



SAN LEANDRO GENERAL PLAN UPDATE
POLICY DEVELOPMENT:
OPEN SPACE, PARKS, CONSERVATION
ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS



July 16, 2015

SAN LEANDRO PLANNING COMMISSION

Objectives for Today

- **Review current policies and identify potential changes for the following topics**
 - ▣ Open Space
 - ▣ Parks and Recreation
 - ▣ Natural Resource Management and Conservation
 - ▣ Sustainability/ Climate Change
 - ▣ Environmental Hazards
 - ▣ Noise
- **Consider public comment**

Prior Study Sessions

1. **General Plan Introduction (3/6/14)**
2. **Housing Needs and Opportunities (5/8/14)**
3. **Housing Element Policy Analysis (7/10/14)**
4. **Review Draft Housing Element (9/11/14)**
5. **Land Use Map Categories (11/20/14)**
6. **Economic Development**
 - ▣ Economic profile, regional overview, and forecasts (2/19/15)
 - ▣ Current economic development initiatives and strategies (4/16/15)
7. **Land Use and Transportation (5/21/15)**
8. **Conservation, Open Space, Hazards (July)**
9. *Community Design, Facilities and Services (September)*

Open Space, Parks, and Conservation Element **CONTENTS**

- ▣ **Definition of Open Space**
- ▣ **City Parks**
 - ▣ Classification system
 - ▣ Needs assessment, service standards, and opportunities for new parks
 - ▣ Regional parks and trails
 - ▣ Joint use agreements
- ▣ **Natural Resources**
 - ▣ San Leandro Creek
 - ▣ Plants and animals, including special status species
 - ▣ Soils, mineral resources, groundwater
- ▣ **Conservation (water, solid waste, energy)**
- ▣ **Goals, Policies, Actions**

Park Standards



In 2002:

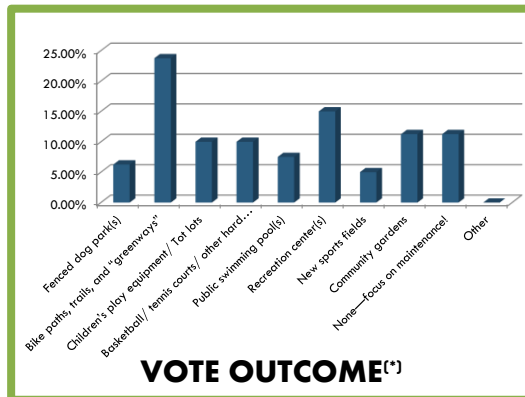
- 386 acres of active parkland
 - 121 acres of city parks
 - 178 acre golf course
 - 87 acres of school fac.
- 4.86 acres/ 1,000 residents
- 15,000 more residents would require 73 acres of parkland



“Park” Question from 4/30 Workshop

**What new recreational facilities would you most like to see in San Leandro by 2035?
(Pick your TOP THREE, in any order)**

- A. Fenced dog park(s)
- B. Bike paths, trails, and “greenways”
- C. Children’s play equipment/ Tot lots
- D. Basketball/ tennis courts/ other hard courts
- E. Public swimming pool(s)
- F. Recreation center(s)
- G. New sports fields
- H. Community gardens
- I. None—focus on maintenance!
- J. Other



(*) Results are not statistically significant and are based on votes from approximately 35-40 audience members

Parks and Recreation

POLICY ISSUES

- New park locations and amenities
- New park types
- Maintenance and rehabilitation demands
- Funding
- Responding to demographic change and recreational trends
- Leveraging non-City facilities and open spaces
- East Bay Greenway and other trails
- Need for a Park Master Plan
- Other?

Natural Resources

Policies in the existing plan call for:

- Restoration of San Leandro Creek, including access improvements, watershed management, habitat protection
- Continued restoration of the shoreline marshlands
- Protection of endangered and threatened species
- Continued disposal of dredge spoils
- Groundwater management to avoid contamination

Conservation

Policies in the existing plan call for:

- Traditional water conservation measures, such as drought-tolerant landscaping, low-flow plumbing, public education
- Expanded use of reclaimed water for irrigation
- Expanded recycling and composting to reach 75% diversion of waste from landfills (by 2010)
- Energy conservation and efficiency retrofits
- Use of renewable energy, including solar, methane, co-gen
- Less reliance on fossil-fueled motor vehicles

San Leandro's Climate Action Plan provided new strategies not reflected in General Plan

Natural Resource and Conservation

POLICY ISSUES

- Vision (and actions) for San Leandro Creek
- Marina dredging and future of dredge spoils area
- Responding to drought
- Increasing solid waste diversion rates
- Renewable energy (wind, etc.)
- Greenhouse gas reduction strategies
- Other

Environmental Hazards Element

CONTENTS

- **Natural Hazards**
 - Earthquakes
 - Landslides and Erosion
 - Wildfire
 - Flooding
- **Man-Made Hazards**
 - Air and water pollution
 - Hazardous Materials
 - Aviation
- **Emergency Preparedness**
- **Noise**
- **Goals, Policies, Actions**

Natural Hazards

Policies in the Existing Plan call for:

- Avoiding development in hazardous areas (landslides, flood plains, fault lines)
- Earthquake retrofits
- Coordination with ACFCWCD to improve flood control, improve FIRM maps, and maintain channels
- Vegetation management and mutual aid to reduce fire risks

Man-Made Hazards

Policies in the existing plan call for:

- Transportation control measures to reduce air pollution
- Ensuring compatibility and buffers between neighborhoods and pollution sources (freeways, industry, airport, etc.)
- Promoting alternative fuel vehicles to reduce ozone, CO, etc.
- Improving quality of urban runoff
- Eliminating illegal discharges to storm drain system
- Protecting groundwater and nearshore waters
- Clean-up of contaminated sites
- Reducing household hazardous waste and building materials

Noise

Policies in the existing Plan call for:

- Considering noise levels and noise impacts when development is proposed
- Incorporating noise reduction measures in new development
- Reducing transportation-related noise, especially transit (BART), trains, and freeways
- Reducing airport noise, including mitigation by the Port of Oakland and strict parameters for any airport expansion

Environmental Hazards

POLICY ISSUES

- Reducing hazards from soft-story buildings and tilt-ups
- Sea level rise and potential impacts and flood hazards
- Improvement of flood control channels
- Public health issues related to residential uses near industry and air pollution sources
- Hazardous materials transport on railroad and roads
- Expanding stormwater management (trash removal, etc.)
- Next generation of emergency preparedness planning
- Noise compatibility
- Airport land use compatibility
- Other?

Next Steps

- Finalize General Plan Map**
- Develop Economic Development Element**
- Planning Commission Study Session: Sept 17**
- Initiate EIR technical studies**
- Community Meeting #4 (Nov 2015)**
- Draft Plan and EIR Scheduled for Jan 2016**

Continue to check www.sanleandro2035.org for updates



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