Casanova Oak Knoll Park Center

Location 735 Ramona Avenue

Opened 1993; Upgraded 2002

Size 5,110 sf

Park Type 1. Center

This is a very well-used and programmed recreation center. Each space is at capacity and programmed effectively. The Center includes one large main room that is divisible and serves multiple purposes. It is hard to serve multiple activities as there is an issue with noise.

- There is a room divider which can be used.
- Preschool and after school programs are very well attended and affordable for community.
- Limited evening programs, but not a large draw.
- Teen space, which is integrated into the main room, serves 8-10 teens/pre-teens.

Key Recommendations

Enhance/Add Amenities

- Determine the feasibility to expand the Center by at least one room, to accommodate larger events and allow for concurrent events.
- Additional storage space is needed.
- Additional parking is needed, especially if enlarged.
Hilltop Park Center

Location 871 Jessie Street

Opened 1985; Renovated 1992, 1995

Size 18,400 sf

Park Type 1. Center

The Hilltop Park Center is a repurposed school and includes meeting and classrooms, a large main hall, a teen room, ceramics and art space, a photo lab, preschool rooms and kitchen facilities. The building has not been remodeled to accommodate its use as a community center. It is located at the far edge of the City and is generally underutilized, especially in comparison to the surrounding park.

There is an attractive mural on the Recreation Center building.

Key Recommendations

Major Project - Existing

- The Center feels like a school building and does not offer a strong point of entrance or community gathering. It would benefit from better branding, programming and a facility remodel.
- Complete a feasibility study to evaluate a major remodel to make the Center more useable, welcoming and attractive for community members.
- Consider repurposing the building to become a destination focused on Arts, Music and Dance.
- Preschool and after school programs could co-exist.

Enhance/Add Amenities

- Needs a clear entrance, lobby and welcoming area to help build a sense of place and community.
- Spaces should be revamped and programs reconsidered to better serve the community.
- Reconfigure downstairs areas (darkroom and adjacent spaces) as better designed art spaces.
- Consider making one space a dedicated dance studio with audio, wood floors and mirrors.
- Add building-wide wi-fi.

Goal Alignment

- Unique Sense of Place
- Diverse Community
- Sustainability
- Accessible

Connect to City Planning Documents

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Monterey Sports Center

Location 301 E Franklin Street

Opened 1992; Renovated 2002

The Center opened on June 1, 1992. It hosts over 3,000 members and guests daily and features an extensive group exercise program. Amenities include two heated indoor pools, a water slide, sundeck and sauna, a three-court gymnasium, two group exercise studios, weight training center, cardio training center and stretching areas. There are also physical therapy and personal training services, a Kids Zone, and cafe and pro shop.

In 2002, the Center was expanded to increase the cardio fitness center, weight training center, stretching areas, therapeutic and assessment area, concourse exercise area, more locker rooms, a larger kid’s zone and a second group exercise studio.

Key Recommendations

Major Project - Existing

- Consider the expansion of the Center to provide additional capacity and meet demand for aquatic programs, therapeutic programs, weight training and fitness training areas, locker and shower rooms, and programming needs.

- Conduct a feasibility analysis to determine the most needed program spaces.

- Any new addition should better engage the waterfront with views and pedestrian connections.

Goal Alignment

- Unique Sense of Place
- Diverse Community
- Sustainability
- Accessible

Connect to City Planning Documents

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The Monterey Youth Center in El Estero Park is a well used Center composed of three structures. Originally, the Center was designed to primarily serve youth and includes a large multi-purpose room typically used for gymnastics and community meetings, a kitchen, teen room, conference area, and preschool. There is a separate dance studio and separate restroom building that are used for the Park. There are 63 parking spaces that are shared with El Estero Park.

**Key Recommendations**

**Major Project - Existing**

- The building should be remodeled and updated.
- Teen room is currently underutilized and there are indications that the location is not optimal for the City youth, especially for the high school. Room is very attractive and could help to serve unmet needs for meeting space especially if open to lake.
- Conference space is small and could be double size, although with addition of a new meeting room may not be needed.
- Lobby could be made more welcoming and redesigned to help manage large number of kids and pick ups.
- Access to outdoors and views to the lake offer a major opportunity.

