



# COMMUNITY MEETING #4

October 3, 2017

# INTRODUCTION

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## — THE MASTER PLAN TEAM

### San Mateo County Parks

- » Gates + Associates  
(Park & Recreation Planning/Landscape Architecture)
- » WRA Environmental Consultants  
(Biological Resources Assessment)
- » Pacific Watershed Associates  
(Erosion Inventory and Assessment)

# MEETING OVERVIEW

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## — TODAY'S AGENDA

1. Background Recap
2. Project Update
3. Table Discussions
4. Table Sharing/Summary
5. Focus Groups Discussion
6. Next Steps

# INTRODUCTION

## SCOPE OF MASTER PLAN DOCUMENT

### Existing Conditions Assessment

- » Biological Assessment
- » Sediment Source Reduction Plan
- » Existing Uses
- » ADA accessibility

### Community Outreach Process/Input

### Preferred Plan

- » Park Uses and Amenities
- » Vehicle and Trail Access and Travel
- » Infrastructure
- » Signage and Interpretive Opportunities

### Management Guidelines

### Partnerships

### Implementation and Phasing



# INTRODUCTION

## PROJECT SCHEDULE



Check web site for updates on survey  
[parks.smcgov.org/quarry-park](https://parks.smcgov.org/quarry-park)

# BACKGROUND

## EFFORTS TO DATE

Mid-Coast Recreational Needs Assessment (2002)

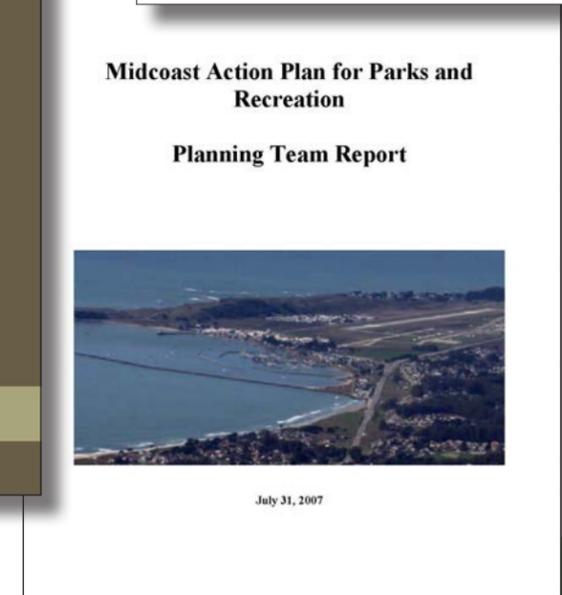
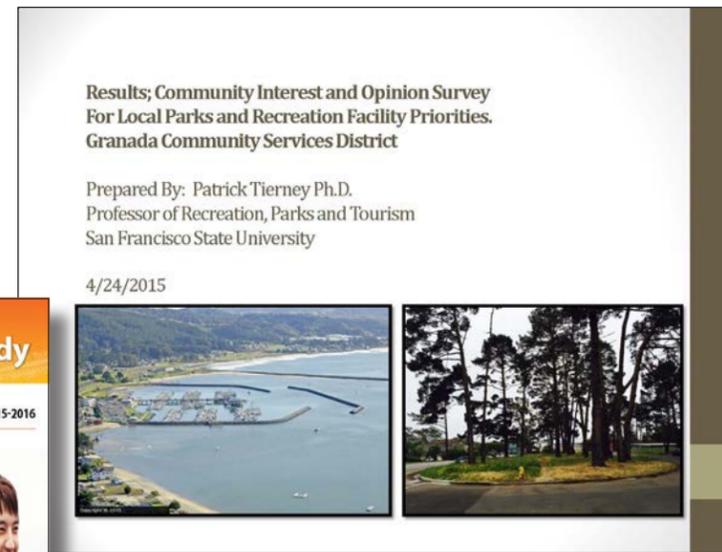
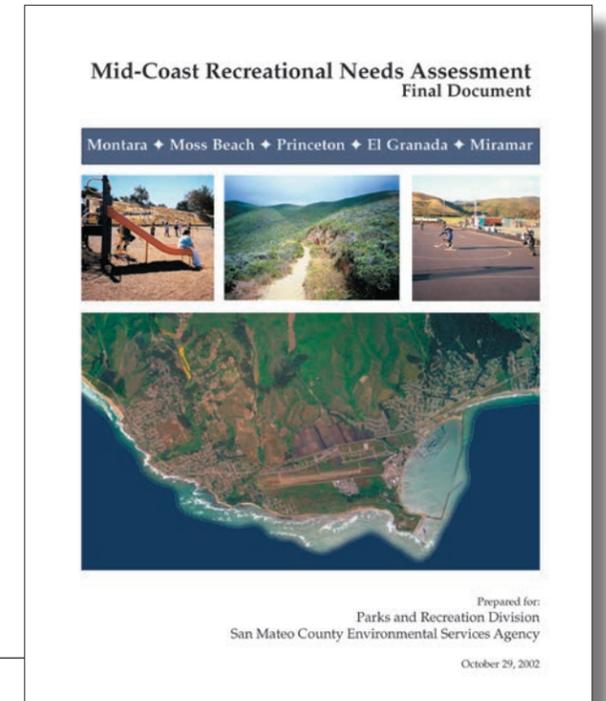
Midcoast Park Action Plan (2007)

Granada Community Services District Survey (2016)

County Parks Visitor Survey (2016)

### Consistent Priorities

- » Hiking
- » Dog Walking
- » Cycling
- » Swimming
- » Picnic
- » Playgrounds



# BACKGROUND

## RECENT IMPROVEMENTS

- » Surfer's Beach Coastal Trail Improvements
- » Mirada Surf Coastal Trail
- » San Vicente Creek Restoration
- » Moss Beach Park
- » Clipper Ridge Playground
- » Quarry Park Playground



*San Vicente Creek Restoration*



*Surfer's Beach*



*Moss Beach Playground*



*Mirada Surf Phase III*



# BACKGROUND

## PARALLEL TRAIL



Approximate Trail Alignment

# BACKGROUND

## DOGS IN PARKS

- » Dog management committee currently developing policy recommendations, which are to be presented to Parks Commission in December 2017



San Mateo County Parks Dog Committee web page:

[parks@smcgov.org/dogs-at-SMC-parks](mailto:parks@smcgov.org/dogs-at-SMC-parks)

**QUARRY PARK**  
MASTER PLAN

# PROJECT UPDATE

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## — EFFORTS SINCE MAY

- » 3 Community Meetings (one on-site)
- » Online Survey Results
- » Technical Studies Analysis
- » Draft Trail Plan
- » Alternatives for Entry Area

