

# Livermore Area Recreation and Park District

## Staff Report

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SUBJECT: Parks, Recreation, and Trails Master Plan Administrative Draft Review and Feedback

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### RECOMMENDATION:

Receive an update on an Administrative Draft of the Parks, Recreation, and Trails Master Plan and provide feedback on the draft chapters, policy framework, standards, and recommendations.

### BACKGROUND:

The Parks, Recreation, and Trails Master Plan will establish a framework to guide District decision-making related to parks, recreation facilities, trails, open space, programs, and capital investment over the next ten years.

Over the past year, the Master Plan process has included community outreach, stakeholder engagement, facility and trail assessments, recreation and demographic analysis, Board workshops, and development of goals, policies, standards, and recommendations. The Board has provided significant direction throughout the planning process, including workshops held on May 4 and May 13, 2026.

The materials provided represent an early administrative draft intended to validate overall direction, policy framework, standards, and recommendations prior to preparation of a more complete draft document. The document continues to undergo refinement, editing, graphic design, and content review. Several maps, graphics, implementation tables, cost estimates, and appendices remain under development.

The draft materials provided include:

- Executive Summary
- Introduction
- Goals and Policies
- Standards and Existing Conditions
  - Under Development: Existing and Proposed Trail Network Maps

- Under Development: Updated Priority Trail Segment Maps
- Recommendations

At this stage, staff is primarily seeking feedback regarding overall direction, policy framework, standards, recommendations, and the general organization and visual presentation of the document.

DISCUSSION:

Several key policy themes identified during the Board workshops have been incorporated throughout the draft Master Plan, including:

- Expansion of LARPD's role in open space stewardship and trail connectivity.
- Prioritization of lifecycle planning and long-term asset management.
- Establishment of a systemwide target of 0% facilities in Poor ("Red") condition.
- Consideration of operational sustainability when evaluating future capital investments.
- Use of project readiness criteria to help guide implementation priorities.
- Recognition of joint-use partnerships and regional coordination opportunities.
- Inclusion of cost recovery and community benefit considerations within recreation service delivery.

This draft reflects policy direction provided through previous Board workshops. The following topics are presented for Board discussion and feedback prior to preparation of the final draft.

1. *Park Acreage Service Standards*

The draft includes the Board's previously discussed park acreage standard of 6 acres per 1,000 residents. Staff continues to support maintaining the overall 6-acre-per-1,000-resident standard; however, staff is recommending a revised distribution of acreage among park classifications based on changes to the District's park inventory and classification framework.

The proposed distribution is:

- Community Parks: 3.5 acres per 1,000 residents
- Neighborhood Parks: 1.5 acres per 1,000 residents
- Special Use Facilities: 1.0 acre per 1,000 residents

For reference, the current service adopted standards are as follows:

- Neighborhood Parks: 2.0 acres per 1,000 residents
- Community Parks: 2.0 acres per 1,000 residents
- Special Use Facilities: 2.0 acres per 1,000 residents

Based on the District's current park inventory and classifications prior to the addition of Springtown Community Park and the proposed reclassification of several parks, the District currently provides:

- Neighborhood Parks: 171.27 acres (1.84 acres per 1,000 residents)
- Community Parks: 152.19 acres (1.63 acres per 1,000 residents)

- Special Use Facilities: 119.33 acres (1.28 acres per 1,000 residents)

Incorporating the proposed park reclassifications and the addition of Springtown Community Park would result in:

- Neighborhood Parks: 141.87 acres (1.52 acres per 1,000 residents)
- Community Parks: 328.39 acres (3.53 acres per 1,000 residents)
- Special Use Facilities: 62.53 acres (0.67 acres per 1,000 residents)

The proposed adjustment reflects several changes to the community. Most significantly, the addition of the approximately 90-acre Springtown Community Park expansion substantially increases the acreage available within the Community Park classification.

The addition of Springtown Park alone increases the existing Community Park acreage by approximately 1 acre per 1,000 residents.

Staff is also recommending the reclassification of several existing parks based on the amenities they provide and the populations they serve.

The proposed reclassifications include:

- William "Bill" Payne Sports Park – Special Use to Community Park
- Cayetano Park – Neighborhood Park to Community Park
- Ernie Rodrigues Sports Park – Special Use to Community Park
- Independence Park – Special Use to Community Park
- Max Baer Park – Special Use to Community Park

These reclassifications shift acreage from the Special Use and Neighborhood categories to the Community Park category, contributing to the proposed redistribution of service standards.

These facilities provide a broader range of recreation opportunities than traditional Special Use facilities and are more consistent with the characteristics of Community Parks identified in the draft plan.

The proposed classification framework also reflects the evolution of previous District planning efforts. The 1995 LARPD Master Plan included a Special Use standard of 3 acres per 1,000 residents and an existing condition of 3.75 acres per 1000 residents, much of which was associated with sports field complexes. Over time, the District has expanded amenities within these facilities to support broader community use, resulting in several parks functioning more like Community Parks than Special Use facilities.

As a result, staff recommends the proposed distribution more accurately reflects the District's existing and planned park system while maintaining the overall 6-acre-per-1,000-resident standard.

The proposed distribution also reflects anticipated development patterns throughout Livermore in line with the City of Livermore General Plan update.

Future growth is expected to occur through a broader mix of housing types, higher-density residential development, and more compact neighborhoods. As a result, neighborhood parks may not increase in acreage at the same rate as population growth. Instead, the draft Plan emphasizes neighborhood access, trail connectivity, walkability, and access to nearby community parks and recreation facilities as part of the overall level of service strategy.

Staff is seeking Board feedback regarding the proposed acreage distribution and associated park classifications prior to preparation of the final draft.

## 2. *Facility Condition Terminology*

The draft currently uses a condition matrix to classify facilities as Green, Yellow, or Red.

Staff is recommending replacing the Red category with Orange to better communicate facility condition while reducing the potential perception associated with the term "Red" as implying the facility is unusable or dangerous.

The revised categories would be:

- Green – Asset is in good working condition; only routine, scheduled maintenance is required.
- Yellow – Asset is functional but shows wear; repairs, refurbishment, or upgrades will be needed to restore optimal condition.
- Orange – Asset requires significant repair or replacement within the next few years based on manufacturer recommendation and field evaluation.

## 3. *Overall Organization, Style, and Layout*

Does the overall structure, organization, visual presentation, and readability of the draft plan effectively communicate the District's priorities and provide a useful planning framework?

### *Remaining Plan Components*

The draft chapters presented are substantially developed; however, maps, graphics, implementation tables, cost estimates, and appendices are still under development and will be included in the final draft.

The appendices are currently under development and are not included in this draft review. The final Master Plan is anticipated to include:

- Appendix A – Community Outreach and Engagement Summary
  - Community Survey
  - In-Person Outreach
  - Stakeholder Interviews

- Community Workshops
- Sports User Group Questionnaire
- Appendix B – Parks, Facilities, and Trails Summary
  - Park and Facility Inventory
  - Facility Condition Assessment Summary
  - Trail Condition Assessment
- Appendix C – Programs and Services Summary
  - Recreation Program Assessment and Recommendations
  - Program Trends
- Appendix D – 2024 Strategic Plan

NEXT STEPS:

Following Board review and feedback, staff and the consultant team will continue refining the draft document and appendices. A complete draft Master Plan is expected to be returned to the Board later this summer for final review and consideration prior to adoption.

ATTACHMENTS:

- a) Parks, Recreation, and Trails Master Plan Administrative Draft

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# Livermore Area Recreation & Park District



## Parks, Recreation, and Trails **Master Plan 2026** Administrative Draft - June 18, 2026

# ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

## Mission Statement

To provide the people of the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District's service area with outstanding recreation programs and a system of parks, trails, and facilities that enhance the quality of life.

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) manages a diverse system of parks, recreation facilities, trails, open space areas, and community programs that are highly valued by the community and contribute to the quality of life throughout the Livermore Area.

As Livermore continues to evolve, the District faces the responsibility of both maintaining and reinvesting in existing assets while planning for future recreation, trail, and open space opportunities. Population growth, aging infrastructure, changing recreation interests, and increasing demand for outdoor recreation will all influence future investment and planning decisions.

This Parks, Recreation, and Trails Master Plan establishes a framework to guide District decision-making over the next decade. The Plan reflects community priorities, Board policy direction, system assessments, and planning analysis. Rather than serving as a fixed list of projects, the Plan provides a flexible roadmap for maintaining existing assets, expanding recreation opportunities, improving connectivity, and supporting long-term stewardship of public resources.



## Planning Process

Development of the Master Plan included a comprehensive review of community needs, existing facilities, operational conditions, and future opportunities.

These efforts helped identify the community values, priorities, and challenges that shape the recommendations contained in the Plan.

**98%** of Livermore residents say parks, recreation facilities, and programs are important to their quality of life.



## Key Findings

Several important findings emerged through the planning process:

Parks, facilities, and recreation programs remain highly valued community assets.

Trails and open space continue to be among the community's highest recreation priorities.

Significant reinvestment will be needed in aging facilities and infrastructure over the next decade.

Capacity constraints exist at several recreation and aquatic facilities during peak periods.

Future growth is expected to occur through a broader mix of housing types, higher-density development, and mixed-use neighborhoods, increasing the importance of walkability, trail connectivity, neighborhood access, and efficient use of parks and recreation facilities.

Long-term operational sustainability and lifecycle planning are increasingly important considerations for future investments.

Opportunities exist to expand regional trail connections and strengthen access to open space resources throughout the Livermore area.