**Operation/Policy**

- Existing Multipurpose room is heavily used but is impacted by turn around for gymnastics, which is primary use.
- Dance Studio is one of the only good dance floors. Should be optimized with more scheduled classes for all age of dancers.
- Add wi-fi.
Scholze Park Center

Location 280 Dickman Avenue at Lighthouse Avenue

Opened 1958; Renovated 2000

Size 9,437 sf

Park Type 1. Center

Well used Adult/Senior Center in a beautiful park in a central location. Facility is well suited for needs, but at capacity during current scheduled hours. Would like to expand hours to provide more evening programs. 200-300 people attend on a daily basis.

Presence of homeless can be a deterrent to outdoor use.

Parking is limited, but permits are issued.

Key Recommendations

Enhance/Add Amenities
- Better utilize outdoor areas by integrating building and programs with those areas.
- Better wayfinding and signage inside and out is needed.
- Improve entrance into lobby to be more efficiently used.

Goal Alignment
- Unique Sense of Place
- Diverse Community
- Sustainability
- Accessible

Operation/Policy
- Increase hours of operations and programs for the broader community.

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Bruce Ariss Way Park/Cannery Row Worker's Memorial Park

Location  Irving Avenue ROW between Wave and Cannery Row

Opened  1996  Size  .12 acre  Park Type  2. Pocket Park

Pocket park with plazas connecting Wave Street and Cannery Row to the Recreation Trail. Also historic link to Doc Ricketts Lab.

Key Recommendations

Operation/Policy

- Consider better advertising history of this location in marketing, online app and Path of History trail.

Goal Alignment  ☑ Unique Sense of Place  ☐ Diverse Community  ☐ Sustainability  ☐ Accessible

Enhance/Add Amenities

- Improve wayfinding signage to encourage visiting pedestrians to access Cannery Row from the Recreation Trail.

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Cannery Row Park Plaza

Location  Dickman Avenue between Cannery Row and Wave

Opened  1991  Size  .18 acre  Park Type  2. Pocket Park

Pocket park with plazas connecting Wave Street and Cannery Row to the Recreation Trail.

Key Recommendations

Maintenance/Repair
- Ensure that the Plaza is well maintained.

Enhance/Add Amenities
- Improve wayfinding signage to encourage visiting pedestrians to access Cannery Row from the Recreation Trail.

Goal Alignment  ○ Unique Sense of Place  ○ Diverse Community  ○ Sustainability  ○ Accessible

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Ed Ricketts Park

Location  Drake Avenue and Wave Street

Opened  1997  Size  .03 acre  Park Type  2. Pocket Park

Small plaza located along Recreation Trail.

Key Recommendations

**Enhance/Add Amenities**

- Explore opportunities to improve look and feel of this area.
- Improve wayfinding and visual connection to Cannery Row to encourage visiting pedestrians to walk along Cannery Row; bikes to move onto the planned Wave Street Bike Path.

Goal Alignment  ○ Unique Sense of Place  ○ Diverse Community  ○ Sustainability  ○ Accessible

Connect to City Planning Documents

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## Specific Projects

### Griffin Plaza

**Location** Washington Street and Pearl Street

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Small triangular plaza with seating provided by retail. Well used by cyclists. Police have a presence here as they park at this location.

### Key Recommendations

**No Changes Required**

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**Connect to City Planning Documents**

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- Multi-Modal Mobility Plan

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**Goal Alignment**

- Unique Sense of Place
- Diverse Community
- Sustainability
- Accessible

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Hartnell Gulch Park

Location: Between Hartnell Street and Pacific Street

Opened: 1985; Renovated 2011

Size: 0.6 acres

Park Type: 2. Pocket Park

This mid-block park adjacent to the Monterey Public Library consists of a pedestrian path along a creek corridor. It is relatively unimproved, but restoration of the creek and additional improvements could provide multiple benefits.

Key Recommendations

New Potential Project/Park

- Phase 1: Complete a stream restoration project for the Hartnell Gulch area from Hartnell Street up to Pacific Street, while providing community park space in the downtown area.
- The project would improve stormwater quality, aesthetics, and urban habitat in a diminished public space.
- Improve a pedestrian corridor. Raise awareness of the urban watershed. The health of the watershed is indicative of the health of community.
- Should be aligned with and complement the existing Library Master Plan, building momentum and stewardship by kicking off the stream restoration project. (refer to NIP for additional details)
Laguna Grande Court Park

Location  East end of Kolb Avenue

Opened  1995  Size  0.07 acres  Park Type  2. Pocket Park

This is a small tot lot, serving the young children of the immediate neighborhood.

Adjacent land is part of the watershed draining to Laguna Grande Lake. It is owned by the City of Seaside, which may be interested in selling it to Monterey.

