement Project**

APN #: 376110001

(Note this parcel is owned by Martinez United School District and is leased to the City of Martinez.)

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION and RATIONALE**

The original wooden play equipment located along Vista Way was removed and should be replaced to provide additional play features for school and neighborhood children. A natural boulder climbing feature may add to the diversity of play experiences of children. The drinking fountain by the picnic area was capped due to deterioration and should be replaced with an accessible feature.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>
Playground upgrade	\$2,800.00
Site furnishings	\$20,350.00
ADA Accessibility	\$101,112.00
Landscape/irrigation	\$14,976.00
Fees/permits	\$23,668.00
Sales tax/shipping	\$1,769.00
<b>Total Estimated Cost</b>	<b><u>\$164,675.00</u></b>



i) **Morello School Park Playground Improvement Project**

APN #: 161180059 (city owned); APN# 161160009 (Martinez Unified School District owned)

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION and RATIONALE**

Bollards at end of parking lot would prevent vehicle access to ball fields. Due to community concerns, one basketball backboard and rim were removed to reduce inappropriate competitive play. A new design or use of the court is suggested.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>
Playground replacement	\$62,790.00
Site furnishings	\$14,900.00
ADA accessibility	\$194,988.00
Landscape/irrigation	\$303,230.00
Park Improvements	\$64,002.00
Fees/permits	\$109,483.00
Sales tax/shipping	\$8,807.00
<b>Total Estimated Cost</b>	<b><u>\$758,200.00</u></b>

**j) Mountain View Park Improvement Project**

APN #: 376280023

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION and RATIONALE**

Make corrections to the swing set area to comply with ADA, CPSC and ASTM standards. Replace playground structure. Irrigation and drainage improvements on north side of turf multiuse field could eliminate standing water and wet field conditions. Pine trees along the west side of the park and Borman Field are diseased and should be replaced with another buffering plant. A 4-foot safety fence could be installed along the street side of the basketball court and turf area. Concrete pathways have buckled and cracked due to tree root intrusion. One drinking fountain by concession stand is broken due to vandalism. Replace sand area with fibar or other acceptable material. Provide concrete border around basketball court to maintain integrity of the court surface.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>
Playground replacement	\$182,930.00
Site furnishings	\$39,750.0
ADA accessibility	\$132,024.00
Landscape/irrigation	\$331,825.00
Park improvements	\$69,170.00
Fees/permits	\$129,866.00
Sales tax/shipping	\$18,877.00
<b>Total Estimated Cost</b>	<b><u>\$904,442.00</u></b>

**k) Nancy Boyd Park Improvement Project**

APN #: 162180049 (large area with tennis and field), 162180057 (entrance and parking lot)

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION and RATIONALE**

Replace existing restrooms to comply with ADA. Restroom model should include activity room and equipment storage feature as part of building to support summer camp activities and special events on site. Make minor corrections to the playground area to comply with ADA, CPSC and ASTM standards. Install new pathway surfacing from parking lot to picnic area and pathways to tennis courts.

Replace 12 wood picnic tables with 12 concrete picnic tables. Renovate concrete area to include additional program or recreation feature. Renovate and expand turf field to accommodate multipurpose use: re-grade to improve drainage, increase size and install new turf. Relocate light pole out of turf area.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>
Playground replacement	\$182,930.00
Site furnishings	\$199,098.00
ADA accessibility	\$267,192.00
Landscape/irrigation	\$525,750.00
Park improvements	\$33,935.00
Fees/permits	\$211,870.00
Sales tax/shipping	\$22,077.00
<b>Total Estimated Cost</b>	<b><u>\$1,472,012.00</u></b>



I) **Ignacio Martinez Plaza Improvement Project**

APN #: 372331003.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION and RATIONALE**

Install the south parking lot improvements as identified in the Phase III Plaza Ignacio Martinez Master Plan. Replace cracked bases of flag poles.

Replace wooden benches with similar Victorian design.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>
Bench Replacement (donations)	\$0
Flag Pole Base Replacement	\$25,000.00
South Parking Lot Improvements	\$125,000.00
<b>Total Estimated Cost</b>	<b><u>\$150,000.00</u></b>

m) **Rankin Park Improvement Project**

APN #: 372040004

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION and RATIONALE**

This park is one of the oldest in Martinez. Re-grade pathways, improve drainage and install new accessible pathways. Replace existing restrooms with larger facilities to comply with ADA and to support the large group picnic activities at the park. Replace picnic tables. Relocate light fixtures along pathways. Renovate playground areas to conform with more natural colors and features in keeping with a natural themed park, including interactive features, and modern play elements for a variety of ages and interests associated with large group picnics and trail head uses.

The memorial pool at Rankin Park, originally constructed in 1947, is a seasonal aquatic facility. The age, design and location of the current facility limit its ability to adequately and safely serve the entire community. The facility needs major maintenance, upgrades and design enhancements to meet current standards for aquatic facilities. A new facility/design could better accommodate current users, provide enhanced safety, and allow for expanded city run programs and private rentals, without negative impacts upon neighbors. Renovation of the pool facility will provide a full service aquatic facility that can better meet the current demands and provide expanded water related fitness and recreational opportunities. Proposed facility components are: a competitive swimming pool designed to host competitive swim and water sport events and practices; a shallow, warm water pool to provide swim lessons, water fitness and therapy, senior programs, and water safety classes; a community water play area to engage participation and provide alternative recreation; bathhouse designed to serve families, large groups and individuals; adequate storage; flexible class room space/fitness room; and customer friendly service counter and staff offices; improved mechanical room and service area. The design would allow for extended season swim programs. Adequate parking and set backs from residential properties would reduce the neighborhood impacts of a community wide resource.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>
Restroom Replacement	\$363,386.00
Playground Replacement	\$299,595.00
Site Furnishings	\$107,916.00
ADA Accessibility	\$350,964.00
Landscape/irrigation	\$317,967.00
Park Improvements	\$148,350.00
Fees/permits	\$276,663.00
Sales tax/shipping	\$45,535.00
<b>Total Estimated Cost</b>	<b><u>\$1,910,376.00</u></b>

n) **Schaefer Memorial Open Space Erosion Control Project**

The installation of erosion control measures including a concrete ditch and native drought tolerant plantings can stabilize the soil and reduce storm water runoff.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>
Concrete Ditch system	\$75,000
Native tree planting	\$5,000
<b>Total Estimated Cost</b>	<b><u>\$80,000.00</u></b>



o) Susana Street Park Improvement Project

APN #: 372333001

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION and RATIONALE**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>
Site Furnishings	\$11,850.00
ADA Accessibility	\$76,584.00
Landscaping/irrigation	\$163,767.00
Park Improvements	\$23,744.00
Fees/permits	\$46,910.00
Sales tax/shipping	\$1,638.00
<b>Total Estimated Cost</b>	<b><u>\$324,493.00</u></b>

p) **Waterfront Park Improvement Project , Ferry Point and Ballfields**

Waterfront Park and Ballfields

APN #: 373040006

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION and RATIONALE**

Replace public restroom building to meet current ADA standards. Landscape area next to picnic pavilion and skate park. Upgrade ballfields.

Ferry Point

APN#: Portions of 373030001(west), 373250003 (central), 373040003 (marina)

**IMPROVEMENTS and RATIONALE**

The Ferry Point Picnic area is a staging area for access to the marsh, fishing pier, coastal access and pathways. Current drainage problems result in standing water. Salt intrusion is killing some plants and non-native species are prevalent in this area known for its native habitat and wildlife.

This project will allow better public access, improve pedestrian and vehicle circulation and safety, and provide interpretive signs. Tree replacement with native species will provide shade and tolerate increased levels of delta water salinity.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>
Restroom Replacement	\$218,546.00
Playground Upgrade	\$17,210.00
Site Furnishings	\$119,574.00
ADA Accessibility	\$729,509.00
Landscape/irrigation	\$1,677,313.00
Park Improvements	\$357,740.00
Fees/permits	\$534,981.00
Sales tax/shipping	\$14,851.00
<b>Total Estimated Cost</b>	<b><u>\$3,669,724.00</u></b>

## 2. Completed CIP Projects 1992-Present

During the past decade, the City added two new parks to its system (Mountain View Park and Morello Park) and completely renovated another (Highland Avenue Park). Additional improvements were made as shown in the following list of projects completed from 1991 to present.

### Cappy Ricks Park

Replaced basketball standards  
Installed new playground structure

### Ferry Point Picnic Area

Installed turf field

### Foothills Park

Installed one bench

### Golden Hills Park

Resurfaced tennis courts and basketball circle  
Slurry sealed pathways  
Tot lot and children's playground equipment replaced

### Hidden Lakes Park

Landscaping installed at entrance loop

### Hidden Valley Park

Installed overlay of approximately 4,200 sq. ft. of asphalt on pathway and parking lot  
Resurfaced tennis court  
Replaced existing backstops  
Provided bridge access path improvements to Hidden Lakes Park  
Footbridges replaced

### Highland Avenue Park

Renovated entire park

### Holiday Highlands Park

Installed barbecue facilities at the picnic area adjacent to the tot lot  
Tot lot and children's play structures replaced

### Morello Park/School

Constructed in 1992

### Mountain View Park

Constructed in 1991



### Nancy Boyd Park

Renovated earth ball and planted annual flowers at the Nancy Boyd Memorial  
Made some improvements to the drainage patterns found in the meadow area  
Resurfaced three tennis courts  
Replaced play equipment  
Installed a water fountain adjacent to basketball court and primary ball field

### Rankin Park

Installed new playground equipment and surfacing adjacent to the Peppertree picnic area  
Installed new counter tops in group picnic areas  
Replaced ball field bleachers at Tavan Field  
Installed overlay in upper parking lot  
Installed gazebo and group picnic area at former train display area  
Installed light control base for increased use of Tavan Ball Park for night games

### Susana Park

Installed some turf  
Concrete stage installed  
Some mature trees removed/replaced with variety of young trees

### Waterfront Park

Replaced bleachers at ball fields  
Resurfaced bocce/picnic parking lot  
Paved and striped parking lot at the corner of North Court Street and DiMaggio Dr.  
New playground equipment installed in tot lot and children's area  
Skateboard park constructed  
Wrought iron memorial benches installed  
Amphitheaters with picnic ground constructed  
Bathrooms installed at amphitheater

### 3. System Wide Capital Improvement Goals and Recommendations

The following recommendations summarize goals based on the specific capital improvements needed, and the trends and future needs discussed in the previous section. The Parks and Recreation Commission, community members and staff met during the summer of 2003. In September 2003, the Commission adopted recommendations identifying the top five, near-term projects. These include:

- a) Hidden Valley/Hidden Lakes Park Renovation and Playground Rehabilitation
- b) ADA Park Access Improvements and Restroom Replacement
- c) Ball fields Rehabilitation
- d) Rankin Park Rehabilitation
- e) Acquisition of Property for Open Space and Active Recreation

Additional goals include:

- a) Complete capital improvement projects as delineated in this Master Plan
- b) Continue to explore funding opportunities for projects not currently funded
- c) Establish an endowment fund and maintain a substantial reserve fund
- d) Establish a long-term fund for replacing the community pool when necessary
- e) Explore and coordinate possible trail links
- f) Promote community-involvement projects such as Adopt-A-Park, Friends of the Parks and park clean-ups
- g) Study feasibility of potential recreation possibilities as discussed in this plan
- h) Study additional city budget allocations for park system maintenance and capital expenditures

## L. Current and Potential Funding Sources

Provision of clean, safe, aesthetically appealing and well-maintained facilities for all users requires the City and its Park and Recreation Commission to research and recommend adequate funding. This section analyzes the current and potential funding for acquisition, construction, maintenance and operation of parks, open spaces and recreational facilities (buildings) and programs. As the City's population rises and housing density increases, the need for outdoor recreational opportunities grows and with it the associated costs.