# PROJECT UPDATE

## COMMUNITY MEETING # 1

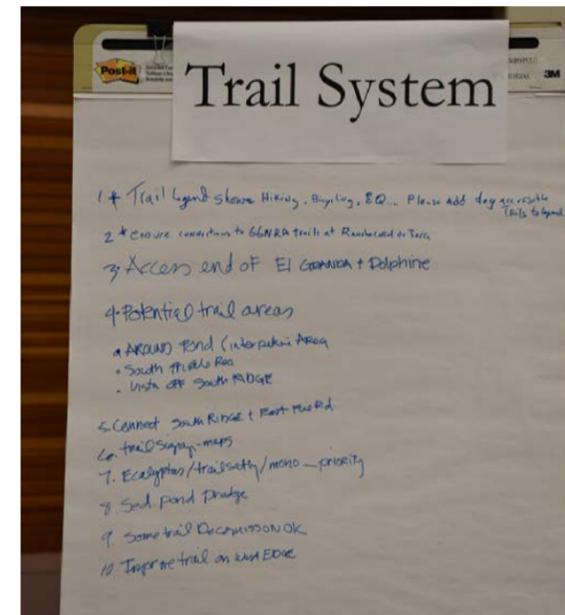
» Project Scope and Background

» Breakout Stations

- Trails Network
- Existing and Potential Uses
- Technical Studies

» Feedback helped inform survey questions

- desire for designated trails for mountain biking
- dogs access a priority
- concerns about drainage/erosion
- concerns about fire
- desire for pump track
- concerns about native vs. invasive vegetation



# PROJECT UPDATE

## ONLINE SURVEY RESULTS

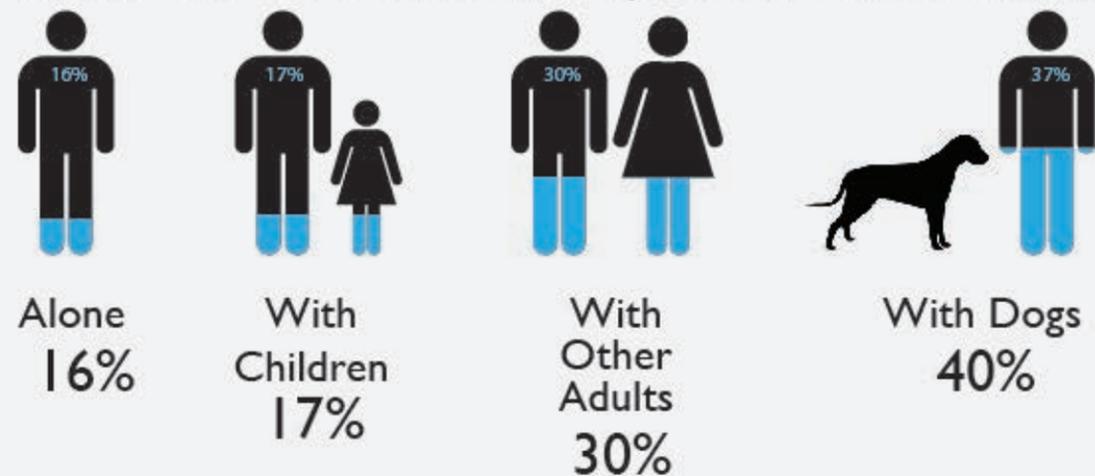
TOTAL # OF ONLINE SURVEY PARTICIPANTS: 235

OPENED JUNE 12, 2017  
RESPONSE COLLECTED FOR 37 DAYS

### AGE



### WHO DO YOU ATTEND QUARRY PARK WITH?



# PROJECT UPDATE

## ONLINE SURVEY RESULTS

### PARK IMPROVEMENTS: HOW IMPORTANT ARE THE FOLLOWING POTENTIAL PARK IMPROVEMENTS?



» E-mails received requesting pickleball

# PROJECT UPDATE

## ONLINE SURVEY RESULTS

TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS: HOW IMPORTANT ARE THE FOLLOWING TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS?

82%

Establish Trails for Designated Uses Ex: Mountain Biking, On-Leash Dog Walking, Equestrian)

80%

Create Connection To Golden Gate National Recreation Area

72%

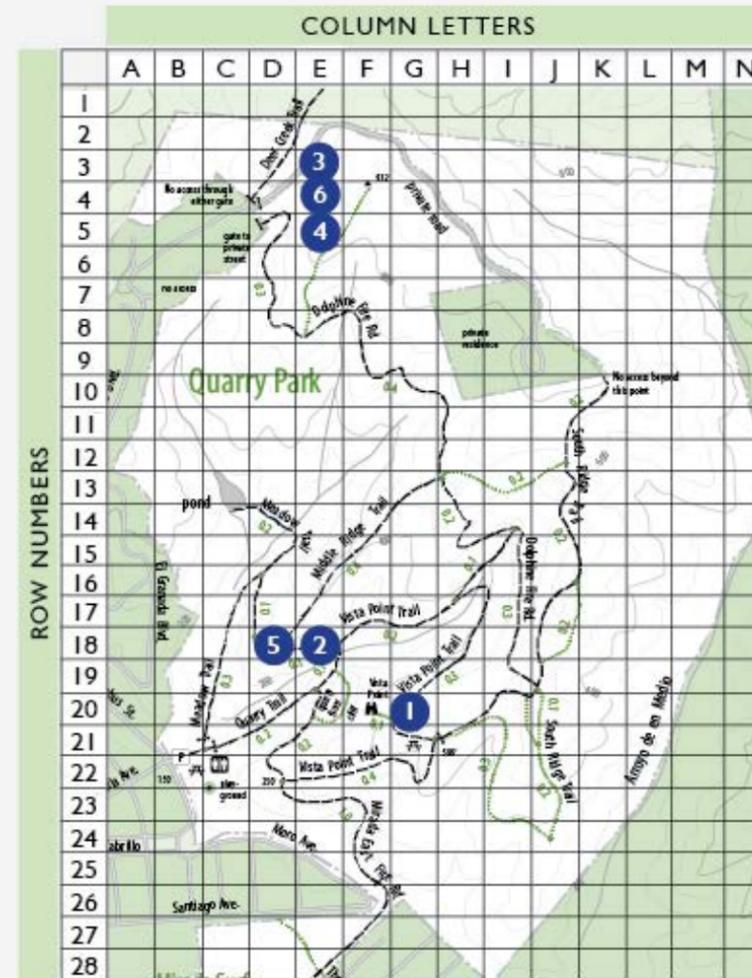
Establish Connection Between Mirada Fire Rd. To South Ride Trail