Key Recommendations

Enhance/Add Amenities

- Pursue purchase of adjacent land from Seaside, in order to provide a connection around the lake, and an expansion of this small park.
- Consider future enhancements to reflect community identity.
- Consider replacement of narrow lawn area with low water use planting.
Lagunita Mirada is a passive park adjacent to the Monterey Museum of Art. It appears to be underused, and the rustic paths are not being maintained. Most views of the pond are blocked by vegetation, which provides some habitat value, as numerous birds were observed.

Although described as a hillside rhododendron garden with ornamental bridge and shaded pathways, it appears that the landscape has deteriorated.

**Key Recommendations**

**Maintenance/Repair**

- Repair and re-establish trails, open views to the pond, and renovate the landscape.
- Maintain native plantings around the pond for maximum habitat value.
Portola Plaza
Location Del Monte Avenue and Alvarado Street

Currently under reconstruction. Plaza adjacent to Hotel and Conference Center. Poorly situated for welcoming pedestrians, the Plaza is currently under renovation.

Key Recommendations

Major Project - Existing
- Renovation is underway.
- Use programming and amenities to strengthen connection between Downtown and Waterfront.
- Good wayfinding needs to be added to help connect Recreation Trail and waterfront to downtown and vice versa.
Sensory Garden

Location  Olivier Street and Scott Street

Opened  1993  Size  .41 acre  Park Type  2. Pocket Park

Landscaped courtyard in Custom House Plaza area, maintained by staff and volunteers. Not well advertised.

Key Recommendations

Enhance/Add Amenities
- Improve wayfinding.

Goal Alignment  ○ Unique Sense of Place  ○ Diverse Community  ○ Sustainability  ○ Accessible

Connect to City Planning Documents
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Spanish Plaza

Location  Del Monte Avenue, Lighthouse Avenue and Tyler Street

Opened

Size  .43 acre

Park Type  2. Pocket Park

This triangular parcel is situated at the intersection of three busy streets. The surrounding streets make access poor and isolate the plaza. It has seating and planting areas. Difficult access and attractive to homeless and transients.

Key Recommendations

Major Project - Existing

- Reconfigure the Plaza completely to activate it as an asset for the community.
- Implement plans to utilize as a pedestrian path as part of Waterfront Master Plan.
- Improve visibility into site by trimming vegetation and improving lighting.

Goal Alignment

○ Unique Sense of Place
○ Diverse Community
○ Sustainability
○ Accessible

Connect to City Planning Documents

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○ Other…
### Spray Avenue Tot Lot

**Location**  Spray Avenue  

**Opened**  2000  

**Size**  0.1 acre  

**Park Type**  2. Pocket Park

Neighborhood tot lot. Play equipment for young children. Lawn areas have died back.

### Key Recommendations

**Maintenance/Repair**

- Replant usable turf areas after drought conditions end.
- Continue maintenance on play structures to deter rust.

### Goal Alignment

- Unique Sense of Place
- Diverse Community
- Sustainability
- Accessible

### Connect to City Planning Documents

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**Archer Park & Hoffman Park**

**Location**  542 Archer Street

**Opened**  Hoffman 1938, Archer 1940  **Size**  1.6 acres  **Park Type**  3. Neighborhood Park

Hoffman and Archer are two parks joined by a pedestrian walkway through mid-block. Archer Park contains a multi-purpose facility with meeting rooms, which is rented to First Night Monterey (a non-profit organization). It also contains a turf area, play equipment, multi-use area, group BBQ picnic area and basketball court. Hoffman Park has on-site parking, a playlot, benches and table, and a lawn. Both parks have intermittent views to Monterey Bay.

**Key Recommendations**

**Enhance/Add Amenities**

- Consider repurposing the underused turf area at Archer Park. Potential uses include a dog park, pickleball (would require grading), adult fitness, community gardens.
- Add more interesting, artful, non-standard play elements.
- Repair and maintain paved surfaces.
- Upgrade site furnishings at group BBQ area and provide ADA access.
- Upgrade restroom.

**Goal Alignment**  ○ Unique Sense of Place  ○ Diverse Community  ○ Sustainability  ○ Accessible

**Connect to City Planning Documents**  ○ Beach Master Plan  ○ Downtown Specific Plan  ○ Lighthouse Specific Plan  ○ Multi-Modal Mobility Plan  ○ Waterfront Master Plan  ○ N. Fremont Specific Plan  ○ Lower Presidio Historic Park Master Plan  ○ Other…
Casanova Oak Knoll Park

Location Ramona and Euclid Avenues

Opened 1957

Size 1.3 acres

Casanova Oak Knoll Park contains a multi-purpose facility, play equipment, turf, a half basketball court, a group BBQ and picnic area. Parking can be an issue around this park.