## Vision for the Future

The Master Plan is built around maintaining a balanced system of parks, recreation facilities, trails, programs, and open space opportunities while planning for future community needs.

**LARPD's future success depends on balancing two equally important responsibilities:**



Taking care of existing assets through proactive maintenance, reinvestment, and lifecycle planning.



Pursuing strategic opportunities to expand recreation access, trail connectivity, and open space stewardship.

## Planning Framework

The Master Plan establishes a framework for future decision-making through adopted policies, service standards, priorities, and implementation tools.

### Parks and Open Space Standards

LARPD will utilize adopted park and open space standards to evaluate long-range needs, service gaps, and future investment opportunities. These standards support a balanced system of neighborhood parks, community parks, special-use facilities, and open space resources throughout the District's service area.

### Facility Condition and Lifecycle Planning

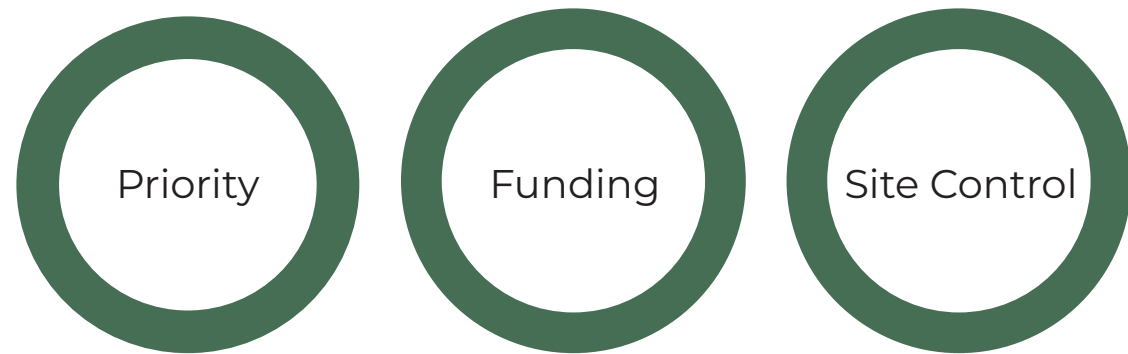
The District will work toward maintaining a system wide goal of no parks or facilities in service beyond their useful life through proactive maintenance, rehabilitation, replacement planning, and strategic capital investment.

Lifecycle planning tools help evaluate the long-term maintenance, replacement, and operational costs associated with District facilities and infrastructure.

### Project Readiness Framework

Recognizing that implementation opportunities vary over time, the Plan establishes a Project Readiness Framework allowing the District to remain flexible and responsive as opportunities emerge.

#### Three Factors of Project Readiness



## Key Recommendations

### Take Care of What We Have

Maintaining and reinvesting in existing assets is the District's highest long-term responsibility.

Priority reinvestment efforts include:

- Continued implementation of the Playground Replacement Program
- Development of a districtwide Irrigation Replacement Program
- Replacement of the Robert Livermore Community Center roof
- Long-range planning for Bothwell Recreation Center
- Long-range evaluation of future reinvestment needs at May Nissen Swim Center



### Expand Recreation Access and Program Capacity

A key recommendation is implementation of the Joint Property Agreement with the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) to expand community access to gymnasiums, athletic fields, aquatic facilities, and dedicated space for Extended Student Services programs. The agreement also creates opportunities for additional recreation programs and other community-serving programs as community needs evolve.

Additional facility priorities include continued planning for improvements at William "Bill" Payne Sports Park and development of the Sycamore Grove Amphitheater.



### Advance Priority Trail Connections

Trail connectivity remains one of the community's highest priorities.

The Plan recommends pursuing trail projects that:

- Close gaps in the existing trail system
- Improve connections between neighborhoods and community destinations
- Expand access to underserved areas
- Strengthen connections to regional recreation resources and open space

Priority trail projects include segments of the Isabel Trail, Arroyo Las Positas Trail, Patterson Pass Trail, South Livermore Valley Trail, Shadow Cliffs to Del Valle Trail, Arroyo Road Trail, South Bay Aqueduct Trail, Iron Horse Trail, and Brushy Peak Connector.

### Expand LARPD's Role in Regional Open Space

Consistent with Board direction, the Plan supports an expanded District role in open space stewardship, conservation, trail development, and public access.

Future opportunities may include:

- Land acquisitions
- Easements
- Partnership projects
- Management agreements
- Trail development initiatives
- Public access improvements



### Implementation

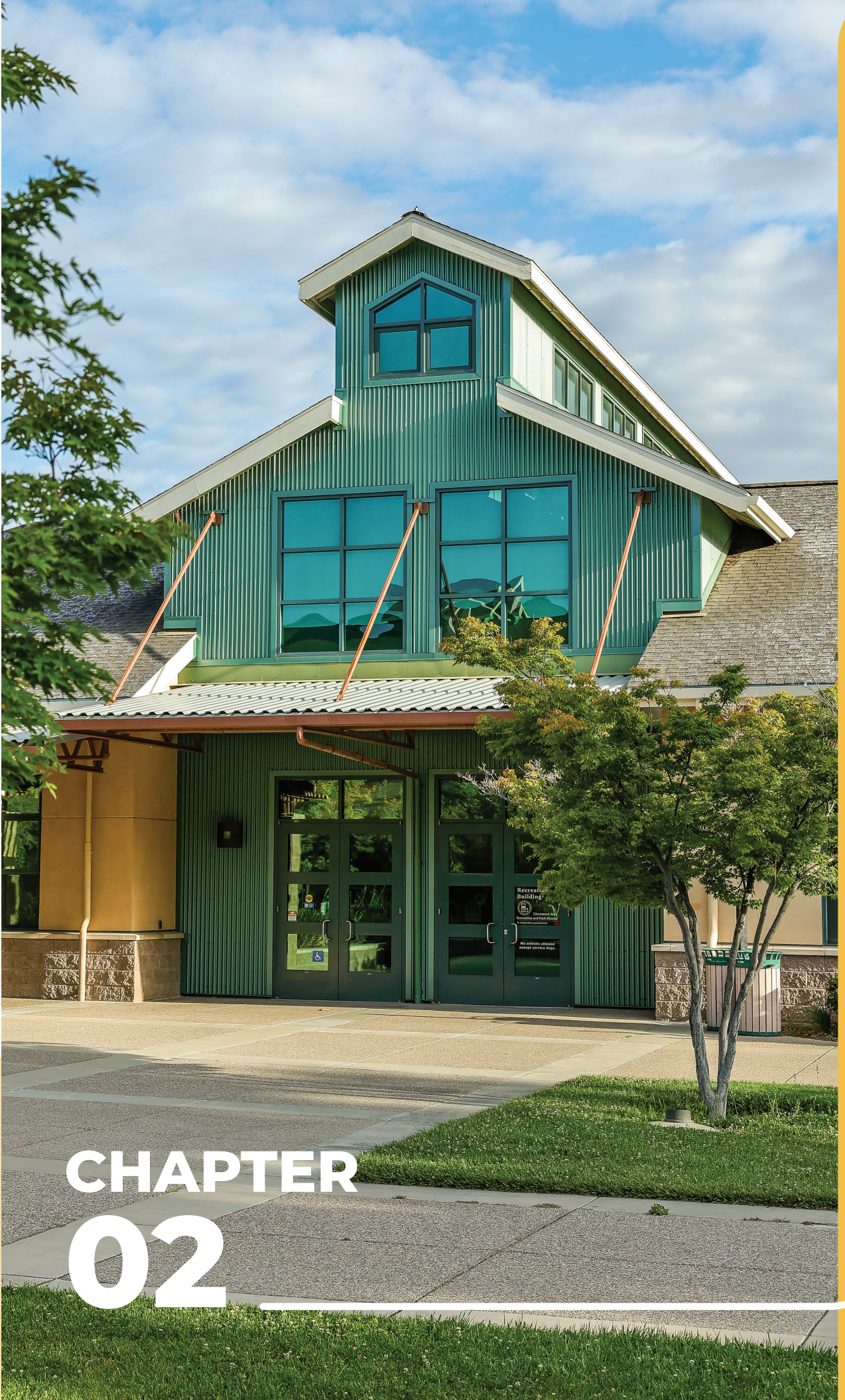
Implementation of the Master Plan will occur over time as funding opportunities, partnerships, site control, environmental review, and project readiness factors align.

Not every recommendation will be implemented immediately, nor should implementation be viewed as a fixed sequence of projects. Instead, the Plan is intended to provide a flexible decision-making framework that allows the District to respond to changing community needs, emerging opportunities, and evolving financial conditions.

Success will depend on continued community engagement, strong partnerships, responsible stewardship of existing assets, and strategic investment in the parks, facilities, trails, programs, and open spaces that enhance the quality of life in the Livermore Area.

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# INTRODUCTION

Parks, recreation programs, trails, open spaces, and community facilities play an essential role in the quality of life enjoyed by residents throughout the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District service area. They provide places to gather, stay active, connect with nature, learn new skills, and build community.