The issues of acquisition, construction, maintenance and operation of parks and recreational opportunities are the purview of several City agencies. The Park and Recreation Commission makes recommendations to the City Council for the capital improvements needed. The City Council approves all expenditures of park dedication fees. **Acquisition** tends to be related to long range planning and development. **Maintenance** includes projected and emergency repairs budgeted under public works and parks divisions. **Capital improvements** comprise substantial upgrades to existing facilities or construction of new facilities and is provided through engineering and public works divisions. **Recreational programs** are generally developed by the Recreation Services division and are allocated general funds in the bi-annual yearly budget. For specifics on proposed improvements and the priorities assigned to them, see the "Facilities Description" section, provided earlier in this Master Plan.

The chart below looks at current and potential funding sources, particularly for the capital improvements for parks and open spaces (Some sources would also allow maintenance funding). Funding for the future is of serious concern. The commission hopes that by working with the City Council and city staff, solutions to funding issues can be found and that the Parks and Recreation budget get a larger general fund percentage allocation.

Funding	Description	Amount	Receipt or Projected Receipt
Proposition 40	One-time-only state bond funds for capital improvements only (passed 3/02)	Minimum \$220,000 (in per capita funds) Unspecified amount in competitive grants	Per capita funds received, others must be applied for with a specific proposal
Park Development Fees	Fees paid for each unit of new housing construction (for capital improvements only)	Approximately \$350,000 in reserves	Ongoing but dwindling as the city reaches build-out; in future, funds will mostly come from smaller, in-fill developments of higher density
Grants	The city can apply for state, federal, or private grant funding for specific projects. This activity	Varies with each grant project	When awarded; sometimes requires the city to provide matching funding, typically from 25 to 50 percent.



	requires a great deal of planning, experience and staff time, limiting the pursuit of grant funding at this time		
Partnerships	Potentially, the city can explore partnering with nonprofit groups, businesses or other government agencies to maximize, for example, the purchase or ongoing maintenance of open space	Varies with project	Projects can be one-time or ongoing
Special Assessment District	The city has the option of proposing a special assessment district to support park and open space needs. The district must be approved by two-thirds of the voters and therefore is not easy to establish.	Varies with the amount assessed to each household.	Ongoing once established, providing a steady source of funding.
Establishing a separate city park district	The city has the option of establishing a separate park district. The benefits of this are unclear and would require study.	Unknown	Ongoing
Budget allocations	The Martinez City Council currently allocates funding for staffing, maintenance and some capital improvements. Improved fiscal health may allow the city to allocate additional funds from the general fund for capital improvements, staffing and maintenance.	Every two years	Ongoing; a new budget established each fiscal year (July through June)
Fundraising Events	Community-sponsored events, with the impetus and assistance of the commission and staff	Varies	Varies

Currently there is no consistent, steady source of funding for capital improvements and expansion of the park system. The ability to fund capital improvements has been largely dependent on the park development fees received from new housing developments. As the city approaches build-out, these fees will be greatly reduced. In-fill housing projects are typically higher density. These higher-density units command lower park development fees, yet they create more demand for park facilities.

On any new development, the Park and Recreation Division is the first city division to consider waiving park dedication fees in exchange for improvements, land dedication, etc. The commission will then draft a recommendation to the City Council.

On October 10, 2001, the City Council approved a list of capital improvement projects for our parks that was developed by the Park and Recreation Commission and the Recreation Division staff. The improvements identified totaled \$1,644,498. The total funds available at the time for these improvements was approximately \$800,000. The projected costs noted previously in the Master Plan far exceed the resources at hand. The commission and City need to consider the availability of funding for now and the future.

Providing the funding for capital improvements and maintenance of our parks and open spaces was particularly challenging during the 1990s, leading to deferred maintenance and the deterioration of many park facilities. Measure AA funding allowed some improvements in the early 1990s. A recent influx of some park development fees and state bond funding has allowed for the replacement of some older play equipment and some upgrading of facilities. With these improvements, the City is beginning to meet the expectations for the community's outdoor recreational needs. However, finding adequate funding for all the improvements needed, as well as improved maintenance, will continue to be a struggle in the coming years.

The State bond funds received as a result of Proposition 12 have provided a major boost in the City's ability to replace aging and unsafe play equipment in our parks. The voters passed another state bond fund, Proposition 40, in March, 2002 and is a source of one-time revenue. However, it is clear the City can not rely on the State to fund all the needs of our parks and open spaces. To maximize our potential for funding the needs, we need to: explore funding alternatives, garner and strengthen partnerships with other government agencies and nonprofit organizations, foster citizen volunteer efforts, review park development fees and aggressively pursue grant possibilities for capital improvements, restoring urban trees, and expanding our facilities to meet growing needs.

The Park and Recreation Commission intends to explore and assist in pursuing every potential avenue of funding for capital improvements and developing new facilities. The commission also hopes to establish an "Adopt-a-Park" program, a network of volunteers to help keep parks clean and safe.

The City Council establishes the budget for staffing and maintenance of our parks and open spaces each fiscal year (July through June). Lean budgets in past years have lead to lean staffing for our recreational and park needs. Without adequate maintenance staff, parks are not always in peak condition. As the City's fiscal health improves, the City will perhaps allocate additional funds for recreation and maintenance, ensuring our parks and open spaces will provide the best recreational environment possible.

Residents surrounding parks and park users are encouraged to be protective of these resources. The commission asks that they notify the police when they see anyone behaving unacceptably, and when anything is happening to damage these facilities. In addition, facilities should only be used for their intended purpose. Using them otherwise may seem harmless, yet can cause irreparable and expensive damage. For example, skating on tennis

court surfaces can damage them beyond repair, necessitating costly resurfacing. Vandalism in our parks has steadily increased over past years and is a continuing problem. Destructive behavior in parks affects all taxpayers, residents and park users.

## **Funding Recommendations**

1. Establish an endowment fund for ongoing needs.
2. Establish a special fund for replacing the community pool.
3. Study long-term funding options.
4. Explore establishing partnerships with other government agencies, service organizations, schools and nonprofit groups.
5. Track expenditures and budget information.
6. Review park development fees for possible increase.
7. Explore grant opportunities.
8. Foster community participation in order to gain assistance with maintenance, for clean-ups and in preventing park damage. This could include an "Adopt-a-Park" group of citizens or helping to establish a "Friends of the Parks" nonprofit organization.
9. Increase Park and Recreation budget to bigger percentage of the general fund-budget percentage comparable with other cities.



# **APPENDIX**

Appendix A: Tree Replacement Policy

Appendix B: Comparison of Park Standards & Service Areas


Appendix C: Memorial Gift & Donation Policy

Appendix D: City Zoning Map

Appendix E: AAA Parks and Open Space Map

Appendix F: Park Inspection Reports

Appendix G: California Department of Fish and Game Certificate of Fee Exemption

DATE: MARCH 29, 1999  
TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
FROM: MARCIA RAINES, CITY MANAGER  
PREPARED  
BY: BOB CANTRELL, ASST. DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES   
SUBJECT: PARK TREE REPLACEMENT POLICY

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt policy of the Park and Recreation Commission regarding tree replacement in City Parks and Open Spaces.

BACKGROUND

The Park and Recreation Commission desires to have in place and made a part of the Park System Master Plan, a policy regarding the replacement of trees lost in City Parks. The Commission recognizes the importance of trees in our City Parks and Open Spaces and encourages a no net loss policy where parks will always retain the number of trees contained in the original design of the park.

The Park and Recreation Commission at its March 2, 1999, meeting recommends to the City Council the adoption of the Park Tree Replacement Policy.

Financial Impact:

There would be little financial impact to the Parks Division budget. The Parks Division budget includes funds that can be used for tree replacement and contract maintenance of mature trees.

## b. Comparison of Park Standards & Service Areas

Government Agency	Mini-Parks and Plazas	Neighborhood Parks and Playgrounds	Community Parks	Sports Parks/ Special Use	Regional Parks	Total Acreage
National Standard Size: Population ratio: Service area:	<1 ac 1/4-1/2 ac/1000 <1/4 mi. radius	2-15+ac, 1-2 ac/1000 1/4-1/2 mi. radius	25+ ac, 5-8 ac/1000 1-2 mi. radius		200+ ac, 5-10 ac/1000 1 hr drive	
<b>Martinez</b> (37,000)	2.45 ac total .06 ac/1000 18 ac ideal	45.9 ac total 0.8 ac/1000 74 ac ideal	121.7 ac total 3.2 ac/1000 296 ac ideal		Benicia state Park 465ac	171 ac parkland
Concord (130,000)	0.2 ac/1000 26 ac total	0.6 ac/1000 78 ac total	1.49 ac/1000 193.7 ac total		5.37 ac/1000	367 ac parkland
Walnut Creek (65,000)			5.0 ac/1000			
Benicia (26,865)	-----	2.0 ac/1000	1.49 ac/1000	3.75 ac/1000	7.2 ac/1000 465 ac state park	695 ac parkland 20 ac proposed



## c. Memorial, Gift, & Donation Policy

Adopted by the Parks and Recreation Commission: July 2, 2003

Adopted by City Council: July 16, 2003 Resolution Number: 104-03

### **1. PURPOSE:**

The City of Martinez adopts the following *Memorial, Gift and Donation Policy* in order to provide guidelines to prospective donors and city staff. It is a fitting public service to preserve the memory of Martinez residents and acknowledge the contributions of community members. The City of Martinez welcomes public participation in the funding of specific benches, trees, gardens, picnic tables, tile or brick pathways, and other park and recreation amenities.