Neighborhood is considering the purchase of adjacent home/property to expand the park.

Enhance/Add Amenities

- There is an NIP project to replace the current compromised roof on the CERT emergency supply storage shed.
- Develop a dog park in the Oak Grove area.

Key Recommendations

Goal Alignment

Unique Sense of Place  Diverse Community  Sustainability  Accessible

Connect to City Planning Documents

Beach Master Plan  Downtown Specific Plan  Lighthouse Specific Plan  Multi-Modal Mobility Plan

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Cypress Park

Location Cypress Street and Hoffman Avenue

Opened 1930
Size 1 acre
Park Type 3. Neighborhood Park

This is a small, intimate feeling park, due to its size, terrain, and tree cover. It contains a tennis court, play equipment, turf area and spectacular view of the bay.

Key Recommendations

**Maintenance/Repair**

NIP projects for Cypress Park:
- Provide parking and improved access to play equipment area at Cypress Park.
- Replace stone wall and fencing at corner of lawn area.
- Consider thinning trees at upper level of park to improve views to the bay.
- Renovate turf area.

**Goal Alignment**

- Unique Sense of Place
- Diverse Community
- Sustainability
- Accessible

Connect to City Planning Documents

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Deer Flats Park

Location: Deer Forest Road

Opened: 1979; Renovated 1995

Size: 1 acre

Park Type: 3. Neighborhood Park

Adjacent to the HOA maintained greenbelt, this is an open-feeling park with a large lawn fronting on the street, play equipment, picnic area and half basketball court.

As the neighborhood demographics have changed and there are fewer families with children, the park is less well used. Its most common use is as an informal dog park. Neighbors maintain a demonstration garden.

Key Recommendations

Enhance/Add Amenities

- Consider refreshing park to reflect demographics in the area. Renovations should be designed with flexibility for uses to adapt as neighborhood demographics continue to change.
- Explore the potential for interactive art, community garden, formal garden space and dog area with amenities.

Connect to City Planning Documents

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Fisherman's Flats Park

Location Via Isola and San Vito Circle

Opened 1960; Renovated 1964

Size 1.5 acres

Park Type 3. Neighborhood Park

Large central open lawn, play equipment, BBQ picnic area, and large mature trees, adjacent to Home Owners Association (HOA) maintained open space.

Key Recommendations

Enhance/Add Amenities

- Renovate lawn and landscape areas when drought conditions ease.
- Consider future enhancements that add distinctive elements to the park that reflect community character.
- Consider addition of non-standard play equipment.
- Provide drought tolerant landscaping along perimeter near BBQ area.

Goal Alignment

- Unique Sense of Place
- Diverse Community
- Sustainability
- Accessible

Connect to City Planning Documents

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## Laguna Grande Park

**Location** Virgin Avenue  
**Opened** 1972  
**Size** 2.6 acre  
**Park Type** 3. Neighborhood Park

The park includes BBQ and picnic areas, play equipment, volleyball, synthetic turf soccer field, bike and walking paths, and restrooms.

### Key Recommendations

#### Enhance/Add Amenities

There is an NIP project for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and pedestrian access improvements:

- Construct ADA curb ramps with slight bulb outs on Virgin Avenue.
- Construct decorative paver crosswalks at Virgin and Montecito.
- Reconstruct the parking lot exit at Virgin and Montecito to move it easterly of its current location, include ADA access ramps and one new ADA parking space.

The project would provide pedestrian safety and access to the park, ADA improvements for access to the park, with improved exiting from the parking lot.

- Renovate usable turf areas when drought conditions ease.

### Connect to City Planning Documents

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Larkin Park
Location Monroe Street and Clay Street

Opened 1984; Renovated 1994

Size 1.3 acre

Park Type 3. Neighborhood Park

Larkin Park serves the densely populated Old Town area. The adjacent school, unused for several years, will be occupied by Bayview Charter Middle School. The park and school site includes play equipment, a multi-use sports field, a basketball court, picnic tables, BBQ and restrooms. Former pedestrian access to Presidio has been closed.

Significant renovations will be required for operation of the Charter School.