68%

Improve Trail Along Western Edge Of the Park

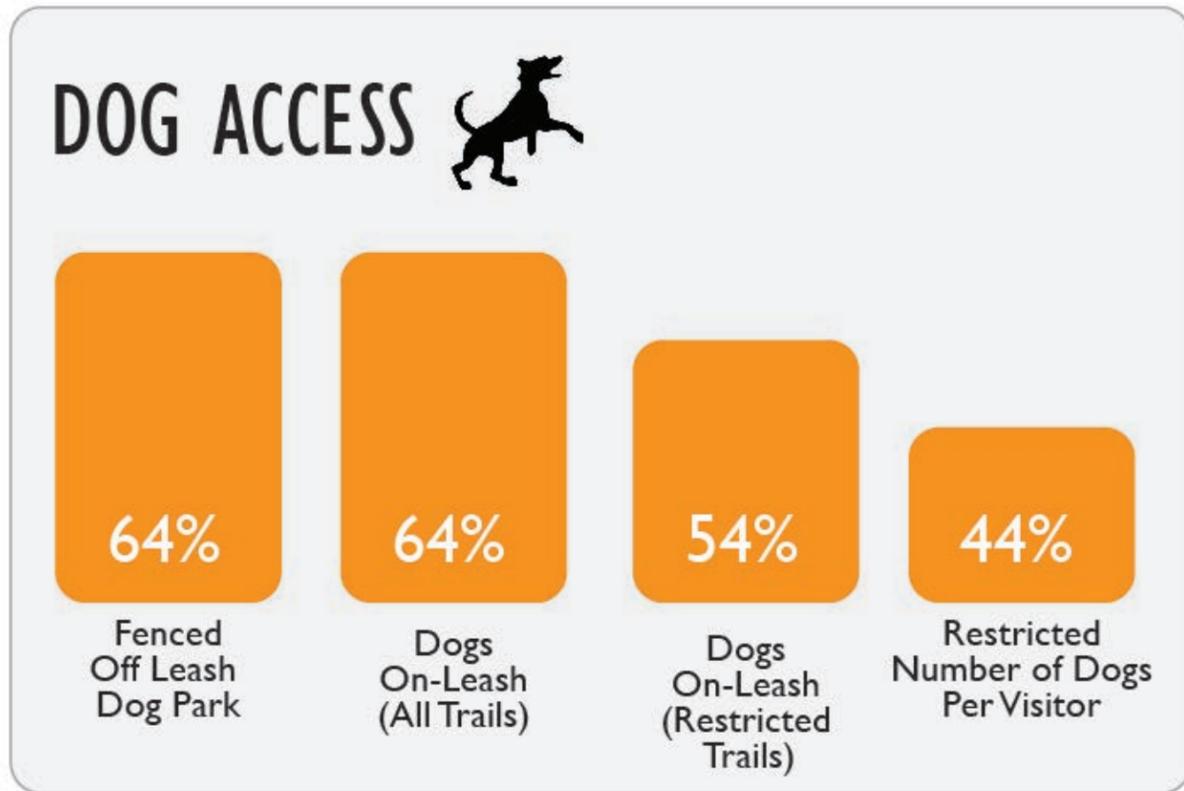


### VISTA POINTS:

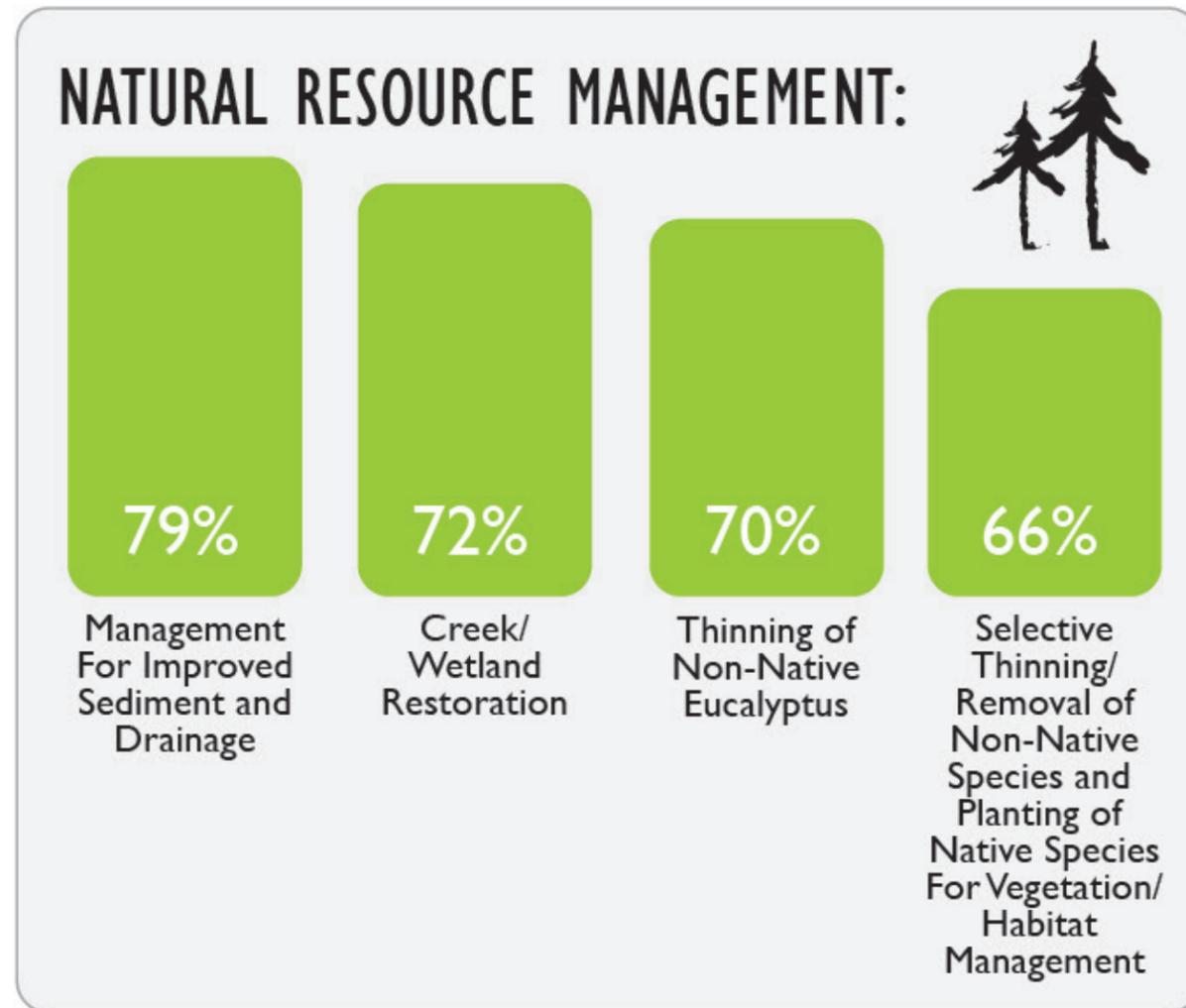


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## ONLINE SURVEY RESULTS

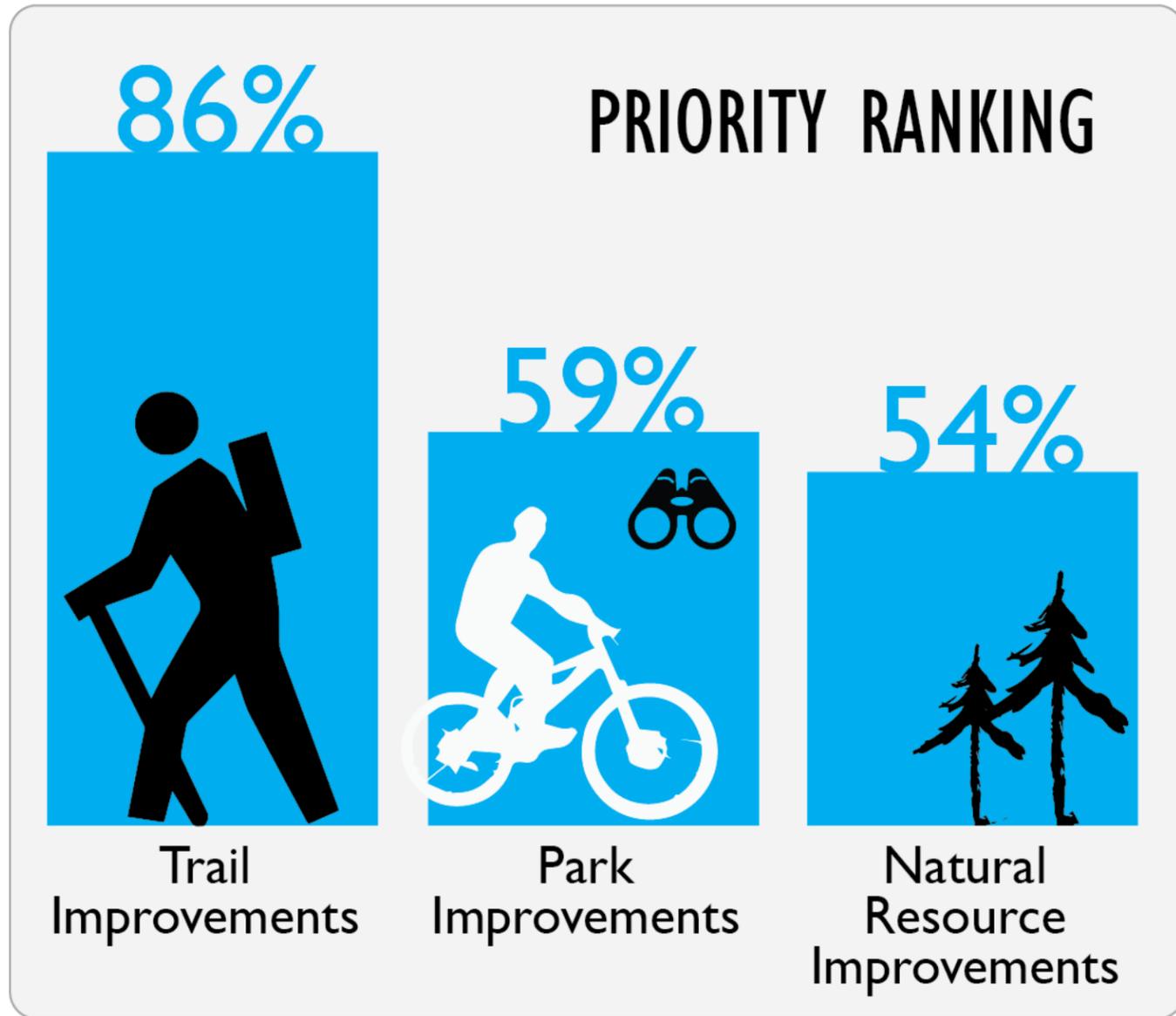


\*25% Of the comments requested off leash dog trails



# PROJECT UPDATE

## ONLINE SURVEY RESULTS



# PROJECT UPDATE

## COMMUNITY MEETING # 2

PRIORITY MATRIX					
	PARK ACTIVITY	VERY IMPORTANT	SOME WHAT IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	RANKING
 Fenced Off Leash Dog Park		15			2
 Pump Track		20			1
 Additional Parking		11			3
 Bocce Courts		5	7		5
 Disc Golf		8			4
 Pickleball		12		7	6
 Other	Horse shoes Stage Area Horse Access Signage/Wetland Restoration	8 8 7 7			

- » Review Draft Trail Map
- » Explore Program Options for Entry Area



# PROJECT UPDATE

## COMMUNITY MEETING #3



- » On-site Review of Trail Plan
- » Discussed Alternatives for Entry Area

# PROJECT UPDATE

## SEDIMENT SOURCE ASSESSMENT



*Quarry Park Overlook*



*Run-off into residential areas*

- » Overlook closed for safety due to erosion
  - Master Plan to proposes new location
  
- » Decision made to retain existing pond for:
  - Drainage functions
  - Program opportunities (rest area, educational signage)
  
- » Team identifies priority areas for drainage and roads/trails to maintain/improve. Considerations:
  - Public health and safety
  - Biological sensitivity and ecological function
  - Accessibility
  - Preferred road/trail network and park uses
  - Aesthetics
  - Costs