While there is strong community interest in memorials, there are also limited public spaces and funds. Therefore, appropriate public spaces should be identified. Procedures must be established to both honor the integrity of memorialized individuals and respect the aesthetics and intended *public* use of particular Parks, Recreation and Community facilities and amenities.

### **2. AUTHORITY:**

The Martinez City Council designates the Parks and Recreation Commission to hear public comment on memorials, gifts and donations. This shall include, but not be limited to, memorial benches, trees, funds designated or non-designated, and park amenities. Under the general direction of the City Manager, it is the responsibility of the Parks, Recreation & Community Services staff to review applications, implement the policy according to the procedures below and make arrangements for formal recognition by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

### **3. PERMANENT RECORD:**

The Parks & Recreation Commission will note any motion to accept memorials, gifts and donations in the minutes from regular or special meetings. This shall be the official record. The motion shall include the item dedicated, name of the honoree and location.

### **4. LOCATION, NUMBER AND PLACEMENT:**

The Parks and Recreation Commission shall have the authority to approve the location and number of memorials, trees, benches, or other amenities that may be dedicated or donated in each park or City maintained facility. The location and number shall be indicated in the *Parks System Master Plan (Master Plan)*. Revisions shall be adopted and noted in the *Master Plan* update. Numbers and location are developed in consultation with Parks and Recreation staff and follow generally accepted professional standards, site constraints, and health and safety guidelines.

The actual item placed at each site will adhere to the park theme, amenity needed and any restrictions placed upon the site. For example, Susana Street Park is an older neighborhood

historic park whose benches, tables and lighting should fit the character of the neighborhood. Therefore, benches with stylized iron work and slats are more appropriate than heavier concrete. Rankin Park is a large community park with a natural elements "theme" and high use may more appropriately specify heavier duty concrete forms of benches.

It should be noted that once an approved site map is finalized and accepted as official record, the site shall be deemed to be CLOSED and further plantings and donations shall be denied. For example: the Marina Memorial Grove is CLOSED to further dedications. This Memorial Grove is located at the Ferry Point Picnic Area. It consists of memorial benches and memorial trees. It was dedicated in 1992. The Parks and Recreation Commission accepted the final Memorial Grove Map as the official record in 1995. The Parks and Recreation Commission will work with applicants to find suitable alternatives.

## **5. COST & FEES:**

Fees are established on a "cost recovery" basis. At a minimum, individuals or groups desiring to purchase an approved item for dedication shall pay for: a) the purchase of the item including taxes, shipping, handling; b) site preparation and installation; and c) a forged bronze dedication plaque. An estimate of the cost and current fees to be charged are listed in ATTACHMENT B: ESTIMATED MEMORIAL FEE LIST. Fees will be updated and set based upon the actual product cost at time of purchase. A discount of 10% may apply to the cost of installation, if the request or donation is for an "unspecified location" to be determined by the City. For example, a memorial tree to be dedicated at a park and location of the City's choosing where a new tree is needed would qualify for the 10% discount on installation. The City will notify donors of the location where an unspecified gift has been placed upon completion of the project.

## **6. TYPES OF APPROVED MEMORIALS, DONATIONS AND GIFTS:**

Memorials, donations and gifts shall be selected from the list below. Descriptions of sample products are contained in ATTACHMENT C: SAMPLE MEMORIAL SPECIFICATIONS LIST. The specification list may be updated by the Park and Recreation Commission as needed, based upon the continued availability of the product or the suitability of a particular park amenity to the specified park theme.

**A. Benches and Picnic Tables:** Individuals or groups desiring to purchase a memorial bench or picnic table may choose from the available City identified locations. The bench or table has a specific location for the placement of a forged bronze plaque.

**B. Memorial Trees:** Individuals or groups wishing to have a tree planted in a park shall choose from the list of approved trees as noted in the "*City of Martinez, Tree Planting List and Recommended Standards*" adopted July 1, 1990, pursuant to Resolution 193-87. It is acknowledged that not all species of trees may be available nor will be suitable for every site in Martinez. The donor may choose from the available City identified locations. The Parks Superintendent will identify the actual location of the tree and note it on the approved site map included in the *Master Plan*" Donors will be notified of the exact location following the planting of the tree.

The tree will be a fifteen (15) gallon size. The site will be prepared to assure the future health and vitality of the tree, such as soil, irrigation, and grading. A forged bronze plaque will be placed in an approved concrete base next to the tree.

Memorial Trees may be planted in groups or “groves” only in designated parks with sufficient open space and according to the growth habits of the approved trees.

**C. Memorial Gardens:** These are generally small areas identified in the *Master Plan* that serve special purposes. The **Native Plant Preserve** is envisioned to be planted to replace non-native species and provide renewed interest and education to the various ecosystems present in Martinez. **Community Gardens** are envisioned to be planted to provide opportunities for community care taking and renewed interest in the various aspects of the agricultural past, while calling attention to the present beauty of Martinez.

**D. Playground Equipment:** Children’s playground structures may be donated and dedicated as needed to replace outdated equipment and to meet current safety codes. Locations are identified in the *Master Plan*. Due to the integrated design of separate play equipment elements, individual structures may not be dedicated separately in the same area.

**E. Miscellaneous Donations and Park Amenities:** Other items may be appropriate for dedication such as pathways, or donation such as vehicles and restroom facilities. Any miscellaneous or non-listed item shall be reviewed on a case by case basis and is to be considered a “special request” item. These requests will be reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Commission. An application is not a guarantee of placement nor acceptance of the gift. Approval shall be recommended or denied based upon criteria including, but not be limited to: the needs and priorities established in the *Master Plan*, generally accepted professional standards, site constraints, and health and safety guidelines, appropriateness of the item, integration with the parks’ natural features and current amenities, and maintenance of the current aesthetics of the site. Costs shall be reviewed and set in accord with Attachment B: ESTIMATED MEMORIAL FEE LIST.

## **7. CARE, REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT:**

**A. Benches and Tables:** After placement, the care and maintenance of the benches and tables will be by City personnel according to manufacturer specifications and the schedule then in effect. If a table or bench is damaged, reasonable efforts will be made to repair the item.

**B. Trees:** After planting, the pruning and care of the trees will be the responsibility of the Parks division. The City will replace the tree one (1) time, within the first five (5) years, if for any reason the tree dies. After one replacement, the city assumes no responsibility for replacement.

The City will not be responsible for any accidental damage, vandalism, theft or loss of any donated bench, table, tree, plaque or other dedicated item. While the City of Martinez cares for the health of its parks and the quality of its amenities, damaged or lost memorials may, or



may not be replaced according to the available resources, constraints and priorities of the City of Martinez. Every effort will be made to repair an item, if it cannot be adequately repaired, it may be removed.

#### **8. INSTALLATION, RELOCATION, & REMOVAL:**

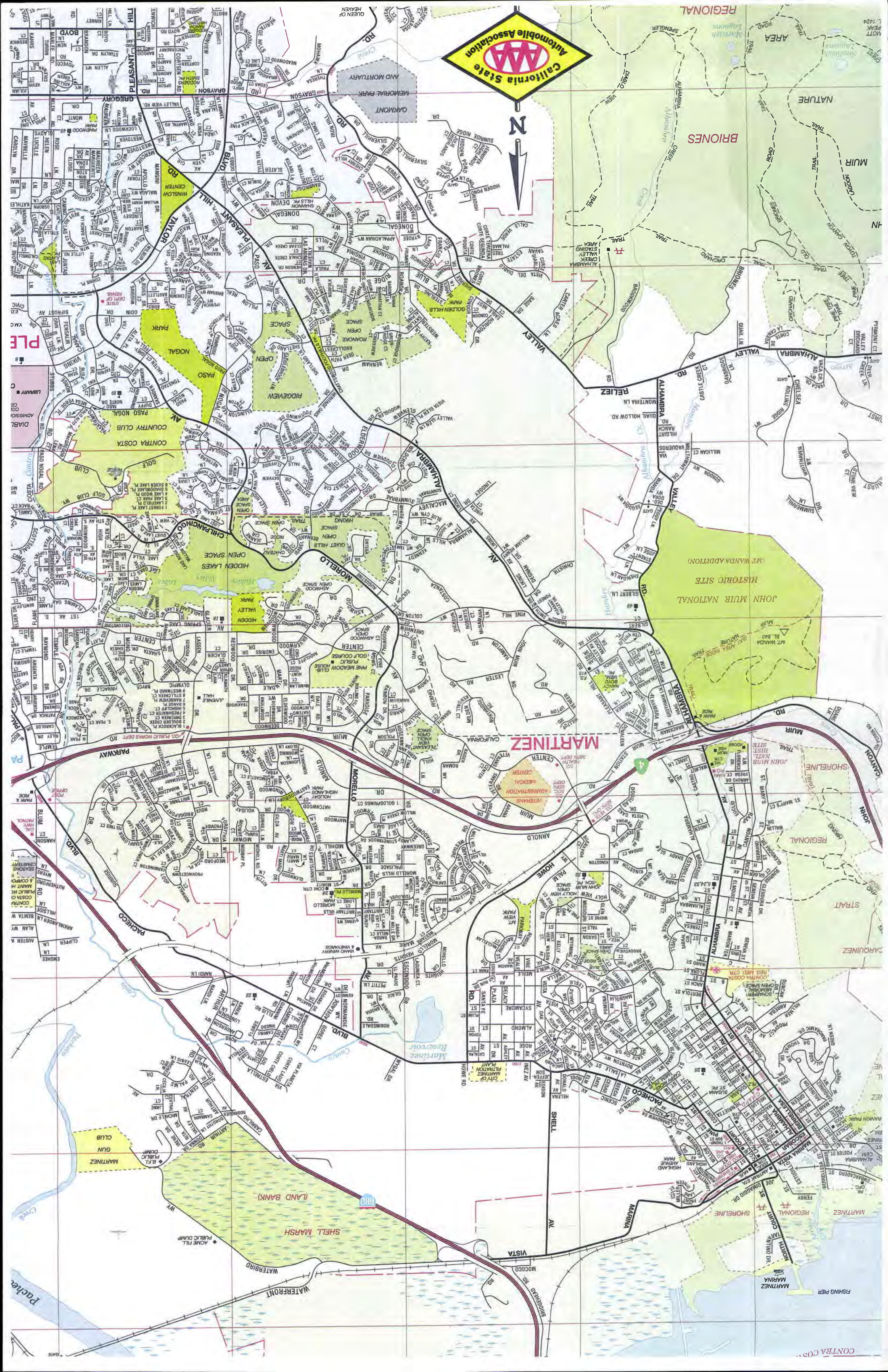
Upon installation, donated items become sole property of the City of Martinez. City staff will be responsible for installation or planting of the memorial item and plaque placement. The City reserves the right to relocate a tree, bench, memorial plaque or any other donated dedicated item. If this need arises, the City will attempt to notify the donor at the address indicated on the original application. If the item cannot be relocated for any reason, it may be removed.