Key Recommendations

**Operation/Policy**
- Ensure that joint use agreement is in place when school completes renovations.

**Goal Alignment**
- Unique Sense of Place
- Diverse Community
- Sustainability
- Accessible

**Maintenance/Repair**
- Repair and maintain paved surfaces.

**Connect to City Planning Documents**
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- Other…
**Montecito Park**

*Location* Montecito and Dela Vina

**Opened** 1957  
**Size** 1 acre  
**Park Type** 3. Neighborhood Park

This relatively small park serves a densely populated area of Monterey. It is family oriented, with play equipment, a picnic area with BBQ, multi-use turf, a basketball half court and restrooms. It is somewhat overused, requiring additional upkeep to maintain the park in good condition. The BBQ areas are popular. There are striped blacktop games on the asphalt.

**Key Recommendations**

**Enhance/Add Amenities**

- Provide skate spot amenities for the kids that currently bring their skateboards to the park.
- NIP project to expand or renovate existing basketball half court.
- Move picnic tables out of center of rear lawn to facilitate use for kid’s soccer, restrict hours of soccer use to mitigate noise problems with adjacent neighbors.

**Goal Alignment**

- Unique Sense of Place
- Diverse Community
- Sustainability
- Accessible

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Oak Newton Park

Location  Oak Street and Newton Street

Opened  1966; Renovated 1995  

Size  2.5 acres  

Park Type  3. Neighborhood Park

Located in a beautiful oak grove, this park is an amenity for adjacent apartment dwellers, with play equipment, a multi-use turf area, open and covered BBQ picnic areas, restrooms, and a half basketball court. It is well used for birthday parties and BBQs. Memorial benches are placed for bay and lawn views. Former pedestrian access to the Presidio has been closed.

Key Recommendations

Maintenance/Repair

- An NIP project is to replace five existing posts and light fixtures with new models in the lower playground area and gulch along the Presidio side of the Park.
- Repair and maintain paved pathways.

Goal Alignment  ○ Unique Sense of Place  ○ Diverse Community  ○ Sustainability  ○ Accessible

Connect to City Planning Documents  ○ Beach Master Plan  ○ Downtown Specific Plan  ○ Lighthouse Specific Plan

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○ Multi-Modal Mobility Plan  ○ Other…
Peter J. Ferrante Park

Location: Encina Avenue and Palo Verde Avenue

Opened: 1909

Size: 1 acre

Park Type: 3. Neighborhood Park

Main feature of the park is the youth baseball/softball field, with bleachers, dugouts, batting cage, scoreboard and announcing booth.

The picnic BBQ area at west end of park is separated from the rest of park activity. The playlot at the east end was recently refurbished.

Key Recommendations

**Maintenance/Repair**

NIP projects for this Park include:

- **Fence Repair**: Replace fence posts from left to center field to support fence height. The fence is leaning into field and needs to be reinforced. Replacement is the best option.

**Enhance/Add Amenities**

NIP projects for this Park include:

- **BBQ Picnic Upgrade**: Upgrading to include preparation area with water, grade and install decomposed granite, provide pads at table locations (possibly adding more), split rail fencing around the area, and seating. Cooking facilities to be refurbished or replaced. Trim trees.

Goal Alignment

- Unique Sense of Place
- Diverse Community
- Sustainability
- Accessible

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## Colton Hall Lawn

**Location**  Jefferson Street and Pacific Street  
**Opened** 1849  
**Size** 1 acre  
**Park Type** 4. Community Park

Open lawn in front of Colton Hall. The turf area in front of historic Colton Hall is well used by people relaxing, for informal play, exercise, photo shoots and gatherings. The lawn area is large enough to accommodate events.

### Key Recommendations

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El Estero Park Complex

Location Del Monte Avenue/Camino Aguajito/Pearl Street


Size 45 acres

Park Type 4. Community Park

This City-wide multi-use recreation area is located in the center of Monterey. Unique facilities include the Dennis the Menace Playground and the paddleboat/swan boat concession at the lake. The park is also home to the Monterey Youth Center, the Frank E. Sollecito, Jr. Ballpark, Monterey Dance Studio, El Estero Snack Bar, the recently expanded Monterey Skate Park, and Monterey Dog Park.

Other facilities include a large group BBQ picnic area, exercise course, walking/jogging paths, fishing piers, and restrooms.

Additional land added 1933, 1938, and 1955.