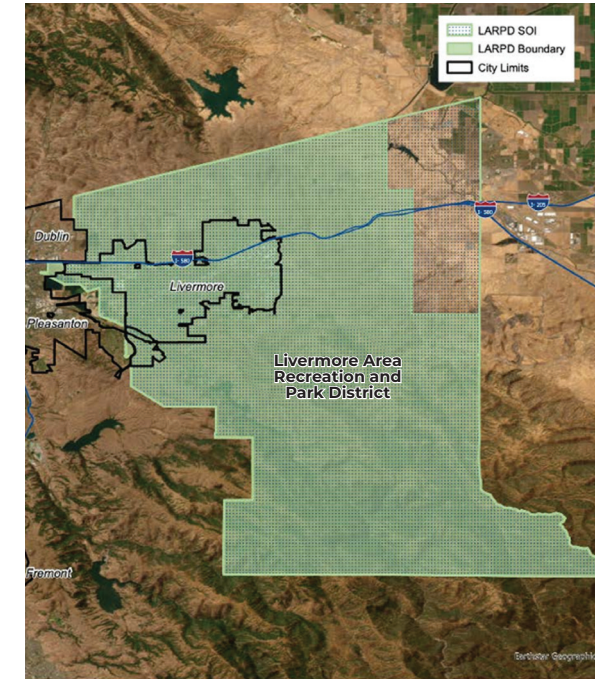
As the region continues to evolve, the District faces both opportunities and challenges. Population growth, changing development patterns, aging infrastructure, and growing demand for recreation services require thoughtful long-term planning and investment.

This Parks, Recreation, and Trails Master Plan establishes a framework for guiding decisions over the next decade. It identifies community priorities, planning principles, and investment strategies that will help LARPD continue providing high-quality parks, recreation opportunities, trails, facilities, and open space for current and future generations.

## What This Plan Is

### This Plan:

- Reflects community values and input
- Establishes policy direction
- Guides long-term decision-making
- Supports partnerships and funding opportunities
- Provides flexibility to respond to community needs



## LARPD at a Glance

### Key Facts

EST.  
**1947**  
by a vote of the public

**~93,000**  
Service area population

**1,900+**  
acres managed

**2.5M**  
visits across parks and facilities in 2025

**63**  
Parks and Facilities managed

**243.5**  
Square Mile Service Area

**Independent special district**

**Provides parks, trails, open space, recreation facilities, and programs**

### What Makes Livermore Unique

- Innovation
- Agriculture and Viticulture
- Arts and Culture
- Natural Setting

### What We Heard

- Nearly half of residents use parks or facilities more than once per week
- 70% use parks and facilities three to four times per month

## Foundational Documents

This Master Plan builds upon:

- 2024 LARPD Strategic Plan
- 2017 LARPD Asset Management Plan
- 2016 LARPD Parks, Recreation, and Trails Master Plan
- Livermore General Plan 2045

The District's 2024 Strategic Plan identified the need to proactively plan for changing community needs, aging infrastructure, future facility demands, and long-term funding strategies. This Master Plan expands upon that direction by establishing a long-range framework for parks, recreation, trails, facilities, and open space over the next decade.

## What Shapes This Plan

### Community Input

- Statistically valid survey
- Community outreach
- Stakeholder engagement

### System Assessment

- Parks and facilities evaluation
- Trail and open space assessment
- Infrastructure and asset review
- Internal staff assessment

### Board Direction

- Planning assumptions
- Policy framework
- Investment priorities



## Planning for the Future



### Planning Context

The Livermore Area is expected to continue growing and evolving over the coming decades. Understanding these trends helps ensure parks, recreation programs, trails, facilities, and open spaces continue to meet community needs both today and in the future.

## Key Trends

### A Growing and Evolving Community

- Planning assumption of approximately 1.5% annual population growth
- Population could exceed 110,000 residents by 2036
- Continued population and employment growth
- Changing demographics and household composition
- Residents at different life stages
- Evolving recreation interests and needs

### More Compact and Connected Development

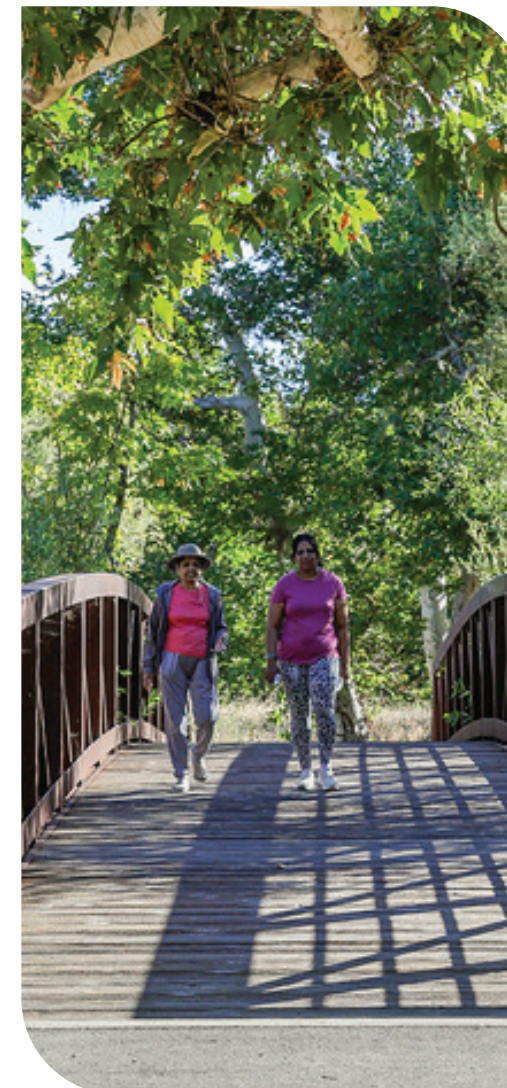
- Higher-density housing
- Mixed-use development
- Walkability and active transportation

### Growing Demand for Outdoor Recreation

- Trails and open space access
- Nature-based recreation
- Walking and bicycling opportunities

### Aging Infrastructure

- Deferred maintenance
- Lifecycle reinvestment
- Long-term funding pressures



## Master Plan Themes

The following themes emerged through the community engagement process, system assessment, planning context analysis, and Board policy discussions. Together, they establish the framework for the goals, policies, priorities, and recommendations contained throughout this Master Plan.

### THEME 1: Expanding LARPD's Role in Regional Open Space

The District intends to play a more active role in connecting residents to regional trails, open space, and outdoor recreation opportunities throughout the LARPD service area through stewardship, partnerships, trail development, and expanded access to the region's natural resources.



### THEME 2: Adapting to Future Growth

As development patterns and community needs evolve, parks, trails, facilities, and recreation programs must remain accessible, connected, and responsive to future residents. In denser residential areas, parks will be more compact and trail connections to larger facilities will be prioritized.



### THEME 3: Sustaining and Reinvesting in Existing Assets

Maintaining and reinvesting in existing parks, facilities, and infrastructure is essential to preserving service quality, extending facility life, and ensuring long-term sustainability.

## Planning Process



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# OUR GOALS



## Planning

Planning decisions should guide long-term investment, improve access and connectivity, protect important community and environmental resources, and support sustainable delivery of parks, trails, facilities, programs, and services over time. This section establishes the broader framework for evaluating future opportunities, partnerships, capital investments, open space priorities, and evolving community needs.



## Regional Coordination and Partnerships

Coordinate with partners throughout the region to facilitate resource protection and efficiently deliver access to a wide range of facilities, trails, and programs.



## Design, Infrastructure, and Asset Management

District facilities, infrastructure, and open space areas should be planned, designed, maintained, and managed to support long-term community use, operational sustainability, environmental stewardship, and a high-quality user experience.

District facilities and projects shall comply with applicable local, state, and federal laws, regulations, accessibility requirements, environmental requirements, and safety standards.



## Finance and Implementation Strategy

Support long-term financial sustainability through responsible planning, balanced cost recovery, strategic partnerships, and diversified funding approaches that align with District priorities, operational capacity, and community benefit.



## Historic and Cultural Resource Stewardship

Historic and cultural resources contribute to community identity, educational opportunities, and the long-term character of the District's parks, facilities, and open space areas.



## Programs, Services, and Community Access

Provide recreation programs, services, community engagement opportunities, and open space experiences that support wellness, learning, stewardship, and quality of life for the Livermore community



## Organizational Capacity and Governance

Maintain organizational practices, workforce capacity, and operational coordination that support long-term delivery of District services, stewardship responsibilities, and implementation of Master Plan priorities.



## Goal P.1

### System Planning

Plan and deliver a coordinated system of parks, trails, open space, and facilities that reflect community needs, address service gaps, and support long-term District priorities.

#### Policy P.1.1.— Compliance with Applicable Law

Planning, design, construction and maintenance of all District facilities and projects shall comply with applicable local, state, and federal laws, regulations, accessibility requirements, environmental requirements, and safety standards.

#### Policy P.1.2 — Prioritize Investments Based on Need and Impact

Direct planning and capital investment toward areas of highest community benefit, including underserved areas, system gaps, and opportunities to improve access and connectivity.

#### Policy P.1.3 — Advance a Connected Parks, Trails, and Open Space System

Plan for a cohesive and connected network that links neighborhoods to parks, schools, community destinations, open space areas, and regional systems.

#### Policy P.1.4 — Use Data and Community Input to Inform Planning Decisions

Use community input, demographic trends, participation and planned use patterns, system usage, and other relevant data to help guide planning priorities and investment decisions.

#### Policy P.1.5 — Pursue Strategic Land and Access Opportunities

Pursue acquisition, easements, dedications, and partnership opportunities that expand recreation access, improve connectivity, protect significant resources, or address identified service gaps.

#### Policy P.1.6 — Use Park and Open Space Standards to Guide Long-Range Planning

Use adopted park, recreation, and open space standards to help evaluate future needs, service gaps, land acquisition opportunities, and long-term investment priorities.