#### **9. APPLICATION PROCESS:**

A complete application form and deposit are required to initiate the memorial gift process. See Attachment A: APPLICATION FORM. The deposit will be held and applied toward final project cost, unless the request on the application is not approved, in which case the deposit will be returned. All complete applications will be reviewed by staff prior to placement on the Park and Recreation Commission Agenda. *While the City welcomes and will attempt to honor requests and donations, the submission of an application and payment of deposit does not guarantee approval.*

The steps to the application process include: a) customer completes application and pays deposit, b) staff reviews application and site proposal, c) Commission approves or denies request, d) customer pays balance of fees for item, installation and plaque; e) staff orders product, f) staff installs/completes project, g) donor is notified of installation.





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Map labels include: Pleasant Hill, Alhambra, John Muir National Historic Site, Alhambra Park, Ridgeview, Hidden Lakes, Country Club, Paso Nogal, and various street names like Highway 880, Highway 101, and local roads like Alameda Ave and Main St.



# City of Martinez Zoning Map

City Limits, Downtown Overlay, Historic Overlay District

**Legend**

- City Limits
- Downtown Overlay
- Historic Overlay District

**Zoning Overlay**

- ECD Environmental Conservation District
- M Mixed Use District

**Base Zoning**

- R-1.5 Multi-Family Residential: 1,500 sq. ft. per dwelling unit
- R-2.5 Multi-Family Residential: 2,500 sq. ft. per dwelling unit
- R-3.5 Multi-Family Residential: 3,500 sq. ft. per dwelling unit
- Other Multi-Family Residential\*
- OS Downtown Shoreline Residential: 2,500 sq. ft. per dwelling unit
- R-6.0 One-Family Residential: 6,000 sq. ft. maximum lot area
- R-7.5 One-Family Residential: 7,500 sq. ft. maximum lot area
- Other One-Family Residential\*
- P-1 Planned Unit Development
- NC Neighborhood Commercial
- CC Central Commercial
- SC Service Commercial
- Other Commercial\*
- C Civic
- GF Government Facility
- Industrial\*
- OS Open Space
- RF Recreational Facilities
- U Undesignated

**Explanation of Zones**

**Other Multi-Family Residential:**

- R-1.5 Multi-Family Residential: 1,500 sq. ft. per dwelling unit
- R-2.5 Multi-Family Residential: 2,500 sq. ft. per dwelling unit
- R-3.5 Multi-Family Residential: 3,500 sq. ft. per dwelling unit
- Other Multi-Family Residential\*

**Other One-Family Residential:**

- R-6.0 One-Family Residential: 6,000 sq. ft. maximum lot area
- R-7.5 One-Family Residential: 7,500 sq. ft. maximum lot area
- Other One-Family Residential\*

**Other Commercial:**

- CC Central Commercial
- SC Service Commercial
- Other Commercial\*

**Industrial:**

- GF Government Facility
- Industrial\*

**OS Open Space:**

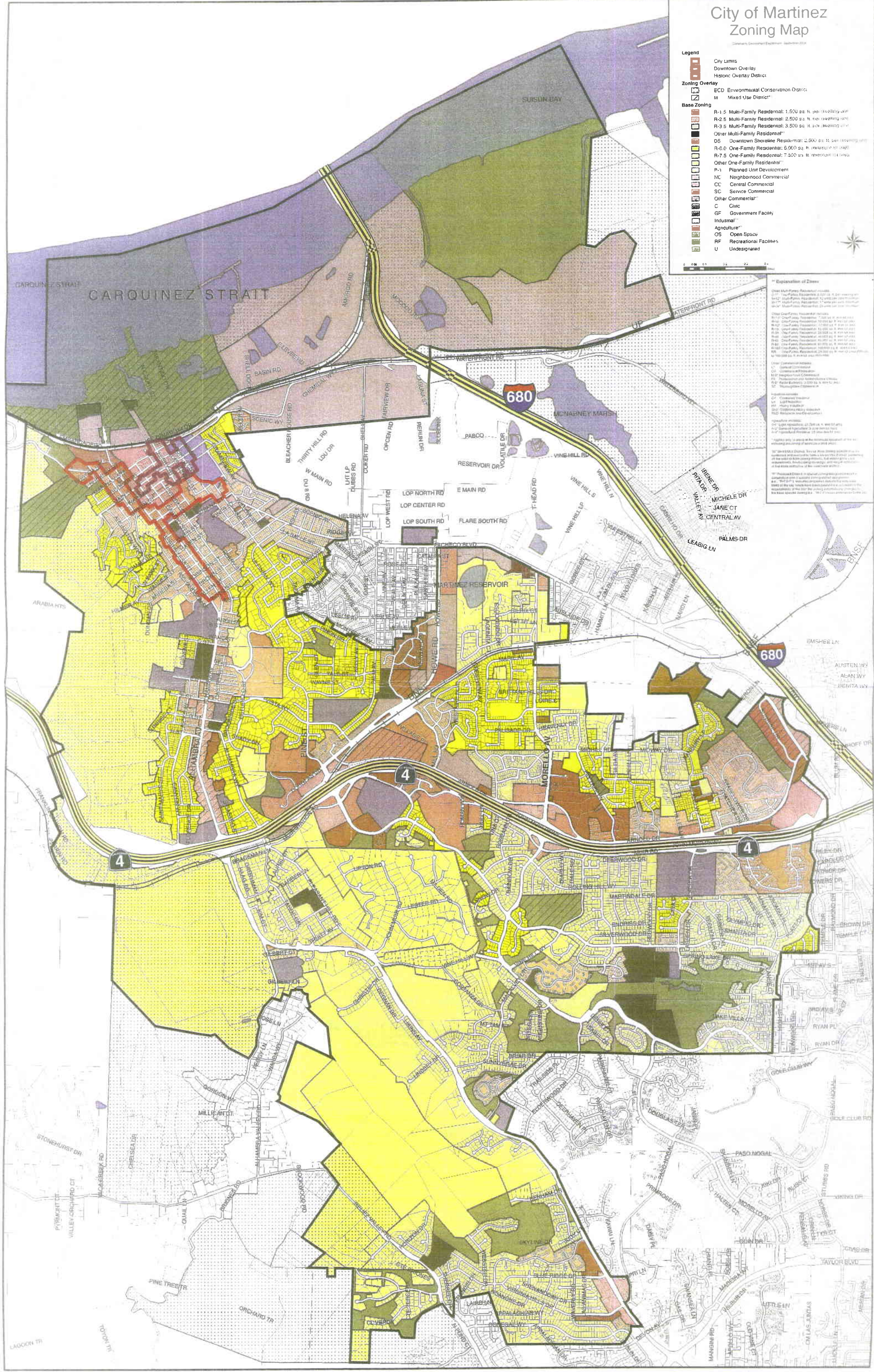
- OS Open Space

**RF Recreational Facilities:**

- RF Recreational Facilities

**U Undesignated:**

- U Undesignated





# Inspection Report

INSTALLATION ADDRESS - JOB NUMBER T39451

Golden Hills Park  
 Valley Road  
 Martinez CA 94553

Today's Date 8/29  
 Inspection # 8 of 07 Year

Time In \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Out

Bill Beck  
 Inspector

## GENERAL MAINTENANCE SHEETS

- INTRODUCTION
- CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS
- REPAIR OF POWDERCOATING

## COMPONENT MAINTENANCE SHEETS

DESCRIPTION	FREQ.	FINDINGS / ACTIONS TAKEN
<b>PG MAINT PLAYBOOSTER SYST</b>		
FASTENERS/HARDWARE	1	✓
CAPS	1	✓
POSTS	1	✓
BEAM(S)	1	✓
CONCRETE FOOTING(S)	10	✓
CLAMP ASSEMBLY	1	✓
<b>PG MAINT TENDERDECKS PB</b>		
FASTENERS/HARDWARE	1	✓
DECK(S)	1	✓
DECK HANGER CLAMP	1	✓
<b>PG MAINT TENDERDECKS PB</b>		
FASTENERS/HARDWARE	1	✓
DECK(S)	1	✓
DECK HANGER CLAMP	1	✓
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FASTENERS/HARDWARE	1	✓
DECK(S)	1	✓
DECK HANGER CLAMP	1	✓
<b>PG MAINT 2i HORIZ LADR PB</b>		
FASTENERS/HARDWARE	1	✓
CONCRETE FOOTING(S)	10	✓
WELD ASSEMBLY/SUPPORTS	1	✓

# Inspection Report

Golden Hills Park T39451

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION	FREQ.	FINDINGS / ACTIONS TAKEN
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POST BRACKET(S)	1	✓
POLY ROOF	2	✓
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FASTENERS/HARDWARE	1	✓
STEP(S)	1	✓
RAILING(S)	1	✓
<b>PG MAINT DBL WAVE SLD PB</b>		
FASTENERS/HARDWARE	1	✓
CONCRETE FOOTING(S)	10	✓
BASE SUPPORT(S)	2	✓
POLY SLIDE	1	✓
HOOD	2	✓
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FASTENERS/HARDWARE	1	✓
TUNNEL SECTION(S)	1	✓
PERMALENE PANEL(S)	1	✓
<b>PG MAINT CRVD HOR LADR PB</b>		
FASTENERS/HARDWARE	1	✓
CONCRETE FOOTING(S)	10	✓
WELD ASSEMBLY/SUPPORTS	1	✓
<b>PG MAINT LOOSE SURF PB</b>		
CLEANING	1	✓
LEVELING	1	✓
RENEWING	2	NEEDS MATERIAL
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FASTENERS/HARDWARE	1	✓
CONCRETE FOOTING(S)	10	✓
BRIDGE PLANK(S)	2	✓
BARRIER(S)	2	✓