Key Recommendations

Major Project - Existing

- Complete a major revamp of Dennis the Menace Park that retains it historic character and restores it to its previous "glory."
- Connect the small BBQ area behind the Youth Center to Dennis the Menace Park in a safe way (keep small kids away from water).
- Replace aging par course stations with new senior / active adult exercise stations.
- Upgrade the Youth Center (see separate listing for details)

Enhance/Add Amenities

- Enhance dog park with upgraded amenities, benches, and dog play features.
- Upgrade the crossings that were proposed in the Beach Plan.
- Implement Multi-Modal Mobility Plan improvements.
- Address homeless issues.
- Provide covered picnic area at large group picnic/BBQ area to address bird problems.

NIP projects (see NIP for additional details):
- Sollecito Ball Park Field Renovation Ph. 2
- El Estero Lake Edge Improvements Ph V
- Landscaping and Parking Improvements

Connect to City Planning Documents

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Goal Alignment

- Unique Sense of Place
- Diverse Community
- Sustainability
- Accessible

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### Fisherman's Shoreline Park

**Location**  Between Fisherman's Wharf and Coast Guard Pier

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This coastline park is an extension of the Recreation Trail, with turf areas, seating, picnic and view areas overlooking the bay, harbor and wharf areas. This park ranges from about 100 to 200 feet in width, and lies about 10 feet below Lighthouse Avenue and 15 feet above the water. The coastline in this area is steep and rocky, with three unimproved access points to the water. These points are unsigned and steep, making access difficult.

A lighted basketball court is being installed on the western end.

### Key Recommendations

**Enhance/Add Amenities**
- Improve water access where feasible.
- Improve signage.

### Connect to City Planning Documents

- Beach Master Plan
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**Friendly Plaza**

**Location** Jefferson Street and Pacific Street

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Friendly Plaza includes a hardscape plaza, fountain, benches and ornamental landscape areas. The newly-restored Bertold Monument is located in Friendly Plaza.

Homelessness is an issue. Planting areas are uneven - some in beautiful shape, some need tending. Fountain was not working.

**Key Recommendations**

**Enhance/Add Amenities**
- NIP project to provide lighting to discourage vagrancy and provide safety improvements.

**Goal Alignment**
- Unique Sense of Place
- Diverse Community
- Sustainability
- Accessible

**Maintenance/Repair**
- Renovate and maintain ornamental planting areas as needed.
- Repair fountain.
Hilltop Park, a former school site, acts as a Community Park. BBQ rental is popular. It is one of the most used neighborhood parks. The park has play equipment, multi-use turf, an informal ball field, and basketball and tennis courts.

**Key Recommendations**

**Maintenance/Repair**
- Renovate landscape areas where needed.
- Renovate and maintain playable turf areas.

**Enhance/Add Amenities**
- Provide fencing between basketball court and tennis backboard.
- Provide shade at seating around play areas.

**Goal Alignment**
- Unique Sense of Place
- Diverse Community
- Sustainability
- Accessible

**Connect to City Planning Documents**
- Beach Master Plan
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- Lower Presidio Historic Park Master Plan
- Other…

**Location**
871 Jessie Street

**Opened**

**Size**
2.8 acres

**Park Type**
4. Community Park
Jacks Ballpark

Location  Franklin and Figueroa Streets

Opened  1919  Size  3.7 acres  Park Type  4. Community Park

One of the two lighted ball fields in Monterey, this multi-use park in downtown Monterey has the ball field & bleachers with night lighting, a tot play area, restrooms and a concession stand. The ball field is used by High School Girls softball, Monterey Youth League youth baseball (ages 5 – 16 Colt), adult co-ed, and men’s softball. Jacks Park was the home of the Bronco World Series for 20 years. Sports groups have requested artificial turf, but that is not ideal for multi-use and special events.

Key Recommendations

Enhance/Add Amenities

- Add bike racks, as proposed in the Multi-Modal Mobility Plan.
- Consider additional fencing to prevent stray balls from hitting the playlot.

There are two NIP projects for Jacks Ballpark, including:

- Remove the existing field lighting and replace with a more energy efficient system.
- Relocate the existing “Little Leaguer at Bat” to a concrete pedestal with up-lighting, to the left side of the park entrance.