#### Actions

- Action P.1-A: Periodically review systemwide facility and service needs [MRI]
- Action P.1-B: Evaluate opportunities to close gaps in trail connectivity and park access
- Action P.1-C: Maintain and periodically update priority project and corridor lists outside of this document
- Action P.1-D: Conduct statistically valid community surveys at least every five years to help evaluate evolving community needs and recreation priorities

## Goal P.2

### Resource Stewardship

Plan, develop, and manage facilities and open space in a manner that protects resources, respects surrounding uses, and supports long-term environmental stewardship.

#### Policy P.2.1 — Minimize Environmental Impacts Through Planning and Design

Incorporate planning and design approaches that avoid, minimize, and mitigate environmental impacts while protecting sensitive resources and maintaining compatibility with adjacent uses.

#### Policy P.2.2 — Balance Access, Recreation, and Resource Protection

Provide public access and recreational opportunities while preserving natural, scenic, cultural, and environmentally sensitive resources.

#### Policy P.2.3 — Support Stewardship of Open Space and Natural Resources

Support long-term acquisition and stewardship practices that protect habitat, scenic resources, grazing lands, waterways, and ecological functions within the District.

#### Actions

- Action P.2-A: Coordinate with resource agencies and conservation partners during planning and project development
- Action P.2-B: Incorporate feasible mitigation measures into project planning and environmental review processes
- Action P.2-C: Evaluate trail alignments and facility designs that reduce environmental impacts while supporting access and educational opportunities

## Goal P.3

### Planning Documents and Standards

Maintain current and adaptable planning tools that support effective, efficient project development, long-term financial sustainability, operational readiness, and responsible asset management.

#### Policy P.3.1 — Maintain Flexible and Current Planning Documents

Periodically update the Master Plan and supporting planning documents to reflect evolving priorities, community needs, funding conditions, and operational realities.

#### Actions

- Action P.3-A: Conduct major masterplan updates at least every ten years
- Action P.3-B: Periodically review planning priorities as funding, partnerships, and community needs evolve

## Goal P.4

### Future Growth and Development Coordination

As Livermore continues to evolve, future growth areas such as Midtown and Isabel will create new needs and opportunities related to parks, recreation facilities, trails, and open space connections. LARPD will continue coordinating with the City of Livermore and other partners to identify and plan for future recreation and trail needs associated with new higher density development areas and long-range planning efforts.

#### Policy P.4.1 Coordinate Recreation Planning with Future Growth

Coordinate with the City of Livermore on future planning efforts, including the Midtown Specific Plan, to help identify park, recreation, and trail needs associated with future growth areas.

#### Policy P.4.3: Plan for Future Recreation and Trail Opportunities

Evaluate opportunities for future neighborhood parks, community parks, recreation amenities, and trail connections in developing areas of the community.

#### Policy P.4.2: Monitor Community Needs and Trends

Monitor development, demographic trends, participation patterns, and system usage to ensure facilities and services remain aligned with current and future community needs.

#### Policy P.4.4: Integrate Recreation Planning into Major Planning Initiatives

Continue coordinating park and trail planning alongside major development, transportation, and infrastructure planning initiatives.

#### Actions

- Action P.4-A: Ensure that the future Midtown Specific Plan adequately addresses parks, trails, recreation facilities, and open space planning
- Action P.4-B: Identify opportunities for future park and trail connections associated with major development areas, including Midtown and Isabel.

**Planning Note:** Specific park, trail, and recreation recommendations related to Midtown will continue to be developed alongside the future Midtown Specific Plan process and related City planning efforts.



# Regional Coordination and Partnerships

## Goal R.1

### Partnerships and Regional Coordination

Leverage partnerships and regional coordination to improve efficiency, expand access, and advance projects and services that would be difficult to achieve independently.

#### Policy R.1.1 — Coordinate Planning and Investment with Partner Agencies

Coordinate planning and investment with partner agencies, by both leading the development of projects and strategic initiatives involving other agencies and by cooperating where projects initiated by other agencies address District priorities.

#### Policy R.1.2 — Advance Regional Connectivity, Open Space, and Stewardship Opportunities

Support a balanced but active District role in regional connectivity, open space preservation, environmental stewardship, and appropriate public access opportunities.

#### Policy R.1.3 — Evaluate Partnerships Based on Long-Term Community Benefit

Evaluate partnership and joint-use opportunities based on operational benefit, financial impacts, implementation feasibility, operational sustainability, and long-term community benefit.

#### Policy R.1.4 — Grant Coordination

Coordinate with local agencies, special districts, nonprofit organizations, and other partners on grants for projects, open space opportunities, and trail development.

#### Policy R.1.5 — Leverage Community Partnerships and External Resources

Leverage partnerships with community organizations, nonprofits, foundations, public agencies, and private contributors to support implementation of District priorities and projects.

#### Policy R.1.6 — Coordinate Asset Management Efforts

Coordinate maintenance, infrastructure, and operational efforts with partner agencies where appropriate to improve efficiency, service delivery, or long-term asset management outcomes.



# Regional Coordination and Partnerships

## Goal R.1

### Partnerships and Regional Coordination

Leverage partnerships and regional coordination to improve efficiency, expand access, and advance projects and services that would be difficult to achieve independently.

#### Actions

- Action R.1-A: Coordinate regularly with agencies, including the City of Livermore, Alameda County, LVJUSD, Zone 7, EBRPD, and other partners on joint development and use opportunities.
- Action R.1-B: Pursue joint funding and grant partnership opportunities
- Action R.1-C: Participate in regional planning and interagency coordination discussions
- Action R.1-D: Coordinate with partner agencies on access to and management of regionally significant open space areas such as the Alameda-Tesla Property and Doolan Canyon.
- Action R.1-E: Periodically review Master Property Agreements, Joint Use Agreements and similar partnership agreements to ensure consistency with evolving circumstances.
- Action R.1-F: Address responsibilities and funding for the provision of regional open space with East Bay Regional Park District

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# Design, Infrastructure, & Asset Management

## Goal D.1

### High Quality, Functional, and Accessible Facilities

Plan, design, and improve parks, trails, facilities, open space areas, and infrastructure that are safe, attractive, durable, accessible, functional, and responsive to community needs.

#### Policy D.1.1 — Design Facilities for Long-Term Community Use

Design and improve facilities and infrastructure to support long-term usability, operational efficiency, flexibility, accessibility, and positive user experiences.

#### Policy D.1.2 — Design Facilities That Fit the Character and Use of the Site

Design facilities and improvements in a way that reflects the intended use of the site, surrounding environment, operational needs, and nearby neighborhoods.

#### Policy D.1.3 — Improve Trail and System Connectivity

Support projects and planning efforts that improve trail connectivity, close key gaps, expand access to underserved areas, and advance opportunities that are feasible to implement and maintain.

#### Policy D.1.4 — Consider Compatibility with Adjacent Uses

Consider surrounding neighborhoods, adjacent land uses, operational impacts, and stakeholder input when planning or substantially modifying District facilities and properties.

#### Actions

- Action D.1-A: Periodically review facility and site design practices to reflect evolving community needs and operational considerations
- Action D.1-B: Update and maintain a comprehensive set of District construction standards and details for typical district improvements
- Action D.1-C: Coordinate with partner agencies and jurisdictions on trail and connectivity planning
- Action D.1-D: Develop and periodically update project review criteria that evaluate accessibility, durability, maintenance needs, and operational impacts
- Action D.1-E: Evaluate opportunities to improve connections between parks, trails, neighborhoods, and community destinations through future development and capital projects



# Design, Infrastructure, & Asset Management

## Goal D.2

### Sustainable Infrastructure and Asset Management

Manage facilities, infrastructure, and open space assets in a manner that supports long-term operational sustainability, responsible investment, and effective stewardship of public resources.

#### Policy D.2.1 — Support Preventive Maintenance and Long-Term Asset Stewardship

Support preventive maintenance, rehabilitation, reinvestment, and operational planning strategies that extend the useful life of District facilities, infrastructure, equipment, open space assets, and support adopted District Condition Standards.

#### Policy D.2.2 — Align Infrastructure Investments with Operational Capacity

Consider staffing, maintenance capacity, operational impacts, and long-term funding considerations when planning improvements, expansions, or new facilities.

#### Actions

- Action D.2-A: Incorporate operational, maintenance, and replacement cost reviews into major capital project planning and design
- Action D.2-B: Use facility assessments and lifecycle planning tools to help prioritize maintenance, rehabilitation, and replacement needs
- Action D.2-C: Periodically evaluate infrastructure conditions, maintenance needs, and replacement priorities
- Action D.2-D: Conduct preventive maintenance and asset management practices to support long-term facility sustainability



# Design, Infrastructure, & Asset Management

## Goal D.3

### Environmental Stewardship and Resource Efficiency

Design and manage parks, open space areas, facilities, and infrastructure in a manner that protects significant natural resources, supports environmental stewardship, and promotes efficient use of public resources.

#### Policy D.3.1 — Balance Resource Protection and Public Access

Protect natural resources, habitat areas, waterways, scenic resources, and environmentally sensitive areas while supporting appropriate public access and recreation opportunities, including coordination related to regionally significant open space areas such as the Alameda-Tesla Property.

#### Policy D.3.2 — Minimize Environmental Impacts Through Planning and Design

Incorporate feasible planning, design, and mitigation measures that minimize environmental impacts and reduce potential conflicts with surrounding uses.