# PROJECT UPDATE

## BIOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT



*Woodland Strawberry*



*Northern Coastal Scrub*

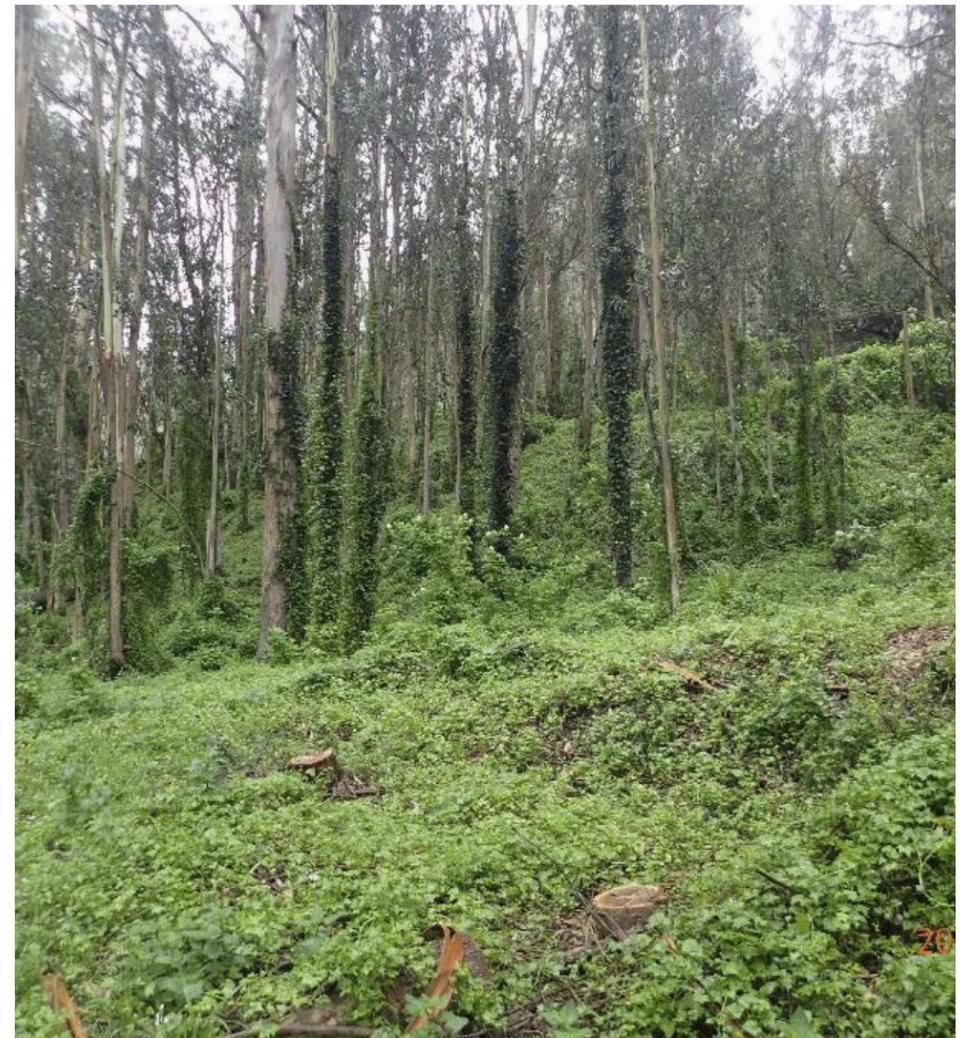
- » Restoration possibilities extremely limited due to size of site, extent of invasive species and very limited budgets.
- » Best potential is to preserve/enhance/expand northern coastal scrub areas on edges of site
- » Team has identified potential enhancement opportunities to synergize with other repairs or improvements.



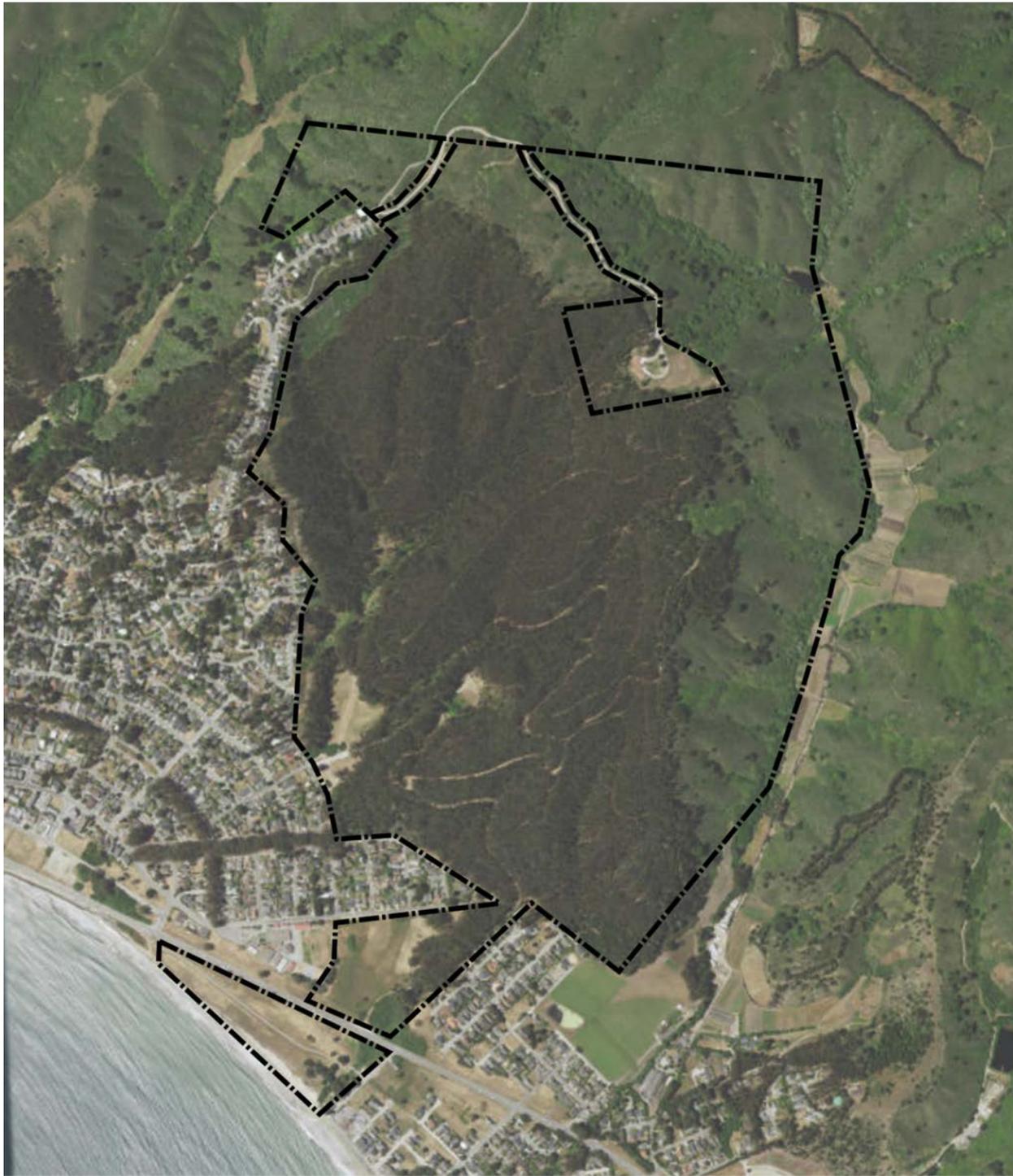
# PROJECT UPDATE

## FIRE MANAGEMENT

- » A key consideration in developing the roads/trails network and prioritizing recommendations
- » Maintenance of existing fire buffers on north and south sides of the park
- » Master plan to identify fire management goals and priorities for when funds become available.