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Today's Date 8/29/07

DESCRIPTION	FREQ.	FINDINGS / ACTIONS TAKEN
MID-SUPPORT(S)	10	✓
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FASTENERS/HARDWARE	1	✓
SUPPORT BEAM(S)	2	✓
BUSHING(S)	5	✓
RING SWING OUT	1	✓
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FASTENERS/HARDWARE	1	✓
HAND/CHIN/TURNING BARS	2	✓
VERTICAL LADDERS	2	✓
KICK PLATE	2	✓
BARRIER/GUARDRAIL	2	✓
TENDERTUFF PATCH	1	✓
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FASTENERS/HARDWARE	1	✓
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VERTICAL LADDERS	2	✓
KICK PLATE	2	✓
BARRIER/GUARDRAIL	2	✓
TENDERTUFF PATCH	1	✓
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FASTENERS/HARDWARE	1	✓
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VERTICAL LADDERS	2	✓
KICK PLATE	2	✓
BARRIER/GUARDRAIL	2	✓
TENDERTUFF PATCH	1	✓
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FASTENERS/HARDWARE	1	✓
HAND/CHIN/TURNING BARS	2	✓
VERTICAL LADDERS	2	✓
KICK PLATE	2	✓
BARRIER/GUARDRAIL	2	✓



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DESCRIPTION	FREQ.	FINDINGS / ACTIONS TAKEN
TENDERTUFF PATCH	1	✓
<b>PG MAINT T-TUFF PARTS PB</b>		
FASTENERS/HARDWARE	1	✓
HAND/CHIN/TURNING BARS	2	✓
VERTICAL LADDERS	2	✓
KICK PLATE	2	✓
BARRIER/GUARDRAIL	2	✓
TENDERTUFF PATCH	1	✓
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FASTENERS/HARDWARE	1	✓
PERMALENE PANEL(S)	1	✓
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FASTENERS/HARDWARE	1	✓
PERMALENE PANEL(S)	1	✓
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FASTENERS/HARDWARE	1	✓
CONCRETE FOOTING(S)	10	✓
PERMALENE PANEL(S)	1	✓
PIPE CLIMBER ASSEMBLY	1	✓
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FASTENERS/HARDWARE	1	✓
CONCRETE FOOTING(S)	10	✓
PERMALENE PANEL(S)	1	✓
PIPE CLIMBER ASSEMBLY	1	✓
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FASTENERS/HARDWARE	1	✓
CONCRETE FOOTING(S)	10	✓
BASE PLATE	2	✓
CHAIN LADDER	1	✓
PERMALENE PANEL(S)	1	✓
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FASTENERS/HARDWARE	1	✓
CONCRETE FOOTING(S)	10	✓

Golden Hills Park T39451

Today's Date 8/29/07

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PERMALENE PANEL(S)	1	✓
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FASTENERS/HARDWARE	1	✓
WINDOW POLYCARBONATE	1	✓
PERMALENE PANEL(S)	1	✓
BALL	1	✓
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FASTENERS/HARDWARE	1	✓
CONCRETE FOOTING(S)	10	✓
FOOTERS	10	✓
SLIDE/HOOD	2	✓
<b>PG MAINT STEERING WHEEL</b>		
FASTENERS/HARDWARE	1	✓
WHEEL	1	✓
PANEL/WALL/BARRIER	1	✓
<b>PG MAINT PB PERISCOPE PNL</b>		
FASTENERS/HARDWARE	1	✓
PERMALENE PANEL(S)	1	✓
PERISCOPE ASSEMBLY	5	✓
URETHANE STOP	1	✓
<b>PG MAINT PB POLY SLIDES</b>		
FASTENERS/HARDWARE	1	✓
CONCRETE FOOTING(S)	10	✓
BASE SUPPORT(S)	2	✓
POLY SLIDE	2	✓
HOOD	2	✓
<b>PG MAINT <i>CHIMNEY CLIMBER</i></b>		
FASTENERS/HARDWARE	1	✓
CONCRETE FOOTING(S)	10	✓
PERMALENE PANEL(S)	1	✓
CABLECORE CABLE(S)	1	✓
SUPPORT BEAM/SUPPORTS	2	✓



Golden Hills Park T39451

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION	FREQ.	FINDINGS / ACTIONS TAKEN
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BUSHING/LTD THREAD BOLT	5	✓
D-RING(S)	2	✓
DOUBLE CLEVIS(S)	5	✓
BOLT LINK/CHAIN ASSY(S)	2	✓
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FASTENERS/HARDWARE	1	✓
CONCRETE FOOTING(S)	10	✓
VERTICAL LADDERS	2	✓
<b>PG MAINT END VERT LADR</b>		
FASTENERS/HARDWARE	1	✓
CONCRETE FOOTING(S)	10	✓
VERTICAL LADDERS	2	✓
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FASTENERS/HARDWARE	1	✓
HANDRAILS	1	✓
MOUNTING PLATES & PLANKS	1	✓
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FASTENERS/HARDWARE	1	✓
CONCRETE FOOTING(S)	10	✓
CHAIN(S)	2	✓
WELD ASSEMBLY/SUPPORTS	1	✓
TENDERTUFF PLANKS	2	✓
PERMALENE PANEL(S)	1	✓
<b>PG MAINT SPIDER WEB CLMR</b>		
FASTENERS/HARDWARE	1	✓
CONCRETE FOOTING(S)	10	✓
CABLECORE CABLE(S)	1	✓
SPIDER WEB FRAME/RING	2	✓
<b>PG MAINT TRANSFER MOD PB</b>		
FASTENERS/HARDWARE	1	✓









Location GOLDEN HILLS Inspector BILL PELAN

Date 8/29/07 Time \_\_\_\_\_ Frequency of Inspections \_\_\_\_\_

Installation Date 03 Installer \_\_\_\_\_

**PRODUCT:** SWINGS

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Today's Date 8/29

Golden Hills Park *TOT*  
Valley Road  
Martinez CA 94553

Inspection # 8 of 07 Year

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*Bill Rehan*  
Inspector

## GENERAL MAINTENANCE SHEETS

INTRODUCTION  
CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS  
REPAIR OF POWDERCOATING

## COMPONENT MAINTENANCE SHEETS

DESCRIPTION	FREQ.	FINDINGS / ACTIONS TAKEN
<b>PG MAINT PLAYSHAPER SYST</b>		
FASTENERS/HARDWARE	1	✓
CAPS	1	✓
CONCRETE FOOTING(S)	10	✓
POSTS/FLANGES	1	✓
<b>PG MAINT SAND/WTR PNL PS</b>		
FASTENERS/HARDWARE	1	✓
CONCRETE FOOTING(S)	10	✓
TRAY	1	✓
SUPPORT(S)	2	✓
PERMALENE PANEL(S)	1	✓
DRAIN	1	✓
<b>PG MAINT BUBBLE PANEL PS</b>		
FASTENERS/HARDWARE	1	✓
BUBBLE OR WINDOW POLYCARB	1	✓
PERMALENE PANEL(S)	1	✓
<b>PG MAINT TENDERDECKS PS</b>		
FASTENERS/HARDWARE	1	✓
DECK(S)	1	✓
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FASTENERS/HARDWARE	1	✓
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DECK(S)	1	✓
<b>PG MAINT SPYROSLIDES PS</b>		
FASTENERS/HARDWARE	1	✓
CONCRETE FOOTING(S)	10	✓
DECK(S)	1	✓
BASE SUPPORT(S)	2	✓
POLY PARTS	2	✓
HANDBAR	1	✓
<b>PG MAINT SQ POLY ROOF PS</b>		
FASTENERS/HARDWARE	1	✓
POLY ROOF	2	✓
PERMALENE PANEL(S)	1	✓
ROOF SLEEVE(S)	1	✓
<b>PG MAINT ARCH BRIDGE PS</b>		
FASTENERS/HARDWARE	1	✓
BRACKET(S)	1	✓
PERMALENE PANEL(S)	1	✓
BRIDGE	1	✓
<b>PG MAINT WIRE BARRIER PS</b>		
FASTENERS/HARDWARE	1	✓
WIRE BARRIER	1	✓
<b>PG MAINT WIRE TUNNEL PS</b>		
FASTENERS/HARDWARE	1	✓
PERMALENE PANEL(S)	1	✓
WIRE TUNNEL	1	✓
<b>PG MAINT WIGGLE LADDER PS</b>		
FASTENERS/HARDWARE	1	✓
CONCRETE FOOTING(S)	10	✓
CHAIN(S)	2	✓
FOOTERS	10	✓
RAILS	1	✓
PERMALENE PANEL(S)	1	✓





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DESCRIPTION	FREQ.	FINDINGS / ACTIONS TAKEN
<b>PG MAINT STEERING WHEEL</b>		
FASTENERS/HARDWARE	1	✓
WHEEL	1	✓
PANEL/WALL/BARRIER	1	✓
<b>PG MAINT TICTACTOE PNL PS</b>		
FASTENERS/HARDWARE	1	✓
SHAFT(S)	1	✓
TIC TAC TOE BLOCKS	1	✓
BRACKET(S)	1	✓
PERMALENE PANEL(S)	1	✓
<b>PG MAINT STEP LADDER PS</b>		
FASTENERS/HARDWARE	1	✓
CONCRETE FOOTING(S)	10	✓
HANDRAILS	1	✓
STEP LADDER ASSEMBLY	2	✓
PERMALENE PANEL(S)	1	✓
<b>PG MAINT LOOP LADDER PS</b>		
FASTENERS/HARDWARE	1	✓
CONCRETE FOOTING(S)	10	✓
PERMALENE PANEL(S)	1	✓
LOOP LADDER	1	✓
<b>PG MAINT PS COZY CLIMBER</b>		
FASTENERS/HARDWARE	1	✓
CONCRETE FOOTING(S)	10	✓
TENDERTUFF PLANKS	2	✓
ARCH PIPES	2	✓
PERMALENE PANEL(S)	1	✓
<b>PG MAINT PS PERISCOPE PNL</b>		
FASTENERS/HARDWARE	1	✓
PERMALENE PANEL(S)	1	✓
PERISCOPE ASSEMBLY	5	✓
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<b>PG MAINT BELT BRIDGE PS</b>		
FASTENERS/HARDWARE	1	✓



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BELT	1	✓
MOUNTING ANGLE/PLATE	1	✓
PERMALENE BARRIER(S)	1	✓
<b>PG MAINT DBL WAVE SLD PS</b>		
FASTENERS/HARDWARE	1	✓
CONCRETE FOOTING(S)	10	✓
BASE SUPPORT(S)	2	✓
POLY SLIDE	1	✓
HOOD	2	✓
<b>PG MAINT PS CRVD XFR MOD</b>		
FASTENERS/HARDWARE	1	✓
CONCRETE FOOTING(S)	10	✓
DECK/STEPS	1	✓
PERMALENE PANEL(S)	1	✓
RAILING(S)	1	✓
<b>PG MAINT PS BLOCK CLMR</b>		
FASTENERS/HARDWARE	1	✓
CONCRETE FOOTING(S)	10	✓
KICK PLATE	1	✓
SUPPORT(S)	2	✓
PERMALENE PANEL(S)	1	✓
BLOCK(S)	1	✓
HANDRAIL/HANDLOOP	1	✓
<b>PG MAINT PS POD CLIMBER</b>		
FASTENERS/HARDWARE	1	✓
CONCRETE FOOTING(S)	10	✓
DISC(S)	1	✓
SUPPORT(S)	2	✓
PERMALENE PANEL(S)	1	✓
HANDRAIL/HANDLOOP	1	✓
<b>PG MAINT BENCH W/PANELS</b>		
FASTENERS/HARDWARE	1	✓
SEAT	1	✓





## E. Parks

### 1. Alhambra Park

#### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Alhambra Park is located at the corner of Alhambra and Marina Vista Avenue. This .55 acre park is across the creek from the Amtrak station. This park contains four benches and a brick walkway that starts at the corner of the park and leads to the footbridge that crosses Alhambra creek and leads to the Amtrak station. There is also a decomposed granite pathway that straddles the creek.

#### EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS

- A. Turf area
- B. Five benches
- C. Brick walkway
- D. Trees
- E. Footbridge connecting the park to the Amtrak station

#### PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

- A. Decomposed granite areas need to be re-graded to promote better drainage

## 2. Cappy Ricks Park

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Cappy Ricks Park is located in a residential area on Brown Street. This one-acre park contains a popular paved basketball court and two lighted tennis courts. Cappy Ricks Park contains picnic tables, drinking fountains, restrooms and a children's play area with climbing equipment.

Cappy Ricks Park is named in honor of C.A. Ricks (1885-1959), an outstanding civic leader. He was a member of the City Council for 16 years, Mayor of Martinez for six years and a member of the Planning Commission for 22 years.

### EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS

- A. Two lighted tennis courts with backboard
- B. Lighted basketball court
- C. Small grass turf area
- D. Restrooms
- E. Playground/climbing equipment with two slides
- F. Two picnic tables (8 person capacity/table)
- G. Drinking fountain

### PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

- A. Replace tennis court perimeter fence fabric
- B. Replace restroom building
- C. Install barbecue at picnic tables
- D. Remove sand area west along fence line
- E. Install shield on lights for basketball and tennis courts
- F. Repair concrete pathway and improve accessibility
- G. Improve drainage/remove curb around Tennis Courts
- H. Replace electrical box
- I. Resurface basketball court
- J. Replace turnstile gate



## 3. Ferry Point Picnic Area

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Ferry Point picnic area is located at the water's edge just west of the Martinez Marina. The area provides an exceptional view corridor of scenery, wildlife, and boating activity.

The facility offers picnic tables in a turf area with walkways that connect to the shoreline trail system. A paved parking lot is adjacent. Access from downtown is via North Court Street.

As part of Waterfront Park, this area is leased from the East Bay Regional Park District.

### EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS

- A. Three and one-half acres of turf
- B. Crushed rock pathway along beach
- C. Six uncovered picnic pads
- D. Five cement benches along north water's edge
- E. Lighted parking lot (shared with marina): 90 spaces
- F. Memorial tree grove
- G. Memorial benches located throughout
- H. Yuba City bus accident memorial
- I. Fishermen's monument

### PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

- A. Correct drainage problem along north edge of parking lot and for pathways picnic table pads, and memorial areas
- B. Installation of interpretive signage to relate to trails, wildlife, environment of the marsh, history of the area and view corridor
- C. Removal of non-native plant invasive species
- D. Replace dying trees with salt tolerant species
- E. Resurface parking lot and fix curbs

## 4. Foothills Park

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Foothills Park is tucked along a creek bed between Alhambra Avenue and Chatswood Drive, starting just east of Benham Drive. The park provides a neighborhood walking and recreation spot, and enhances the Alhambra Avenue scenery.

### EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS

- A. Bike/pedestrian path connecting to sidewalks along Alhambra that ends at park
- B. Basketball court (shooting circle)
- C. Footbridge across creek to Chatswood Drive
- D. Turf area in the southwest corner
- E. Drinking fountain at footbridge
- F. One bench on each side of footbridge
- G. Tether ball pole
- H. Memorial Bench facing Chatswood Drive

### PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

- A. Seal asphalt basketball circle and path to it
- B. Improve irrigation system on Alhambra Drive side for additional landscaping and trees
- C. Replace drinking fountain
- D. Provide park signs

## 5. Golden Hills Park

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Golden Hills Park is located in the Virginia Hills area of Martinez. The 9.6 acres of landscaped park are contained by eight acres of hillside open space to the east, residential development to the north and south and Reliez Valley Road to the west.

Golden Hills contains large areas of lawn and open space. There are also two playgrounds, a covered picnic area, a community meeting facility with restrooms, two lighted tennis courts and a half-court basketball shooting circle. The park is easily accessible from Eagle Nest Drive and Condor Drive to the north; Sterling Drive, Bernice Lane and Sherree Drive to the south; and Reliez Valley Road to the west.

### HISTORY OF THE PARK PLAN

Royston, Hanamoto, Beck and Albey prepared the original master plan for Golden Hills Park. This plan was approved by the City Council on July 3, 1973. The original children's play equipment was removed in 2001 and replaced in 2003 using Proposition 12 and park dedication fees. The picnic area situated between the creek bed and Reliez Valley Road consisting of three picnic tables, one drinking fountain and one swing set was removed due to deteriorated condition and lack of use in 2004.

### EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS

- A. Tot lot
  - a. Swing structure
- B. Children's play equipment
  - a. Swing structure
- C. Community meeting room (900 sq. ft.) with restrooms
- D. Covered picnic area consisting of three picnic tables (10 person capacity per table)
- E. Two lighted tennis courts
- F. Two drinking fountains along walkways
- G. Lighted parking lot with seven spaces off Condor Drive; two parking stalls off Sherree Drive
- H. Wooden footbridge over the creek
- I. Lighted paved pathways to existing street connections
- J. Large irrigated turf area used for youth soccer

### PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

- A. Upgrade Restrooms for ADA compliance
- B. Upgrade/Expand Community Room to accommodate larger community and recreation activities
- C. Upgrade/increase parking at ends of cul-de-sacs



## 6. Hidden Lakes Park

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Hidden Lakes Park provides 24 acres of sports-related facilities, including softball fields, a concession stand, a multi-purpose field, tot lot, and children's play structure. The park is set among the scenic oak-lined hills and lakes of the Hidden Lakes Open Space. Various trails cross and interconnect this park to the open space and Hidden Valley Park.

The park is centrally located near numerous housing and multi-unit developments. The entrance is located at the intersection of two arterial streets, Morello Avenue from the northwest and south and Chilpancingo Parkway from the east.

The park was dedicated in 1982.

### EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS

- A. Children's Play Structure (near multi-purpose field)
- B. Tot lot (near concession stand)
- C. Three benches near play structure on multi-purpose field side
- D. Two benches near tot lot on softball side
- E. Entrance sign at entry circle
- F. Restroom/concession building with public telephone and drinking fountain
- G. Multi-purpose field
- H. Two softball fields
- I. Paved and lighted pathways between facilities
- J. Lighted parking lot
- K. Basketball court
- L. Volleyball court - sand
- M. Picnic tables and barbecue pods
- N. Drinking fountain between volleyball and basketball courts

### PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

- A. Replace and redesign playground equipment
- B. Renovate/grade/expand soccer field and track
- C. Upgrade restrooms to ADA standards
- D. Replace drinking fountain with ADA compliant models
- E. Install bollards along entry to reduce vehicle entry to soccer field.
- F. Increase native oak plantings on hillsides with irrigation along multi-purpose field
- G. Add more picnic tables and barbecue pods
- H. Plant additional trees to shade existing and future picnic tables and barbecue pods
- I. Evaluate for additional sports fields and incorporate a weather walking/running track

- J. Irrigation repair
- K. Repave and stripe parking lot

- D. Improve irrigation
- E. Re-landscape between creek bed and Reliez Valley Road
- F. Install ADA compliant drinking fountains
- G. Relocate and redesign picnic facility on north side of park adjacent to the open space/ Locate picnic tables adjacent to play areas
- H. Remove and replace dead pepper trees
- I. Slurry seal and stripe parking lot
- J. Re-landscape around community meeting room
- K. Regrade turf area
- L. Improve park rules – signage
- M. Install shields on tennis court lights



## 7. Hidden Valley Park

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Hidden Valley Park contains 17 acres of turf and wooded hillside area. The Park offers a view of Mt. Diablo. Immediately to the south are the hills and lakes of the Hidden Lakes Open Space. The park offers a variety of outdoor amenities to support recreational activities and scenic enjoyment.

The softball fields are located on property leased by the City from the Mt. Diablo School District. Park users also have access to the school's basketball courts.

The park is centrally located and is easily accessible from Center Avenue and Glacier Drive from the north and Beechwood Drive from the west. The park is adjacent to residences and school on the north, and Open Space to the south.

### EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS

- A. Tot lot
  - a. Three baby swings
  - b. One small metal slide
- B. Children's playground equipment
  - a. Concrete slide
  - b. Two swings
  - c. Three timber benches
  - d. Play structure
- C. Drinking fountain
- D. Seventeen acres of turf, wooded hillside and lighted pathways
- E. Picnic areas (all tables seat 8 adults each)
  - a. Four covered picnic pods, each with three tables, a large barbecue unit and concrete pad (fix)
  - b. Four uncovered picnic areas with three tables each and a barbecue unit (fix)
  - c. One picnic area with two tables nearest parking lot
  - d. Five drinking fountains interspersed in picnic areas
- F. Two ball fields
- G. Outdoor amphitheater
- H. Parking lot at Center Avenue
  - a. Gate to Hidden Valley Elementary School ball fields
- I. Restroom facility with park maintenance shed situated at the Center Avenue parking lot (fix)
- J. Remnants of a twenty-station par course/ exercise course (fix)
  - a. Jogging and hiking trails linking the open space area with Hidden Lakes Park
- L. Park name sign and park regulation sign
- M. Linear Park complex on the north side of Center Avenue
  - a. Two lighted tennis courts
  - b. Lighted asphalt concrete pathways

- c. Two benches
- d. Half court basketball facility
- N. Information kiosk adjacent to the parking lot

## **PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS**

- A. Redesign children's play area and replace equipment pads
- B. Replace approximately 1,100 square feet of concrete picnic pods nearest parking lot and install ADA compliant paths to picnic pods
- C. Overlay approximately 4,200 linear feet of asphalt/concrete pathway and widen enough to facilitate maintenance vehicles
- D. Replace shrub bed and improve irrigation system by tennis courts (north of Center Avenue) – linear park
- E. Construct tennis practice wall at the linear park
- F. Install approximately 200 square feet of concrete pathway to restrooms from existing paths for ADA compliance
- G. Remove amphitheater and replace with seating area
- H. Redesign landscaping around southern group picnic pod and install sensor lighting
  - I. Install sand volleyball court adjacent to group picnic pod in north end of park
- J. New ADA compliant drinking fountain adjacent to tennis courts
- K. Remove exercise course par course signs and exercise stations and evaluate installing a new course
- L. Expand basketball court to bankshot court
- M. Install new ADA restrooms with recreation storage area and activity room
- N. Convert existing old restroom area to park maintenance shed use
- O. Replace wood picnic tables with concrete tables ("memorial" picnic tables)
- P. Evaluate turf area for installation of a soccer field
- Q. Add environmental interpretive signage
- R. General irrigation upgrades

## 8. Highland Avenue Park

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

This small, one-quarter acre park is located in a secluded residential area just three blocks east of the Contra Costa County Administration building. Highland Avenue Park is rimmed by a line of tall eucalyptus trees.

The parcel was deeded to the City by Shell Oil Company in September 1992. The park underwent a complete renovation in 1993, including major improvement to the playground, site amenities and landscaping. Play equipment was installed, featuring swings, a slide and other children's play equipment. Park amenities include a paved basketball court, a picnic area for small family picnics and horse shoe pit.

### EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS

- A. Large play equipment including:
  - a. Two small slides and one large slide
  - b. Bridge
  - c. Climbing area
  - d. Tire swing
- B. Picnic area
  - a. Four picnic tables (6 person capacity/table)
- C. Drinking fountain
- D. Paved basketball court (full court)
- E. Horseshoe pit
- F. Pathways
- G. Small turf area

### PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

- A. Modify play equipment to meet current guidelines
- B. Resurface basketball court and pathways
- C. Remove dying or diseased eucalyptus trees and replace with native, drought tolerant shade trees and install irrigation
- D. Upgrade the horse shoe pit
- E. Lighting Improvements
- F. Install Restrooms
- G. Add drinking fountain
- H. Environmental interpretive signage



# 9. Holiday Highlands Park

## GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Holiday Highlands Park is a small, two-acre neighborhood park featuring a large play area for children. Other amenities include picnic tables, bike rack, a large turf area, a drinking fountain and pathway lighting. A small creek meanders along the western edge of the park where wildlife can be observed.

The park is easily accessible from the intersection of East Woodbury and Fig Tree Lane. The park is surrounded by a large number of single and multi-family residential units.

## HISTORY OF MASTER PLAN

Royston, Hanamoto, Alley and Abey prepared the master plan for Holiday Highlands Park. This plan was approved by the City Council on June 19, 1980. Major playground renovation was completed in 2003 with Proposition 12 funding.

## EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS

- A. Turf meadow with trees around borders
- B. Lighted asphalt and concrete pathways
- C. Children's composite play equipment
- D. Tot lot
- E. Equipment with two baby swings
- F. Finger park for use with toy cars
- G. Small sand area with shovel
- H. Ring spinner
- I. Picnic area near playground
  - a. Three picnic tables (6 person capacity/table)
  - b. Drinking fountain
  - c. Barbecue
- J. Picnic area along creek
  - a. Four picnic tables
  - b. Two barbecues
  - c. Drinking fountain
- K. Two wooden footbridges
- L. Park regulation sign
- M. Two large concrete balls at entrance

## PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

- A. Redo asphalt path and retaining walls along paths and creek bed
- B. Replace light standards/ballasts with low glare/lower wattage
- C. Install park signage
- D. Installation of restrooms

- E. Replace drinking fountains for ADA compliance
- F. Install additional security lighting along Eastern park boundary
- G. Remove and/or replace picnic tables
- H. Install safety surface material around the race car play structure

## 10. John Muir School Park

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

John Muir Park is a neighborhood park located on land leased from the Martinez Unified School District through a joint use agreement. The adjacent John Muir School provides multi-purpose courts, play equipment, a multi-purpose field and parking lot for park users during non-school hours. The park is located on Vista Way with trail access from Hollyview Drive.

### HISTORY OF THE MASTER PLAN

Royston, Hanamoto, Alley and Abey prepared the Master Plan for the John Muir School. This plan was accepted in 1976 and amended in 1981. Park improvements were completed in 1984. Wooden playground equipment was removed in 2000 from the upper area, and the school renovated the lower playground equipment in the late 1990's. A security fence delineating the school playground was installed by the school district in 2003.

### EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS

- A. Children's play equipment (school playground)
- B. Area lighting
- C. Picnic areas
  - a. One uncovered picnic area situated near the sand area with three picnic tables (seating 8 each).
  - b. One uncovered picnic area near the west end of the park with two picnic tables (seating 8 each) and a drinking fountain.
- D. Park regulation sign
- E. Approximately 1.5 acres of turf area
- F. Lighted path around turf with three benches
- G. Trail through natural area

### PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

- A. "Natural" play area
- B. Add drinking fountain
- C. Trail improvements through to open space on Hollyview
- D. Lighting improvements
- E. Park regulation signage



# 11. Morello Park

## GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The field play areas, day care center and play equipment areas are all situated on land owned by the Martinez Unified School District and were completed in 1992. The park area adjacent to Morello Avenue is on city-owned land and was completed in 1994.

Morello Park was constructed in two phases. It is located on Morello Avenue approximately 1 3/8 miles south of Pacheco Boulevard. The Park begins at the edge of the access road to Morello School and is part of the MUSD school grounds through a joint use agreement.

Morello Park has two youth baseball fields, restroom/concession building, two children's play areas, tennis court, basketball court, picnic tables and a day care center. A memorial plaque honoring Park and Recreation Commissioner Howard Ray is located next to the tennis court. An Arbor Day Tree dedicated to John Castro is located in the park.

## EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS

- A. Park adjacent to Morello
  - a. Basketball court
  - b. Tennis court
  - c. Two picnic areas
  - d. Large grass play areas
  - e. Restrooms
- B. Park/School
  - a. Two multi-purpose fields
  - b. Concession stand/restrooms
  - c. Day care center building
  - d. Tot lot (fenced)

## PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

- A. Minor modification of play equipment to comply with ADA guidelines
- B. Modify basketball court
- C. Fence or bollards along north perimeter to prevent vehicle access
- D. Improve drainage adjacent to tennis court
- E. Add memorial benches and trees

## 12. Mountain View Park

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Mountain View Park is located adjacent to Parkway Drive, north of Howe Road. This 4.5 acre park was dedicated in September 1991. The land is managed by the city under a grant easement issued to the city by the Mountain View Improvement Association.

### EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS

- A. Restroom and concession building
- B. Two children's play areas
- C. Basketball court
- D. Baseball field
- E. Seven picnic tables
- F. Large turf area
- G. Two off street parking lots
- H. Two swing sets
- I. Concrete pathways
- J. Four drinking fountains

### PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

- A. Modification of play areas and equipment to comply with ADA and safety guidelines/ Enlarge swing area safety zones
- B. Improvements to irrigation and drainage western edge of the park
- C. Vegetation enhancement-removal of diseased pine trees and replace with drought tolerant evergreen screen planting
- D. Pathway improvements
- E. Landscaping or fencing at street end of basketball court/install around court concrete curb border to prevent asphalt degradation
- F. Re-grade areas to paths
- G. Provide safe storage area for soccer goals
- H. Improve grading/drainage for grass area
- I. Safety fences – street side
- J. Drinking fountain replacement

## 13. Nancy Boyd Park

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Dedicated in 1965, Nancy Boyd Park is located adjacent to Pleasant Hill Road East. Nearby oak lined hills make an attractive setting for this park. The park contains grassy areas with a large play field and a paved basketball court. There is a larger playground area with swings, slides and other play equipment. At the top of the hill there are lighted tennis courts; and there are several shaded picnic areas in the park with tables, barbecue grills and restroom facilities. At the entranceway to the park sits a monument built by the people of Martinez and dedicated to the Peace Corps, volunteers throughout the world, and specifically, to Nancy Boyd.

### EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS

- A. Restrooms
- B. Small tot lot
  - a. Small climbing equipment with three small slides and bridge
- C. Large playground
  - a. Large climbing equipment with three large slides, a bridge and monkey bars
  - b. Swing set with two baby and two regular swings
- D. Picnic Areas
  - a. One picnic table with barbecue pit adjacent to small play structure
  - b. One picnic table adjacent to large tot lot
  - c. One picnic table situated between the restroom facility and the creek
  - d. One uncovered picnic pod with three picnic tables and barbecue pit
  - e. Two covered picnic pods each consisting of three picnic tables and barbecue pit (seats 6 each)
- E. One full basketball court
- F. Tennis court area
  - a. Three lighted tennis courts
  - b. One bench next to each court
  - c. Concrete tennis practice wall
- G. Turf playfield
- H. Hillside open space area with trees
- I. Two paved parking areas
  - a. Entrance to park - 9 stalls
  - b. Tennis court - 5 stalls, lighted
- J. Park regulation sign
- K. Peace Corps monument
- L. Three drinking fountains
- M. Four benches
- N. Two memorial benches
- O. Footbridge at northeast end adjacent to Pleasant Hill Road East



## PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

- A. Modify play equipment and restrooms to comply with ADA and safety guidelines
- B. Renovate globe, fill area with soil and plant annual flowers at the Nancy Boyd memorial or restore as a fountain
- C. Overlay asphalt concrete path between park and tennis court area
- D. Install storm drain to creek from the drinking fountain immediately north of tot lot
- E. Raise pathway
- F. Renovate multi-use turf area, including: grading, drainage system, skinned infield, relocate backstop into hillside, top soil, and seeding
- G. Renovate basketball surface, install a protective border
- H. Replant hillside tree area with native species
- I. Replace trees around tennis courts with drought tolerant evergreen trees
- J. Install an activity center in conjunction with the restroom remodel

# 14. Plaza Ignacio Martinez

## GENERAL DESCRIPTION

This attractive plaza, adjacent to the City Hall, is named in honor of one of the area's first settlers and pioneers. The Plaza Ignacio Martinez occupies the one-acre City block in front of City Hall and includes the Martinez Boys and Girls Club. It features a Spanish style fountain surrounded by a brick plaza rimmed with magnolia, crape myrtle trees and raised flower beds. Park benches line the perimeter of this beautiful turn-of-the-century plaza. The park is bordered by the City Hall courtyard and parking area.