#### Policy D.3.3 — Use Resource Management Planning Tools

Develop, maintain, and implement Resource Management Plans or similar planning tools for significant open space properties and environmentally sensitive areas, as appropriate.

#### Actions

- Action D.3-A: Coordinate with partner agencies and resource organizations during planning and project development
- Action D.3-B: Consider habitat protection, scenic views, trail connections, grazing practices, and public access when evaluating open space priorities
- Action D.3-C: Develop landscaping and infrastructure standards appropriate to different park, open space, and facility types.
- Action D.3-D: Incorporate practical measures to reduce environmental impacts and minimize conflicts with surrounding uses
- Action D.3-E: Maintain and periodically update Resource Management Plans, Grazing, and Habitat Restoration Plans
- Action D.3-F: Support efficient use of water, energy, and other public resources where practical and cost-effective



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## Goal F.1

### Financial Sustainability and Project Readiness

Evaluate long-term operational, maintenance, and funding impacts when considering new facilities, capital projects, service expansions, and major investments.

#### Policy F.1.1 — Compliance with applicable law and best practices

District financial practices, purchasing procedures, grant administration, and public works processes shall comply with applicable local, state, and federal laws and regulations as well as governmental best practices.

#### Policy F.1.2 — Incorporate Lifecycle Planning into Facility and Capital Decisions

Incorporate lifecycle costs (acquisition, operation, maintenance, and disposal costs), replacement planning, and operational impacts into long-term facility planning and capital investment decisions. Use lifecycle planning analysis to better understand long-term maintenance, replacement, operational, and funding obligations.

#### Actions

- Action F.1-A: Incorporate lifecycle cost considerations into capital planning, funding discussions, and project evaluation
- Action F.1-B: Apply project readiness factors (site control, environmental clearance, funding) to guide implementation timing
- Action F.1-C: Identify potential funding and operational strategies early in project development
- Action F.1-D: Coordinate with partner agencies, developers, and funding entities to support long-term financial sustainability
- Action F.1-E: Utilize the District's adopted Fund Balance Reserve Policy and other available funding strategies to help address lifecycle replacement, deferred maintenance, and long-term asset stewardship needs identified through lifecycle planning analysis.

#### Policy F.1.3 — Align Capital Planning with Operational Capacity

Consider staffing, maintenance capacity, operational impacts, and ongoing funding needs when planning new or expanded facilities and infrastructure.

## Goal F.2

### Balanced Cost Recovery and Community Access

Provide a mix of fee-supported and subsidized programs, services, and facilities that balance financial sustainability with community benefit and community access.

#### Policy F.2.1 — Determine the Full Cost of Providing Program Services and Facilities

Determine the full cost of providing programs, services, and facilities, including direct program costs, administrative overhead, and facility lifecycle costs.

#### Policy F.2.2 — Implement a Balanced Cost Recovery Approach

Maintain a cost-recovery approach that accounts for varying levels of individual and community benefits when determining fees, subsidies, and funding priorities based on the full cost of providing the program, service, or facility.

#### Policy F.2.3 — Support Community Access

Support programs, services, and financial assistance opportunities that help reduce barriers to participation and maintain access for a broad range of community members.

#### Policy F.2.4 — Maintain Cost Recovery Policies and Funding Guidelines

Use cost recovery policies and funding guidelines to support transparent, consistent, and sustainable financial decision-making.

#### Actions

- Action F.2-A: Develop full lifecycle costs for each facility that LARPD owns or operates.
- Action F.2-B: Develop a program to assign appropriate administrative overhead costs to programs, services and facilities that LARPD provides.
- Action F.2-C: Periodically review cost recovery approaches and funding strategies
- Action F.2-D: Develop guidelines that reflect differing levels of individual and community benefit



# Finance & Implementation Strategy

## Goal F.3

### Diversified Funding and Revenue Strategies

Pursue diverse and sustainable funding approaches that support long-term District priorities, capital improvements, maintenance obligations, and community services.

#### Policy F.3.1 — Pursue Diverse Funding Opportunities

Actively pursue grants, donations, sponsorships, matching funds, and other opportunities that support District projects, programs, facilities, and funding goals.

#### Policy F.3.2 — Pursue Revenue Opportunities that Support District Services and Facilities

Consider revenue-generating opportunities that help offset operational costs, maintain facilities and infrastructure, support capital improvements, and reduce long-term funding pressures on the District.

#### Actions

- Action F.3-A: Pursue grant funding opportunities from federal, state, regional, local, nonprofit, and private sources
- Action F.3-B: Coordinate with organizations such as the LARPD Foundation, community groups, and partner agencies on funding and implementation opportunities
- Action F.3-C: Consider sponsorships, donations, memorial contributions, matching funds, and similar partnership opportunities
- Action F.3-D: Evaluate revenue opportunities in consideration of operational impacts, maintenance obligations, and community priorities





# Historic & Cultural Resource Stewardship

## Goal HC.1

### Preserve and Steward Historic and Cultural Resources

Support preservation, stewardship, and appropriate use of historic facilities, cultural resources, and historically significant sites owned or operated by the District.

#### Policy HC.1.1 — Support Preservation of Historic and Cultural Resources

Support preservation, rehabilitation, maintenance, and appropriate use of historic facilities, structures, cultural resources, and historically significant sites owned or operated by the District.

#### Policy HC.1.3 — Support Educational and Community Use of Historic Resources

Support educational, interpretive, recreational, and community uses of historic facilities and cultural resources when compatible with long-term preservation and stewardship goals.

#### Policy HC.1.2 — Pursue Partnerships and Funding Opportunities to Support Preservation Efforts

Pursue partnerships, grants, funding opportunities, and coordination efforts that support preservation, maintenance, restoration, educational use, and long-term stewardship of historic and cultural resources.

#### Actions

- Action HC.1-A: Collaborate with historical organizations, nonprofit partners, and community stakeholders on stewardship and preservation efforts
- Action HC.1-B: Consider preservation and long-term stewardship needs when planning improvements or renovations to historic facilities, including sites such as Ravenswood Historic Site
- Action HC.1-C: Support educational and interpretive opportunities connected to historic and cultural resources
- Action HC.1-D: Pursue funding opportunities and partnerships that support preservation, maintenance, and stewardship efforts



# Historic & Cultural Resource Stewardship

## Goal HC.2

### Support Community Heritage and Cultural Traditions

Support community traditions, cultural events, and longstanding community partnerships that contribute to Livermore's identity and heritage.

#### Policy HC.2.1 — Support Community Heritage and Cultural Events

Support cultural traditions, heritage events, and community activities that reflect Livermore's history, identity, and longstanding community connections.

#### Policy HC.2.2 — Coordinate with Community Partners on Heritage Facilities and Events

Coordinate with community organizations and partners associated with heritage facilities, historic uses, and longstanding community events.

#### Actions

- Action HC.2-A: Maintain coordination with community organizations associated with historic and cultural events, including the Livermore Stockmen's Rodeo Association (LSRA)
- Action HC.2-B: Consider long-term maintenance, operational needs, and stewardship responsibilities associated with heritage facilities and community traditions, including the Livermore Rodeo
- Action HC.2-C: Periodically review partnership and operational strategies to support long-term community benefit and stewardship goals



# Programs, Services, & Community Access

## Goal PS.1

### Responsive and Community-Focused Recreation Opportunities

Provide recreation opportunities, programs, and services that respond to evolving community needs and support wellness, enrichment, social connection, and quality of life.

#### Policy PS.1.1 — Provide Community-Serving Recreation Opportunities

Provide recreation opportunities and services that reflect the interests, needs, and diversity of the community and support participation across a broad range of ages, abilities, and backgrounds.

#### Policy PS.1.2 — Support Wellness, Learning, and Community Connection

Support programs, services, and activities that encourage healthy lifestyles, lifelong learning, community connection, and improving quality of life.

#### Policy PS.1.3 — Maintain Flexibility to Respond to Changing Community Needs

Periodically evaluate recreation trends, participation patterns, community interests, and operational considerations to help inform future programming and service priorities.

#### Policy PS.1.4 — Support Arts, Cultural, and Community Enrichment Opportunities

Support arts, cultural, and community enrichment opportunities primarily through recreation-based programs, classes, events, and community activities.

#### Actions

- Action PS.1-A: Incorporate community input, participation trends, and operational considerations to help guide programming priorities
- Action PS.1-B: Conduct community outreach and statistically valid surveys at least every five years to help evaluate evolving community needs, recreation interests, and service priorities
- Action PS.1-C: Consider opportunities to provide programs and services across a variety of facilities, parks, schools, open space areas, and community spaces
- Action PS.1-D: Periodically re-evaluate programming approaches and service delivery methods as community interests and participation trends change
- Action PS.1-E: Work with schools, nonprofits, arts organizations, and community partners to support recreation, enrichment, and cultural opportunities
- Action PS.1-F: Prioritize use of facilities for arts, cultural, and community enrichment opportunities that support youth and lifelong learning.



# Programs, Services, & Community Access

## Goal PS.2

### Community Access and Participation

Support access to District programs, services, facilities, and community engagement opportunities.

#### Policy PS.2.1 — Support Community Access

Support programs, services, facilities, and engagement opportunities that are accessible, welcoming, and responsive to a broad range of community members.

#### Policy PS.2.2 — Reduce Barriers to Participation

Support financial assistance, scholarships, outreach efforts, and other strategies that help reduce barriers to participation.

#### Policy PS.2.3 — Use Outreach and Engagement to Support Community Participation

Use communication, outreach, and engagement efforts that help residents understand and access District programs, services, facilities, and planning efforts.

