

APPENDIX M: SANTA CRUZ COUNTY PARKS + RECREATION FACILITIES

PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

Planning Area	Park Type/Park Site ¹	Existing Parks ²	Proposed New Parks ³	Gross Acreage⁴	
				Existing	Proposed ³
APTOS	Neighborhood Exist: Hidden Beach, Seacliff Village Park, Seascape Park Prop: Jennifer/Haas Drives	3	1	15.6	11.4
	Neighborhood / School Facility Exist: Aptos Jr High School, Mar Vista Elementary School, Rio Del Mar Elementary School, Valencia Elementary School	4		19.3	
	Neighborhood / Community Exist: Aptos Village Park Prop: Porter Sesnon ^{5,6}	1	1	11.8	15.0
	Regional Exist: Dolphin and Sumner Beach, Polo Grounds	3		74.6	
APTOS HILLS	Local Rural Exist: Scott Park Prop: Freedom Boulevard	1	1	4.2	6.0
	Local Rural / School or Other Facility Exist: Aptos High School, Valencia Hall	2		7.6	
	Regional Exist: Freedom Lake	1		34.6	
BONNY DOON	Local Rural Prop: Bonny Doon Area ⁶		1		5.0
	Local Rural / School Facility Exist: Bonny Doon Elementary School	1		3.0	
CARBONERA	Local Rural Exist: Michael Grey Memorial Field	1		3.8	
	Neighborhood / Local Rural / School Exist: Brook Knoll Elementary School, Happy Valley Elementary School	2		7.5	
	Regional Exist: Graham Hill Showgrounds	1		19.3	
EUREKA CANYON	Local Rural Exist: Aldridge Lane Park, Bert Scott Estate (Acquired)	2		35.2	
	Local Rural / School or Other Facility Exist: Bradley Elementary School, Corralitos Community Center ⁶	2		9.0	
	Regional Prop: Grizzly Flat Reservoir ⁶		1		N/A
LA SELVA BEACH	Local Rural Exist: Arbolado Drive Linear Park, La Selva Community Center, Place de Mer (Acquired), Triangle Park, Vista Drive Overlook/Bluffs ⁵	5		5.7	6.3



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LIVE OAK	Neighborhood Exist: Brommer Park, Chanticleer Park, Coffee Lane, Felt Street Park, Floral Park, Hestwood Park, Jose Avenue Park, Santa Cruz Gardens Park, Dustin Way/Pinewood (Acquired), Pleasure Point Park, The Hook, Twin Lakes Park ⁵ , Winkle Farm Park Prop: Cabrillo Avenue, Harper Street (East), Harper Street (West), Mattison Lane, Moran Lake Park/Lode Street ⁵ , Portola Drive/Rodeo Gulch ^{5,6} , Twin Hills ⁶	13	7	41.6	43.7
	Neighborhood / Community / School Exist: Del Mar School, Good Shepherd School, Green Acres Elementary School, Harbor High School, Live Oak Elementary School, Santa Cruz Gardens Elementary School, Shoreline Middle School ⁵	7		36.5	0.5
	Community Exist: Simpkins Family Swim Center Prop: Brommer Maintenance Yard ⁶ , Chaminade Uplands, 7th Avenue and Brommer Street ⁵	1	3	10.2	92.4
	Neighborhood / Regional Exist: Corcoran Lagoon Park ^{5,6} , East Cliff Bluffs, Moran Lake Park/Lode Street ⁵ , Opal Cliffs, Sunny Cove ⁵ Prop: Coastview Drive ⁵ , Sunny Cove ⁵	5	2	17.0	8.9
NORTH COAST	Local Rural / School Facility Exist: Pacific Elementary School	1		1.0	
	Regional Exist: Greyhound Rock Beach, Scotts Creek Prop: Davenport Beach and Bluff ⁵	2	1	115.0	N/A
	Neighborhood Exist: Mesa Village Park	1		2.1	
PAJARO VALLEY	Neighborhood / Local Rural / School Exist: Amesti Elementary School, Calabasas Elementary School, Ann Soldo Elementary School, Lakeview Middle School, Freedom Elementary School, Salsipuedes Elementary School	6		29.0	
	Local Rural / Community / Regional Exist: Pinto Lake City Park, Pinto Lake County Park ⁶ Prop: College Lake ⁶	2	1	248.9	N/A
SALSIPUEDES	Regional Prop: Pescadero Creek Reservoir ⁶		1		N/A
SAN ANDREAS	Regional Exist: Beaches	1		N/A	
SAN LORENZO VALLEY ⁶	Local Rural Exist: Alba School, Ben Lomond Parcel (Acquired), Ben Lomond Park, Boulder Creek Junction, Barbara Day Park – Dam Park, Felton Covered Bridge Park, Felton Discovery Park, Garrahan Memorial Park, Highlands Park, Lompico Community Center and Park, Prop: Brookdale	10	1	39.3	17.7
	Local Rural / School Facility Exist: Boulder Creek Elementary School, San Lorenzo Valley Charter School, SLV Elementary, Middle, and High Schools	3		11.0	



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	Local Rural / Regional Exist: Loch Lomond Recreation Area, Miller Property Park (Acquired), Pace Family Wilderness Park (Acquired), Quail Hollow Ranch	4		729.5	
SKYLINE	Local Rural Exist: Glenwood Area ⁶		1		N/A
SOQUEL	Neighborhood Exist: Richard Vessey Park, Soquel Lions Park, Willowbrook Park	3		3.4	
	Neighborhood / Community / School Exist: Main Street Elementary School, Soquel Elementary School ⁶ , Soquel High School	3		19.0	
	Neighborhood / Community / Regional Exist: Anna Jean Cummings Park, The Farm, Heart of Soquel	3		103.3	
SUMMIT	Local Rural / School Facility Exist: Loma Prieta Community Center ⁶ / Loma Prieta Elementary School / C.T. English Middle School, Mountain Elementary School	2		8.0	
	Regional Prop: Glenwood and Soquel Reservoirs ⁶		2		N/A

¹ This table includes parks and facilities that may be owned and/or managed by the County, cities, school districts, or recreation districts.