# DRAFT TRAILS NETWORK



## Considerations

- » Importance for emergency vehicle access, fire management, maintenance
- » Impacts on sediment/drainage
- » Impacts on natural resources
- » Recreation value
- » Creation of loops and connections



# DRAFT TRAILS NETWORK

## MULTIPLE USE TRAILS



- » Improve multi-use trail networks
- » Decommission non-essential problematic trails
- » Provide networks for maintenance, fire management and safety
- » Provide educational, information and interpretive trail signage system
- » Relocate look out
- » Continue use of Quarry Floor for events





# DRAFT TRAILS NETWORK

## CONNECTIONS



- » Recommended connections to GGNRA (needed easements to be explored)
- » Connection between South Ridge Trail and Mirada Surf East to create loop
- » Access from end of El Granada Blvd.
- » Connect Mirada East Road & South Ridge Trail

# POTENTIAL NEW USES



## PROS

- » Exercise and socialize dogs
- » Social activity for owners, creates “dog owner” community
- » Dog activity contained, dog waste contained
- » Serves community need
- » Reduces conflicts on trails



## CONS

- » High maintenance commitment
- » Significant construction costs
- » Waste Management
- » Reduces flexible space in meadow area
- » Increased traffic

I: FENCED OFF-LEASH DOG AREA

# POTENTIAL NEW USES



## PROS

- » Attracts youth outdoors for active exercise
- » Serves community need
- » Social activity
- » Builds skills
- » Build Stewardship - volunteer involvement for maintenance & management

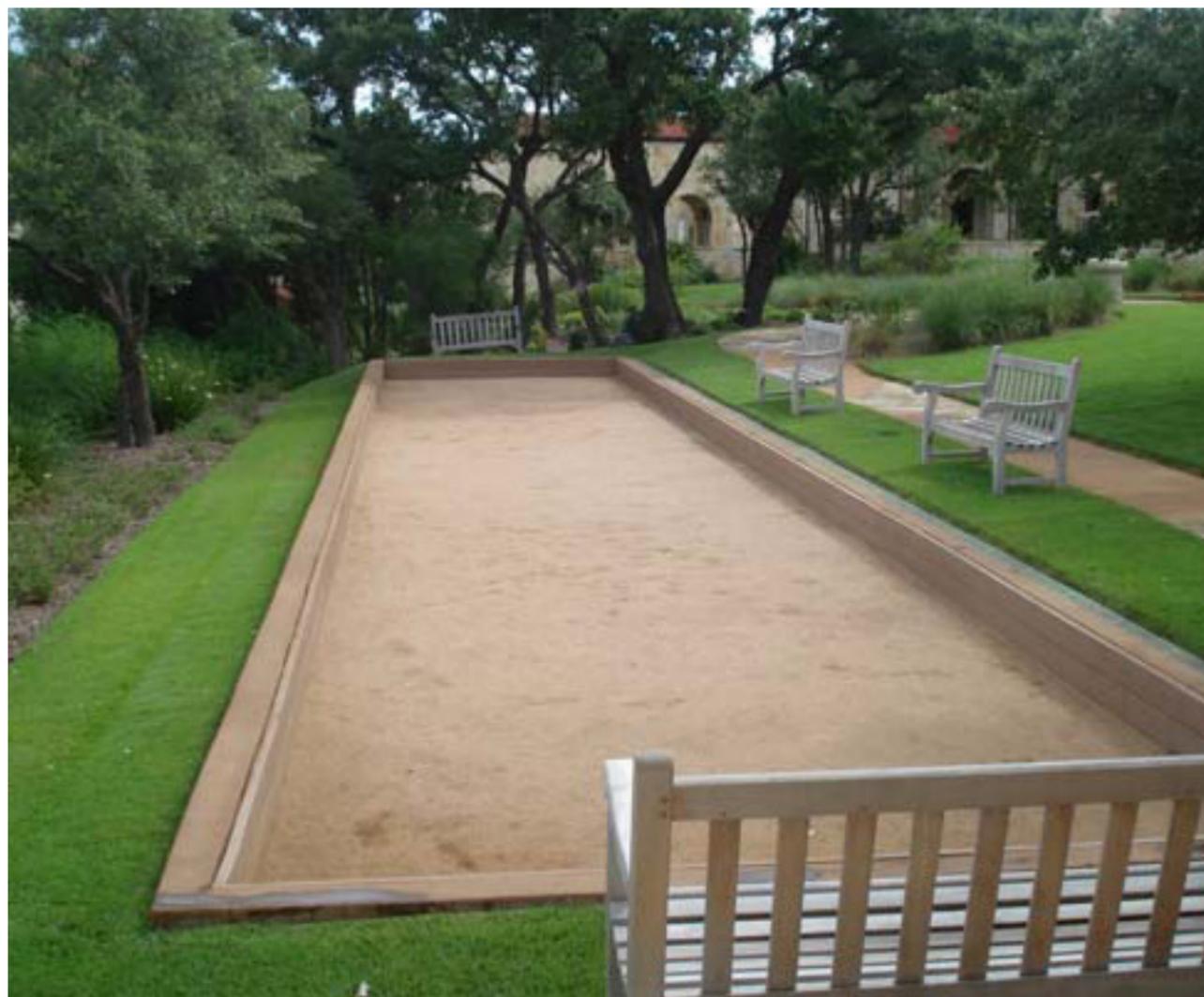


## CONS

- » Ongoing maintenance costs
- » Noise and dust
- » Construction disruption to import soil
- » Significant construction costs
- » Users age, continual volunteer recruitment
- » Liability issue

## 2: PUMP TRACK

# POTENTIAL NEW USES



## PROS

- » Low impact, small physical footprint
- » Social activity
- » Family and age friendly
- » Compatible with adjacent uses
- » Retains flexible use space

## CONS

- » Ongoing maintenance
- » Limited number of users at one time
- » Moderate construction costs

## 3: BOCCE BALL

# POTENTIAL NEW USES



## PROS

- » Active use, small groups
- » Age friendly
- » Increasing in popularity
- » Serves community need
- » Social activity
- » Promotes fitness

## CONS

- » Requires paved court surface and fencing
- » Takes up flexible space in meadow
- » High construction costs