#### Policy PS.2.4 — Support Volunteer and Community Stewardship Opportunities

Support volunteer opportunities that strengthen community involvement, stewardship, educational programming, events, and District operations.

#### Actions

- Action PS.2-A: Conduct outreach and engagement approaches that help improve awareness of District programs, services, facilities, and planning efforts
- Action PS.2-B: Support scholarship programs, subsidies, partnerships, and financial assistance opportunities
- Action PS.2-C: Consider accessibility, affordability, and participation barriers when evaluating programs and services
- Action PS.2-D: Support volunteer opportunities related to recreation programs, open space stewardship, events, educational programming, and community initiatives
- Action PS.2-E: Work with schools, nonprofits, and community organizations to expand outreach and participation opportunities

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# Programs, Services, & Community Access

## Goal PS.3

### Environmental and Educational Programming

Support recreation, educational, and interpretive opportunities that connect the community to parks, trails, open space, and the natural environment.

#### Policy PS.3.1 — Support Interpretive and Environmental Education Opportunities

Support interpretive, educational, and recreational opportunities that help connect community members to the natural environment, local history, and cultural resources.

#### Policy PS.3.3 — Coordinate Educational and Interpretive Partnerships

Coordinate with schools, nonprofit organizations, public agencies, and community partners to support educational, recreational, and stewardship opportunities.

#### Policy PS.3.2 — Provide Recreation Opportunities in Natural Settings

Support recreational and educational opportunities within parks, trails, and open space areas that encourage appreciation, stewardship, and responsible use of natural resources.

#### Actions

- Action PS.3-A: Support environmental recreation, educational programming, and interpretive opportunities
- Action PS.3-B: Coordinate with schools, community organizations, and partner agencies on outdoor education and stewardship initiatives
- Action PS.3-C: Use parks, trails, open space areas, and natural resources to support community learning and recreation experiences
- Action PS.3-D: Adapt interpretive and educational programming over time based on community interest and operational considerations





# Organizational Capacity & Governance

## Goal OG.1

### Organizational Readiness and Workforce Development

Support organizational practices and workforce development efforts that help the District adapt to evolving community needs, operational responsibilities, and long-term service expectations.

#### Policy OG.1.1 — Support Workforce Development and Organizational Readiness

Support staff development, training, leadership growth, and organizational knowledge-sharing efforts that strengthen the District's ability to deliver services, manage facilities, and implement long-term priorities.

#### Policy OG.1.2 — Maintain Organizational Flexibility and Adaptability

Maintain organizational practices that allow the District to adapt to changing community needs, operational challenges, staffing considerations, and emerging priorities over time.

#### Actions

- Action OG.1-A: Support professional development and training opportunities
- Action OG.1-B: Encourage organizational coordination, knowledge-sharing, and cross-department collaboration
- Action OG.1-C: Adjust organizational and operational approaches over time to respond to changing service demands and workforce needs
- Action OG.1-D: Consider workforce capacity and operational readiness when implementing new facilities, programs, and initiatives



# Organizational Capacity & Governance

## Goal OG.2

### Transparent and Responsible Governance

Support transparent decision-making, public accountability, and responsible governance practices that maintain community trust and support long-term District stewardship.

#### Policy OG.2.1 — Support Transparent and Responsible Decision-Making

Support governance, planning, and operational practices that encourage transparency, accountability, public awareness, and informed decision-making.

#### Policy OG.2.2 — Maintain Community and Partner Coordination

Maintain coordination with community organizations, partner agencies, stakeholders, and the public to support collaboration, responsiveness, and implementation of District priorities.

#### Actions

- Action OG.2-A: Utilize public engagement and communication efforts, such as public meetings, surveys, community outreach events, website communications, email communications, and social media, such as public meetings, surveys, community outreach events, website communications, email communications, and social media to support awareness of District projects, priorities, and planning efforts
- Action OG.2-B: Coordinate with partner agencies, community organizations, and stakeholders
- Action OG.2-C: Periodically review governance and operational practices to support responsiveness and organizational effectiveness

# Organizational Capacity & Governance

## Goal OG.3

### Emergency Preparedness and Operational Coordination

Maintain coordination and preparedness efforts that support continuity of operations, public safety, and District response capabilities during emergencies and major disruptions.

#### Policy OG.3.1 — Coordinate Emergency Preparedness Efforts

Coordinate with local agencies, schools, emergency response organizations, and partner entities to support emergency preparedness, continuity planning, and operational coordination.

#### Policy OG.3.2 — Maintain Operational Readiness During Emergencies

Support organizational practices and facility readiness efforts that help maintain continuity of operations and community services during emergencies and major disruptions where feasible.

#### Actions

- Action OG.3-A: Coordinate with local and regional emergency preparedness partners
- Action OG.3-B: Support staff training and operational readiness efforts related to emergency response and continuity planning
- Action OG.3-C: Consider emergency access, operational continuity, and community support functions when planning facilities and infrastructure improvements





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# Section 1: Understanding Community Needs

The standards, needs, and recommendations identified in this Master Plan were informed through a combination of community input, system assessment, and planning analysis.

## Delivering a Comprehensive System

LARPD provides parks, recreation facilities, trails, open space, and programs through a combination of District-owned assets and partnerships with local, regional, educational, and other public agencies. This coordinated approach expands recreation opportunities, improves system connectivity, and helps maximize community benefit.

While partnerships play an important role in meeting community needs, LARPD will continue evaluating opportunities to develop, acquire, improve, and maintain District-owned assets where appropriate to ensure long-term service capacity, operational flexibility, and community access.



# FACILITY TYPE DESCRIPTIONS

## Neighborhood Parks (Up to 15 acres)

Designed to serve nearby residents and provide convenient access to recreation opportunities within walking distance of surrounding neighborhoods. Typical amenities may include playgrounds, open turf areas, picnic areas, shade structures, sports courts, walking paths, landscaping, and other neighborhood-serving recreation amenities.

## Open Space Areas

Lands managed for outdoor recreation, resource protection, environmental education, and preservation of natural and cultural resources. Typical amenities may include trails, trailheads, staging areas, interpretive facilities, overlooks, picnic areas, habitat restoration areas, educational facilities, and other improvements that support public access and stewardship.

## Community Parks (11+ acres)

Designed to serve residents throughout the District and provide a variety of recreation opportunities, gathering spaces, and community-serving amenities. Typical amenities may include athletic fields, sports courts, aquatic facilities, community centers, dog parks, community gardens, picnic areas, open turf areas, parking lots, restrooms, playgrounds, event spaces, and other recreation facilities.

## Recreation and Support Facilities

Include indoor recreation, aquatic, community, cultural, educational, and administrative facilities that support District programs, services, and operations. Typical facilities may include community centers, aquatics facilities, preschools, program spaces, maintenance facilities, administrative offices, and other support buildings.

## Special Use Facilities

Sites that support a specific recreational, cultural, historic, environmental, or community function. Examples may include skate parks, sports complexes, historic sites, cultural facilities, interpretive areas, event venues, and other specialized recreation amenities.

## Extended Student Services (ESS) Sites

Sites provide facilities that support before-school, after-school, seasonal, educational, and youth development programs in partnership with local schools. Typical facilities may include classrooms, portable buildings, outdoor activity areas, storage facilities, administrative spaces, and other program-support amenities.



# Section 2: Planning and Performance Standards

## Park and Open Space Standards

LARPD uses park, recreation, and open space standards to help guide long-range planning, evaluate service needs, and support balanced investment throughout the service area.

### Local Park Standards

Park Type	Standard
Community Parks	3.5 acres / 1,000 residents
Neighborhood Parks	1.5 acres / 1,000 residents
Special Use Facilities	1 acre / 1,000 residents
Total	6 acres / 1,000 residents

### Open Space Standard

Facility Type	Standard
Open Space	200 acres / 1,000 residents

The Open Space standard includes publicly accessible regional open space, trails, and natural areas throughout the LARPD service area, regardless of ownership or management agency.

## System Stewardship and Lifecycle Investment

### Park and Facilities Condition Standard

LARPD will work toward maintaining a system wide standard of 0% "Red" condition facilities and infrastructure through proactive reinvestment and lifecycle planning.

### Park Access Standard

Ensure all neighborhoods are within half a mile of a park or open space. In denser Specific Plan Areas (average of 20 dwelling units/acre or greater) such as Midtown or Isabel, ensure all units are within a quarter of a mile of a park or open space.

### Trail Access Standard

Prioritize gap closures and trail connections to denser neighborhoods (average of 20 dwelling units/acre or greater) to facilitate non-motorized access to parks and open space

## Service and Capacity Standard

LARPD monitors facility utilization, program demand, scheduling pressures, and community access trends to help identify when reinvestment, operational adjustments, or additional facilities may be needed.



### Gymnasiums

Peak-hour utilization, scheduling conflicts, waitlists



### Aquatics Facilities

Swim lesson waitlists, lane competition, recreation swim demand



### Athletic Fields

Scheduling conflicts, limited recovery periods, field availability



### Recreation Facilities

Space utilization, enrollment trends, room availability

Capacity constraints may be indicated by factors such as recurring waitlists, scheduling conflicts, limited facility availability during peak demand periods, or utilization levels approaching operational capacity.