² Existing parks may include properties that have been acquired for a future park site.

³ Indicates site/acreage identified for proposed acquisition. N/A indicates proposed park acquisitions that have not yet been defined.

⁴ The acreages associated with school sites are expressed in net usable acreage. All other acreage is expressed in gross acres.

⁵ This park site is also included in Appendix G: Coastal Priority Sites Use and Development Standards.

⁶ Additional guidance for development of proposed park site provided in section below.



GUIDANCE FOR PROPOSED PARK SITE DEVELOPMENT

See also Policies PPF-1.2.3 and PPF-2.2.8 and Implementation Strategies PPF-1.2c, PPF-2.2b, PPF-2.2c, and PPF-2.2d.

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS AND FACILITIES

Live Oak

Moran Lake Park/Lode Street. Develop a neighborhood park facility on excess land on the northwest portion of the Sanitation District property at Lode Street if safe public use can be accommodated adjacent to the sewer pumping plant.

Portola Drive//Rodeo Gulch. Develop a neighborhood park on Portola Drive adjacent to Rodeo Gulch utilizing excess public right-of-way and including the acquisition of designated adjacent properties.

Twin Hills. Include a small neighborhood park facility in the final phase of the Santa Cruz Gardens Subdivisions at Twin Hills located in conjunction with the open space protection areas and to provide public access to the scenic vistas, and appropriate scaled neighborhood recreational opportunities.

Soquel

Soquel Elementary School. Maintain the existing neighborhood park facilities available at Soquel Elementary School if the school use is terminated and consider establishment of an expanded community center and recreation facility with any proposed reuse of the site.

COMMUNITY PARKS AND FACILITIES

Aptos

Porter Sesnon. Establish a 15 acre community park facility adjacent to McGregor Drive with a primary focus on the provision of sports playing fields as part of the expansion of New Brighton State Beach. Vigorously pursue inclusion of such community facilities in the planning and funding of the State park improvements.

Live Oak

Brommer Maintenance Yard. Develop community park facilities at the Brommer Street Maintenance Yard property as a reuse of the site if the present County Operations are phased-out.



LOCAL RURAL PARKS AND FACILITIES

Bonny Doon

Bonny Doon Area. Allow a rural park and community center to serve the Bonny Doon Planning Area potentially to include community meeting facilities, sports fields, play area, picnic area, and restrooms.

Eureka Canyon

Corralitos Community Center. Cooperate with the Corralitos community and the City of Watsonville in maintaining the community meeting facilities on the City property on Browns Valley Road, and in maintaining and expanding the recreational opportunities on the property.

Skyline

Glenwood Area. Locate and develop a rural park to serve the Glenwood community and the Skyline Planning area.

Summit

Loma Prieta Community Center. Support the maintenance and expansion of recreation and community facilities developed in conjunction with the Loma Prieta Community Center and the Loma Prieta and T.E. English schools on Summit Road.

REGIONAL PARKS AND FACILITIES

Eureka Canyon

Grizzly Flat. Support the City of Watsonville in planning and development of a regional facility on the Grizzly Flat watershed property.

Live Oak

Corcoran Lagoon Park. Seek State funding for the acquisition, restoration, improvement and protection of this resource to serve both local and regional recreational and educational purposes.

Pajaro Valley

Pinto Lake County Park. Provide regional recreational opportunities at Pinto Lake County Park, along with local park facilities to serve the adjacent urban and rural areas. Limit development activities to the minimum necessary at the north end of the lake and restrict automobile access to the outer edge of the park. Coordinate use and management of the lake with the City of Watsonville; provide for water oriented activities including rowboating, canoeing, sailing, fishing



and wildlife boat tours; prohibit power boating; provide recreation uses which are compatible with the natural resources of the lake; retain the lake as a bird habitat area.

College Lake. Provide for regional recreational use of College Lake if it is acquired and developed for water management purposes as part of the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency Basin Management Plan. Direct the development of recreational support facilities to the County Fairgrounds or other locations so as to minimize any impact on the continued agricultural use of the surrounding lands.

Salsipuedes

Pescadero Creek Reservoir. Consider development of regional recreational opportunities commensurate with the environmental protection requirements of a domestic water supply, as part of a multi-use concept for the proposed Pescadero Creek reservoir, if it is constructed.

San Lorenzo Valley

Watershed Lands. Explore the potential for regional recreational opportunities as part of a multiuse concept for the public watershed lands in the San Lorenzo Valley, and as commensurate with the environmental protection requirements for domestic water supplies.

Summit

Glenwood and Soquel Reservoirs. Consider development of regional recreational opportunities commensurate with the environmental protection requirements for domestic water supplies, as part of a multi-use concept for the proposed Glenwood and Soquel Creek reservoirs, if they are constructed.