Goal Alignment  ○ Unique Sense of Place  ○ Diverse Community  ○ Sustainability  ○ Accessible

Connect to City Planning Documents  ○ Beach Master Plan  ○ Waterfront Master Plan  ○ Downtown Specific Plan  ○ N. Fremont Specific Plan  ○ Lighthouse Specific Plan  ○ Lower Presidio Historic Park Master Plan  ○ Multi-Modal Mobility Plan  ○ Other…

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Monterey Bay Park

Location  Del Monte Avenue, Figueroa Street to Sloat Avenue

Opened  1979; Renovated 1990, '95, '97, 2001, '04, '08

Size  4.8 acres

Park Type  4. Community Park

The park consists of turf and landscaped areas between Del Monte Avenue and the beach. There are two sand volleyball courts, picnic and BBQ facilities. Reservations may be made for both the volleyball courts and picnic area. Additional volleyball courts may be set up on the beach.

Monterey Municipal Beach is adjacent to the expansion area of Monterey Bay Waterfront Park, and is included in this discussion. Directly adjacent to the current park site and the Municipal Beach is Monterey State Beach, owned by the State of California. These beaches are popular kayak, multi-hull sailing and windsurfing staging areas, as well as for fishing, swimming and relaxing.

Key Recommendations

**Major Project - Existing**

- Construct restroom facility at eastern end of park. Expand park as property becomes available
- Replace or renovate restrooms at the foot of Municipal Wharf II.
- Multi-Modal Mobility Plan proposes more bike parking along Recreation Trail through this area.
- The Waterfront Master Plan proposes extensive Goals, Programs and Projects related to this area.

**NIP project:**

- Provide demolition the existing Mohr Imports Building and parking area.
- Provide landscaping as a continuation of Monterey Bay Park.

- Underused park could be location for more active sports - lighted basketball courts, youth soccer. Active sports could buffer the park from Del Monte Avenue traffic, reduce homeless presence, and activate the park.
- Activate East Side of park with better community serving activities, including but not limited to off-leash dog areas, adult gym areas and art installations.

Goal Alignment  Unique Sense of Place ☐  Diverse Community ☐  Sustainability ☐  Accessible ☐

Connect to City Planning Documents  Beach Master Plan ☐  Waterfront Master Plan ☐  Downtown Specific Plan ☐  N. Fremont Specific Plan ☐  Lighthouse Specific Plan ☐  Lower Presidio Historic Park Master Plan ☐  Multi-Modal Mobility Plan ☐  Other…

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San Carlos Beach Park

Location  Cannery Row and Reeside Avenue

Opened  1955; Renovated 1996

Size  2.87 Acres  Park Type  4. Community Park

This passive coastline park is popular with families. It is also a very popular staging and onshore instruction area for scuba divers, who arrive in large numbers on weekends. The area west of the Coast Guard Pier, having been rated as the number one beach cold water access spot in the world, attracts approximately 65,000 divers per year. San Carlos Beach Park features large gently sloped lawns, a landscaped area with pathways, public art and interpretive signage. It also includes seating areas and vista points to the bay, a restroom and access to the beach. Roller-skates/blades and skateboards are prohibited.

Key Recommendations

Enhance/Add Amenities
- Enhance diving and snorkeling facilities.

Goal Alignment  ○ Unique Sense of Place  ○ Diverse Community  ○ Sustainability  ○ Accessible

Maintenance/Repair
- An NIP project is to replace existing stairs which have cracked and spalled.
- Replace/provide hand rails as needed.

Connect to City Planning Documents
○ Beach Master Plan  ○ Downtown Specific Plan  ○ Lighthouse Specific Plan  ○ Multi-Modal Mobility Plan
○ Waterfront Master Plan  ○ N. Fremont Specific Plan  ○ Lower Presidio Historic Park Master Plan  ○ Other…
# Scholze Park

**Location** 280 Dickman Avenue, at Lighthouse Avenue

**Opened** 1939  
**Size** 1.2 acres  
**Park Type** 4. Community Park

Pleasant lawn and gardens surrounding the Scholze Park Center. Outside areas are underutilized and are frequented by homeless. Opportunity to better utilize space and provide additional programs and use within the park, especially on the rear side of the building.

## Key Recommendations

**Enhance/Add Amenities**

- Activate park with new programs from the Center, in addition of new facilities for the Center and other users. May include addition of bocce ball, pickleball, outdoor fitness equipment, art, interactive, multigenerational play elements - not play equipment.
- An NIP project includes streetscape and access improvements to the park.
- The Lighthouse Specific Plan recommends improving connections between the Park and the public way.