# Section 3: Existing Conditions and Community Needs

## Total Parks and Special Use Facilities



**9**  
Community Parks  
328 Acres



**27**  
Neighborhood Parks  
142 Acres



**6**  
Open Space  
1,445 Acres



**9**  
Special Use Facilities  
63 Acres

**51 Parks and Special Use Facilities**  
1,978 Acres

## Recreation and Support Facilities



**9**  
Recreation and Support Facilities



**8**  
ESS Sites

**17 Recreation and Support Facilities**



STANDARDS AND EXISTING CONDITIONS

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- GREEN** – Asset is in good working condition; only routine, scheduled maintenance is required.
- YELLOW** – Asset is functional but shows wear; repairs, refurbishment, or upgrades will be needed to restore optimal condition.
- RED** – Asset requires significant repair or replacement within the next few years based on manufacturer recommendation and field evaluation.

### Community Parks

9 Parks  
3.53 Acres per 1,000 (Standard 3.5 per 1000)

67% 33%



Key Needs and Themes:

- Aging infrastructure and utilities
- Parking and circulation improvements
- Athletic amenity reinvestment
- Modernization of older park features

### Neighborhood Parks

27 Parks  
1.52 Acres per 1,000 (Standard 1.5 per 1000)

38% 46% 15%



Key Needs and Themes:

- Aging playgrounds
- Irrigation replacement

### Special Use Facilities

9 Facilities  
0.67 Acres per 1000 (Standard 1 per 1,000)

50% 50%



Needs and Themes:

- General Lifecycle Maintenance

### LARPD Managed Open Space

6 Open Space Areas  
15.5 Acres per 1,000

100%



Key Needs and Themes:

- Buildings and structures at Sycamore Grove Park are reflected in Recreation and Support Facilities

### Recreation and Support Facilities

10 Facilities

10% 60% 30%



Key Needs and Themes:

- Aging facilities nearing major reinvestment or replacement needs
- Capacity pressures at gymnasium and aquatics facilities during peak demand periods
- Deferred maintenance and modernization of key recreation facilities
- Long-term lifecycle investment needs across aging buildings and infrastructure

### ESS Sites

8 Sites

38% 62%



Key Needs and Themes:

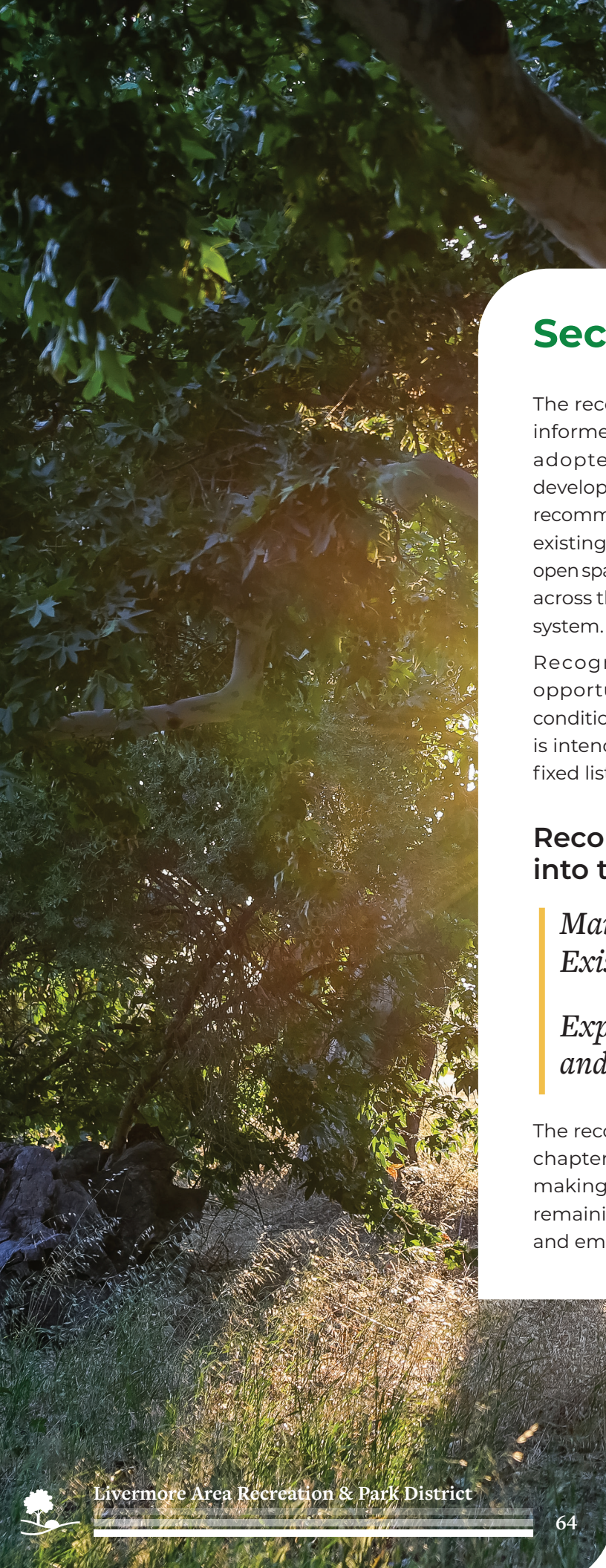
- General Lifecycle Maintenance: Siding, Roofs, Ramps

??? Total miles of paved trails

place holder for a trail condition map that will be a Orange/Yellow/Green map with condition status of LARPD managed trails.

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## Section 1: Introduction

The recommendations contained in this chapter are informed by community input, system assessments, adopted standards, and Board policy direction developed throughout the Master Plan process. These recommendations provide a framework for maintaining existing assets, expanding parks, recreation, trails, and open space opportunities, and guiding future investments across the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District system.

Recognizing that community needs, funding opportunities, partnerships, and implementation conditions will continue to evolve over time, this chapter is intended to provide flexible guidance rather than a fixed list of projects.

**Recommendations are organized into two categories:**

*Maintaining and Reinvesting in Existing Assets*

*Expanding Parks, Recreation, Trails, and Open Space Opportunities*

The recommendations and priorities identified in this chapter are intended to support informed decision-making throughout the life of the Master Plan while remaining responsive to changing community needs and emerging opportunities.

## Section 2: Maintaining and Reinvesting in Existing Assets

Consistent with the Condition Standard and Lifecycle Planning Standard established in Chapter 3, LARPD should continue prioritizing reinvestment in aging facilities and infrastructure. The following priorities provide guidance for long-term investments; health and safety issues are addressed immediately as they arise.

Facility Maintenance Priorities:

- A** Addressing aging or end-of-life facilities
- B** Foundational infrastructure that protects or supports an overall facility
- C** Improving access for underserved user groups, such as ADA improvements or improvements to support neurodivergent communities.

### Priority Reinvestment Projects

- A C** **Playground Replacement Program**  
Continue implementing the District's Playground Replacement Program to systematically replace aging playgrounds and related amenities as they reach the end of their useful life. Regular replacement helps maintain safety, accessibility, and quality recreation experiences throughout the park system.
- B** **Irrigation Replacement Program**  
Develop and implement a districtwide irrigation replacement program to systematically identify, prioritize, and replace aging irrigation infrastructure. Strategic reinvestment in irrigation systems can improve reliability, support landscape health, improve water efficiency, and reduce overall lifecycle costs.
- B** **Robert Livermore Community Center Roof**  
Replace the aging roof at the Robert Livermore Community Center to protect a critical community facility and support the continued delivery of recreation programs and services.
- A B C** **Bothwell Recreation Center**  
Conduct a comprehensive facility planning study to evaluate the long-term future of the Bothwell Recreation Center. The study should assess facility condition, operational needs, and community demand to identify the highest and best use of the site and determine appropriate long-term reinvestment strategies.
- A B C** **May Nissen Swim Center**  
In partnership with the City of Livermore, conduct a long-range facility evaluation to assess future reinvestment needs, facility condition, operational requirements, and strategies for maintaining community access to aquatic recreation opportunities



# Section 3: Expanding Parks, Recreation, Trails, and Open Space Projects

## Project Readiness Framework

This Master Plan identifies long-term trail, park, and facility priorities across the LARPD system. While not all projects will move forward at the same pace, LARPD will evaluate opportunities based on overall priority, funding availability, and site control or implementation feasibility. This framework is intended to support flexible, transparent, and opportunity-driven decision-making throughout the life of the Master Plan.

Three Factors of Project Readiness



How projects move forward:

- 1 of 3 Factors = Long-Term Opportunity
- 2 of 3 Factors = Mid-Term Opportunity
- 3 of 3 Factors = Near-Term Implementation

Projects will move between readiness categories over time as funding opportunities, partnerships, property acquisition, and implementation conditions change.

## Recommended Expansion Projects

Community input, facility assessments, and Board direction identified for projects to expand recreation access, improve regional trail connectivity, address facility capacity constraints, and strengthen LARPD's role in open space stewardship. The following priorities represent opportunities to address these needs over the life of the Master Plan.