## 4: PICKLE BALL

# POTENTIAL NEW USES



## PROS

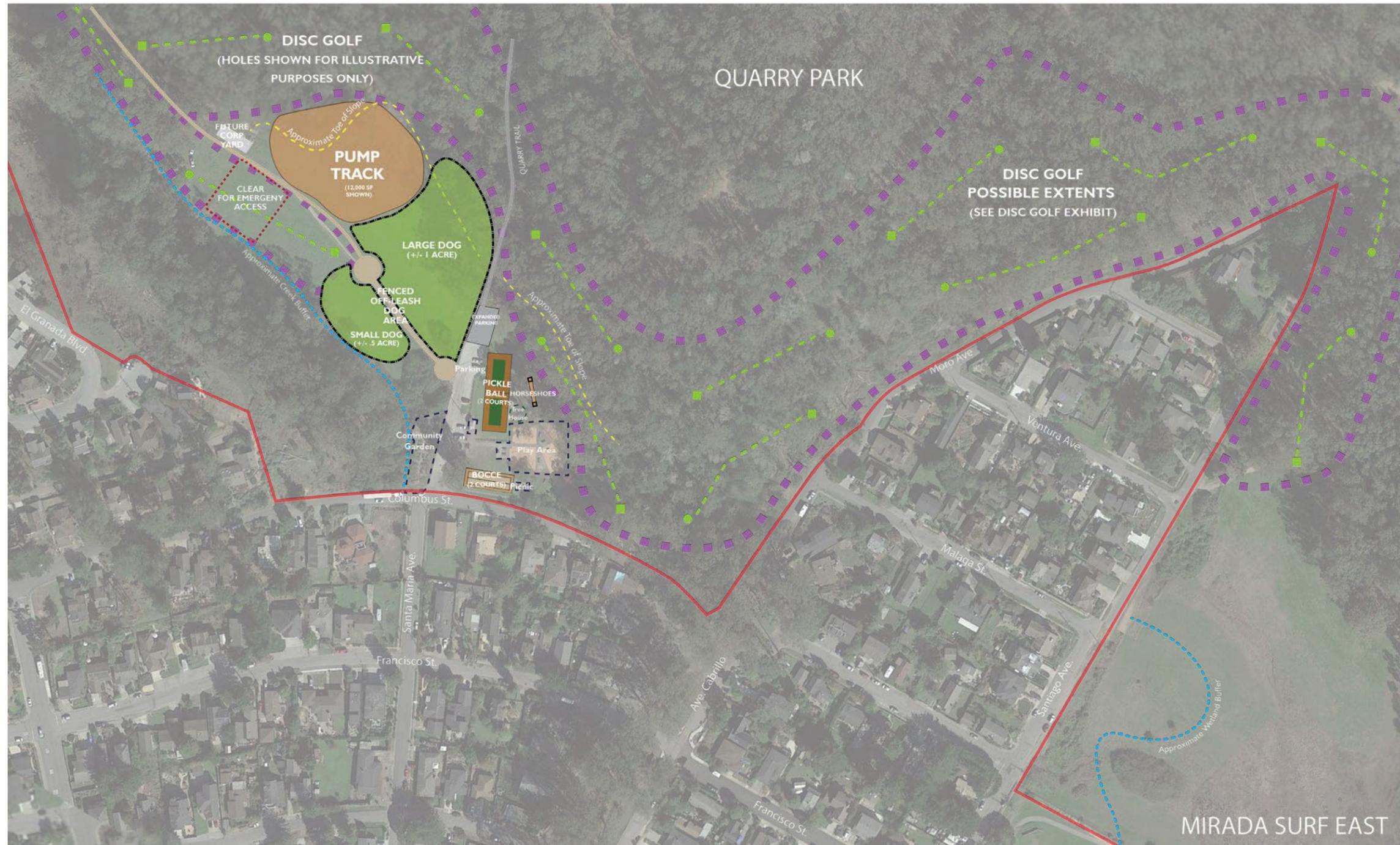
- » Low impact: small physical footprints (paths, pads & baskets), low noise
- » Less intense active recreation, does not interfere with trails
- » Social activity
- » Family and age friendly
- » Low maintenance
- » Stewardship: volunteers for maintenance and management
- » Varied terrain & obstacles preferred

## CONS

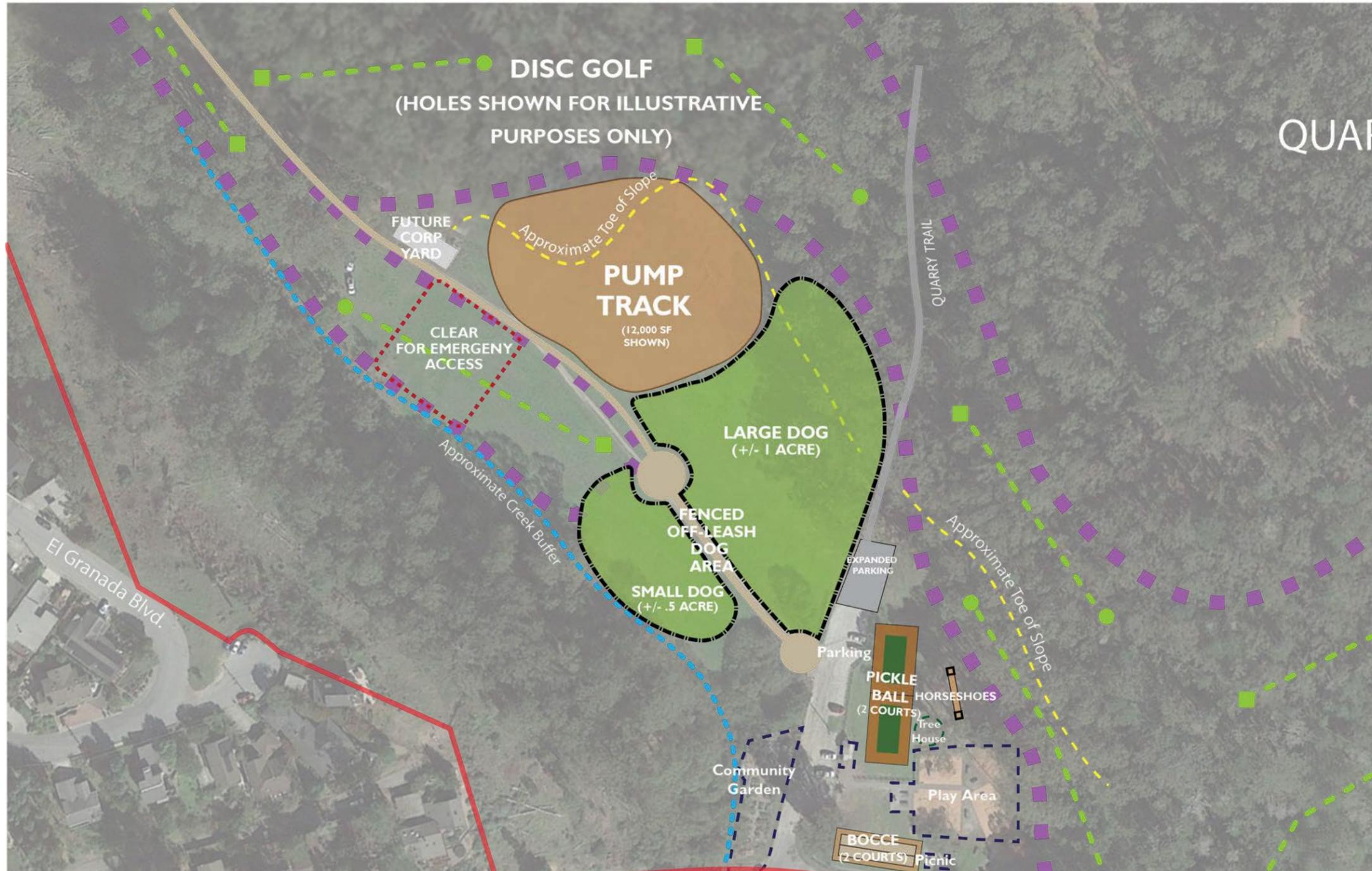
- » Retrieval of discs that miss the targets
- » Tournaments may attract high number of people