## HISTORY OF THE MASTER PLAN

Royston, Hanamoto, Alley and Abey prepared the Master Plan for the Plaza Ignacio Martinez. The construction plans were approved by the City Council May 18, 1977.

## EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS

- A. Park plaza
  - a. Spanish style fountain (lighted)
  - b. Eight park benches
  - c. Four raised flower beds
- B. Small turf areas
- C. Parking areas
  - a. City Hall - 29 spaces
  - b. Boys Club - 17 spaces

## PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

- A. Install the south parking lot improvements as identified in the Phase III Plaza Ignacio Martinez Master Plan
- B. Flag pole replacement
- C. South parking lot improvements

# 15. Rankin Park

## GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Rankin Park is the oldest City park. At the entrance to the 42-acre park is a large swimming complex with three pools. The main park area is set in a wooded ravine overlooking downtown Martinez. Picnic facilities at Rankin Park are extensive. Tavan Field, the oldest and only lighted ball field facility in Martinez, is also within the park's boundaries. Other features include children's play areas and hiking trails into the adjacent open space area. The park is only a few minutes walk from the downtown area and is accessible from the west end of Buckley Street.

## HISTORY OF MASTER PLAN

The first Master Plan was prepared by Royston, Hanamoto, Beck and Abey in 1972.

## EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS

- A. Tavan Field (lighted ball field)
  - a. Bleachers
  - b. Two drinking fountains
  - c. Restroom and storage facility
- B. Gazebo
- C. Lighted pathway
- D. Restrooms near Olive Grove
- E. Parking in upper parking lot: 42 spaces
- F. Two park regulation signs
- G. Group picnic areas
  - a. Olive Grove picnic area
    - i. Concession building
    - ii. Barbecue pits (5 ft. diameter grill)
    - iii. Serving table
    - iv. Eighteen picnic tables (approx. 250 capacity)
    - v. Two horseshoe pits
  - b. Peppertree picnic area
    - i. Barbecue pit (4 ft. diameter grill)
    - ii. Service table
    - iii. Eight picnic tables (seating for 72)
    - iv. Two benches
  - c. Gazebo picnic area
    - i. Two large serving tables
    - ii. Three picnic tables (seating for 24)
    - iii. Two small barbecue pits
- H. Three picnic tables at the upper play equipment along westerly hiking trail (6 people/table).



- I. Picnic tables on the west side of Olive Grove
- J. Two picnic tables on east side of tot lot.
- K. Upper play area (western most)
  - a. Six swings
  - b. Three benches in swing area
  - c. Four spring animals
  - d. Merry-go-round
  - e. Large play/climbing equipment
  - f. Spiral slide
  - g. Tube slide
  - h. Wave slide
  - i. Chain bridge
  - j. Horizontal ladder
  - k. Various decks
- L. Tot lot
  - a. Climbing equipment with three small slides
  - b. Three benches
- M. Pool Facilities
  - a. Three swimming pools: wadding, swimming, diving
  - b. Four benches
  - c. Building with shower/dressing/rest rooms and lobby
  - d. Picnic pavilion
- N. Turf area adjacent to the pools
- O. Parking areas
  - a. Lower parking lot - 24 spaces
  - b. Buckley Street - 17 spaces
  - c. Marina Vista - 7 spaces

## PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

- A. Replace restroom facility near Olive Grove to conform with ADA guidelines.
- B. Replace play equipment with natural climbing features and innovative play equipment to comply with ADA, and safety standards and provide variety of play experiences. Emphasis on incorporating unique equipment to reflect the natural surroundings. May be necessary to redesign play areas to accommodate these new structures.
- C. Replace 18 wood picnic tables located at Olive Grove with 18 (memorial) concrete picnic tables
- D. Replace vinyl clad picnic tables located at Pepper Tree with 8 (memorial) concrete picnic tables
- E. Replace 3 metal picnic tables located (memorial) at Gazebo with 3 (memorial) concrete picnic tables
- F. Install new ADA - compliant water fountain and relocate MVFD fountain to downtown.
- G. New lower slope pathways and native plant gardens/ add lighting
- H. Add signs on trail (map)
- I. New swimming pool complex

- J. Nature Center
- K. Renovate, regrade, and resurface Tavan Field
- L. Renovate and replace two barbecue pits
- M. Roadway and parking improvements

# 16. Susana Street Park

## **GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

Susana Street Park is located just one block east of the City Hall at Susana and Estudillo Streets. This one-acre park contains many tall shade trees and offers a cool, rustic retreat close to the busy downtown area. Susana Park contains a picnic table, a concrete stage, rock drinking fountain, memorial benches, pathways and a variety of trees that have been imported from all over the world.

## **EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS**

- A. Restroom/Storage building
- B. Rock drinking fountain
- C. Turf area
- D. Four benches
- E. One picnic table (6 person capacity)
- F. Rock seating area
- G. Stage with electrical outlets

## **PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS**

- A. Tree Replacement program
- B. Memorial Benches
- C. Victorian themed lighting, bench and pathway improvements
- D. Refurbish existing water fountain with ADA compliant features
- E. Screen planting behind stage
- F. Replace railing near restroom
- G. Maintain the variety of trees
- H. Removal of circular bench



# 17. Waterfront Park

## GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Waterfront Park is located north of downtown and the railroad tracks. The 150 acre park is adjacent to Martinez Regional Shoreline and the Martinez Marina which makes the entire waterfront area a unique recreational attraction. This park is owned by East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) with leases to the City for recreational activities such as the ball fields, and skate park and picnic areas.

Notable features of Waterfront Park include a soccer field, ball field complex , bocce ball courts and concrete skateboard park. The park also features extensive group picnic areas with tables and grills, water fountains, restrooms, a children's play area, large turf areas, horseshoe pits and a historic train display. The children's play area was completely renovated in 2003.

The EBRPD and Martinez Regional Shoreline has two tot lots, green meadows, restrooms, picnic areas, jogging and nature study trails and a parking lot.

The adjoining Martinez Marina to the north provides a 410 berth marina with a launch ramp, yacht club, fishing pier, boat sales and storage facilities. A privately operated horse arena lies east of the park. The City built the 1200-seat John Muir Amphitheater southeast of the marina in 2001.

The park is accessible from North Court Street via Ferry Street.

## HISTORY OF THE MASTER PLAN

Royston, Hanamoto, Alley and Abey prepared a Master Plan for the Martinez Regional Shoreline Park. This plan was accepted in 1981.

## EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS

- A. Lighted group picnic area (250 person capacity)
  - a. Two horseshoe pits
  - b. Four benches around horseshoe pits
  - c. Twenty-five large picnic tables (10 person capacity per table)
  - d. Three serving tables
  - e. Group barbecue pit with four adjustable grills
  - f. Counter top with two sinks
  - g. Restroom
  - h. Drinking fountain near restroom
  - i. Rock wall and redwood fence around area
  - j. Electrical service
- B. Covered Picnic Pavilion
- C. Children's play area and tot lot
  - a. Play equipment with slides, ladders and bridge

- b. Tot lot slide and two swings
- c. Two picnic tables and two barbecues
- d. Two benches
- D. Three picnic tables with two barbecues and a drinking fountain west of ball field complex
- E. Bocce ball court area
  - a. Fifteen bocce ball courts with lighting
  - b. Storage building and drinking fountain
  - c. Message board
  - d. Memorial benches for bocce
  - e. Twenty-eight picnic tables
  - f. Drinking fountain on west side
- F. Joe DiMaggio Ball fields
  - a. Four ball fields (three softball and one hardball diamond)
  - b. Bleachers on fields one - four
  - c. Concession stand/restroom/storage building
  - d. Three concrete picnic tables at concession stand
  - e. Two drinking fountains
  - f. Four scoreboards
- G. Multi-use Field (one baseball field and soccer field)
- H. Parking Areas
  - a. Four lots with 200 spaces plus on street parking
  - b. Ball field/Marina overflow lot: about 70 spaces (near soccer field)
- I. Turf area (2.5 acres) with large special event electrical service
- J. Park entrance and regulations signs
- K. Skate Park

## **PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS**

- A. Drainage and Irrigation Improvement
- B. Pathway improvements
- C. Resurface parking lots
- D. Reconfigure ball fields 3, 4, and 5 to create a new multi use field
- E. Score board replacement/repair
- F. Memorial benches/tables
- G. Signage replacement
- H. Reconfigure skate park entrance to separate from picnic pavilion, add perimeter fence around skate park, replace loose gravel surface
- I. Replace group picnic area tables, upgrade ground cover and barbecue pits, and reconfigure for better visibility
- J. Restore creek area between group picnic area and ball fields
- K. Retrofit restrooms near bocce/group picnic for ADA compliance
- L. Full service recreational center run by public or private management
- M. Fill soccer field and provide surface drainage

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME  
CERTIFICATE OF FEE EXEMPTION

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**Project Title/Location (include County):**

City of Martinez Park System Master Plan 2007-2012 / City of Martinez – Contra Costa County

**Project Description:**

The Martine Park System Master Plan is designed to provide an assessment of the current system and a vision for the future. The Master Plan establishes the goals, objectives and policies to guide public planning in the acquisition, development and rehabilitation of parks, open spaces, trails and recreation opportunities in the City of Martinez.

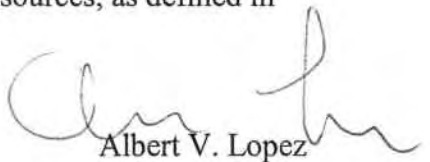
**Findings of Exemption (attach as necessary):**

Exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA guidelines.

The programs and projects of the Master Plan are mostly replacement projects or minor alterations to existing facilities. Also, the Master Plan is not funded, but serves as a policy document to guide future Capital Improvement Projects (CIP), subject to CEQA under a separate future action.

**Certification:**

I hereby certify that the public agency has made the above finding and that the project will not individually or cumulatively have an adverse effect on wildlife resources, as defined in Section 711.2 of the Fish and Game Code.



Albert V. Lopez

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Lead Agency: City of Martinez

June 29, 2007

Section 771.4, Fish and Game Code

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