### Trail Priorities

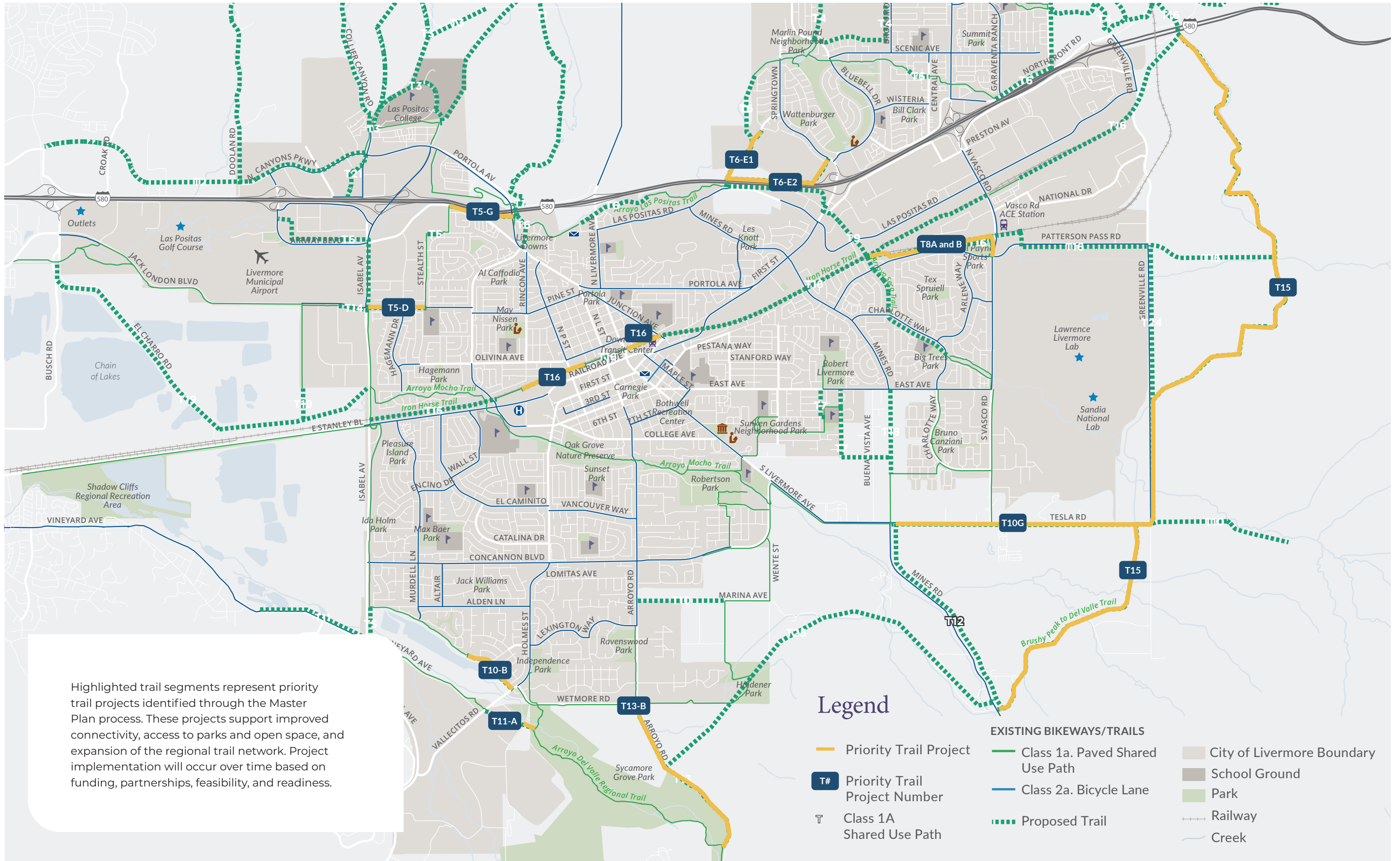
- D** Closing system gaps and improving connections
- E** Expanding access to under served areas
- F** Advancing trail segments when opportunities arise

Opportunities may include willing property owners, easement acquisitions, development projects, grant funding, or partnerships that allow meaningful trail segments to be completed efficiently.

### Priority Trail Projects

- D E** T5-D and G: Isabel Trail
- D E** T6-E1 and E2: Arroyo Las Positas Trail
- D E** T8-A and B: Patterson Pass Trail (Note alt Alignment to T16)
- D F** T10-B and G: South Livermore Valley Trail
- D F** T11-A: Shadow Cliffs to Del Valle Trail
- D F** T13-B: Arroyo Road Trail
- D F** T15: South Bay Aqueduct Trail
- D E** T16: Iron Horse Trail
- D** T22: Brushy Peak Connector





Highlighted trail segments represent priority trail projects identified through the Master Plan process. These projects support improved connectivity, access to parks and open space, and expansion of the regional trail network. Project implementation will occur over time based on funding, partnerships, feasibility, and readiness.

### Legend

- Priority Trail Project
- T# Priority Trail Project Number
- T Class 1A Shared Use Path
- Existing Bikeways/Trails
  - Class 1a. Paved Shared Use Path
  - Class 2a. Bicycle Lane
  - - - Proposed Trail
- City of Livermore Boundary
- School Ground
- Park
- Railway
- ~ Creek

# Recreation and Facility Expansion Priorities

## Facility Expansion Priorities

- G** Meeting unmet program needs or capacity constraints
- H** Access or service gaps

### **G** Joint Use Agreement with LVJUSD

Implement the Joint Property Agreement with the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District to expand community access to existing gymnasiums, aquatic facilities, athletic fields, and dedicated space for Extended Student Services (ESS) programs. Expanded use of existing public facilities represents one of the most immediate opportunities to address identified recreation capacity constraints while maximizing community use of public resources.

In addition to supporting ESS programming, shared-use facilities may provide future opportunities to expand recreation programs, community education, enrichment activities, and other community-serving programs as needs evolve.

#### Gymnasiums

- Expanded programming
- Youth sports
- Community rentals



#### Aquatics

- Swim team
- Lap swim capacity at RLCC
- Water exercise



#### Athletic Fields

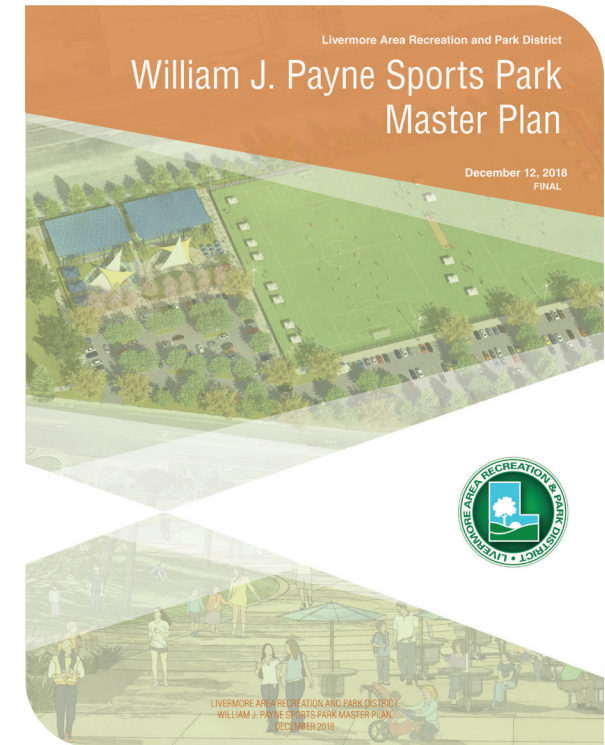
- Increased field inventory
- Shared public resources

#### ESS Program Space

- Dedicated shared space for Extended Student Services programming

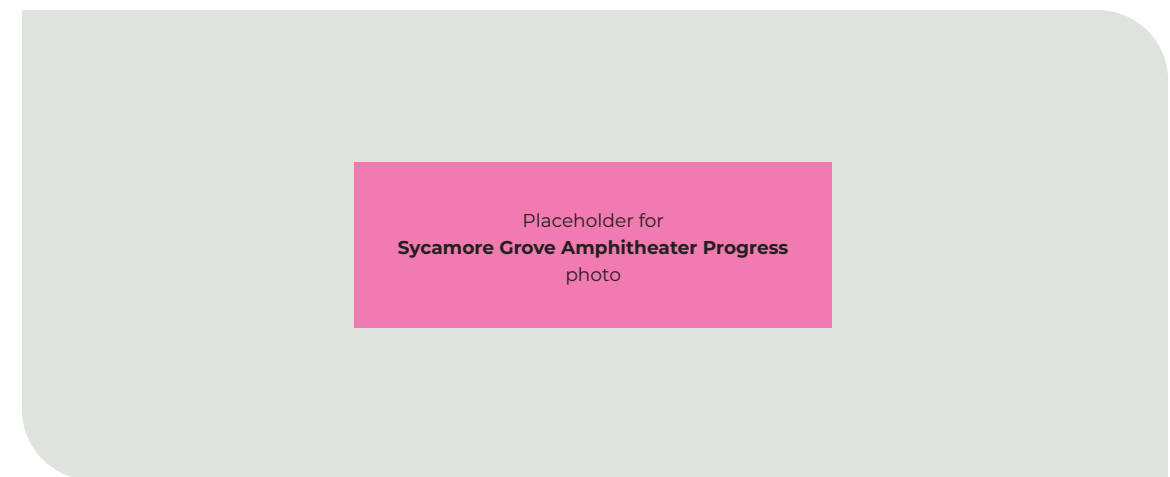
### **G** William “Bill” Payne Sports Park

Previous planning efforts, including the 2018 William “Bill” Payne Sports Park Master Plan, identified opportunities to enhance athletic field capacity and improve park amenities. While future improvements may evolve from the concepts evaluated in the 2018 plan, the analysis and community input completed through that effort can help inform future project development.



### **G H** Sycamore Grove Amphitheater

Advance development of the Sycamore Grove Amphitheater to expand opportunities for community events, educational programming, performances, and nature-based recreation experiences.



### **H** Future Open Space Opportunities

Consistent with Board direction, LARPD should continue evaluating opportunities for open space stewardship, public access, conservation partnerships, easements, and acquisitions as opportunities arise.



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