## 5: DISC GOLF

# ALTERNATIVE I



# ALTERNATIVE I



# ALTERNATIVE 2



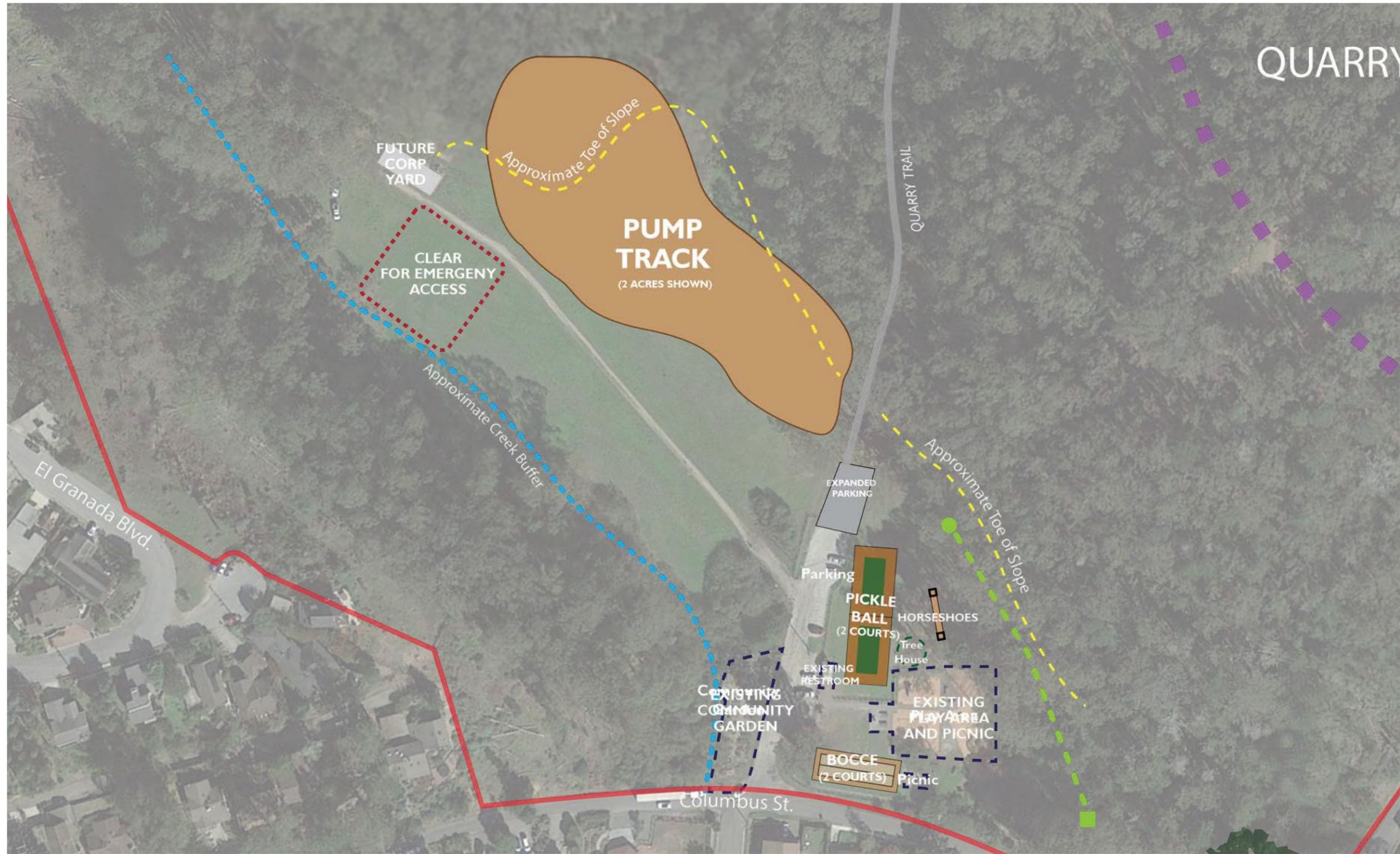
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# ALTERNATIVE 3



# ALTERNATIVE 3



# TABLE STATIONS

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- » REFINED DESIGN CRITERIA
- » IDENTIFY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE
- » SHARE IDEAS

# DESIGN CRITERIA



## DESIGN CRITERIA

### Meets Criteria:

- 1 = Not at all
- 2 = Somewhat
- 3 = Very Well

	Level of Impact On a scale of 1-5 1 = low, 5 = high	Alt. 1	Alt. 2	Alt. 3
<b>Criteria Weight</b>				
Preserves natural feel of park				
Creates a social center				
Appeals to a broader range of users (multigenerational)				
Provides family friendly ambiance				
Protects sensitive habitat				
Retains open meadow/flexible use space				
Compatible with adjacent park uses				
Promotes outdoor education; connection to nature				
Promotes physical activity				
Attractive to youth – gets kids outside				
Serves community need (lacking elsewhere)				
Accommodate dog use				
Minimize maintenance costs				
Encourages volunteers / stewardship				
Minimize noise impacts				
Minimize vehicle traffic				
Low construction costs/impact				
Minimize impact on neighbors				
Supports trail use				
Other:				



# ALTERNATIVES

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ALTERNATIVE	PROS	CONS

*THANK YOU*

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A green silhouette of a landscape featuring a single tree on a hill and a cluster of trees on the right. A blue horizontal bar is at the bottom left.

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