## Connect to City Planning Documents

- Beach Master Plan
- Downtown Specific Plan
- Lighthouse Specific Plan
- Multi-Modal Mobility Plan
- Waterfront Master Plan
- N. Fremont Specific Plan
- Lower Presidio Historic Park Master Plan
- Other…
Via Paraiso Park

Location Via Paraiso and Herrmann Drive

Opened 1964; Completed 1966; Renovated 1989

Size 10.6 acres

Park Type 4. Community Park

Multi-use neighborhood park includes Peter J. Aldrete ball field (dedicated in 2000), two tennis courts, play equipment, half basketball court, group BBQ picnic area, and restrooms.

Natural areas include oak groves and Via Paraiso Creek.

Key Recommendations

Enhance/Add Amenities

- Add interesting elements to park that reflect community and add whimsy and art.
- Assess park for potential leash free dog area.
- Improve rustic paths in lower portion of park.
- Conduct a community engagement process to assess desirability of converting tennis courts to pickleball courts.

Goal Alignment

- Unique Sense of Place
- Diverse Community
- Sustainability
- Accessible

Connect to City Planning Documents

- Beach Master Plan
- Waterfront Master Plan
- Downtown Specific Plan
- N. Fremont Specific Plan
- Lighthouse Specific Plan
- Lower Presidio Historic Park Master Plan
- Multi-Modal Mobility Plan
Whispering Pines Park

Location  Pacific and Alameda Streets

Opened  1938; Renovated 2000

Size  3.1 acres

Park Type  4. Community Park

Group use park with amphitheater, open and covered BBQ picnic areas, and restrooms. Well used passive park with sheltered group picnic areas, restrooms and an amphitheater. It is one of the most reserved parks for BBQs and parties. Alcohol is allowed, and the Park is popular with adult groups. It is used for summer day camp. Lovely mature oak trees.

Key Recommendations

- Homeless observed in the park. Increased surveillance could address this issue.
- Consider reconfiguration of entry area to accommodate a small number of parking spaces.
- Renovate and maintain turf.

Goal Alignment  ○ Unique Sense of Place  ○ Diverse Community  ○ Sustainability  ○ Accessible

Connect to City Planning Documents  ○ Beach Master Plan  ○ Downtown Specific Plan  ○ Lighthouse Specific Plan
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                                    ○ Multi-Modal Mobility Plan  ○ Other…
Del Monte Beach

Location  Adjacent to Tide Avenue and Surf Way

Opened  1960; Park Development 1995

Size  10 acres

Park Type  5. Special

This beach area includes extensive sand dunes which are home to native buckwheat and the endangered Smith’s Blue Butterfly. With primary access somewhat hidden in the Del Monte Beach neighborhood, this beach is favored by local residents. Boardwalks lead through the dunes to the beach and have benches, ADA accessible picnic tables, and viewpoints.

Key Recommendations

**Major Project - Existing**

- Replace portable toilets with a permanent bathroom.
- Consider outdoor shower.

**Enhance/Add Amenities**

- Add additional trash and recycling receptacles on the beach.

There are several NIP projects, primarily for repairs of walkways. These include:

- Walkway Replacements
- Boardwalk Repair / Sand Mitigation
- Boardwalk Extension

**Goal Alignment**

- Unique Sense of Place
- Diverse Community
- Sustainability
- Accessible

**Connect to City Planning Documents**

- Beach Master Plan
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- Other…
Francis Elkins Park

Location: Calle Principal

Opened: 1968

Size: .12 acre

Park Type: 5. Special

Small art park, adjacent to the Monterey Museum of Art.

Key Recommendations

Enhance/Add Amenities

- Clean and maintain art pieces.
- Improve entrance to Museum and connect downtown and City offices more effectively.
- Consider a crosswalk from Colton Hall to this Park.

Goal Alignment

Unique Sense of Place
Diverse Community
Sustainability
Accessible

Connect to City Planning Documents

- Beach Master Plan
- Downtown Specific Plan
- Lighthouse Specific Plan
- Multi-Modal Mobility Plan
- Waterfront Master Plan
- N. Fremont Specific Plan
- Lower Presidio Historic Park Master Plan
- Other…
Jacobsen Park

Location  Houston Street

Opened  1924

Size  .49 acre  Park Type  5. Special

Historic Park with former residence of Robert Louis Stevenson.

Key Recommendations

History Connection

- Provide better information to connect to other historic amenities.

Goal Alignment  ○ Unique Sense of Place  ○ Diverse Community  ○ Sustainability  ○ Accessible

Connect to City Planning Documents

- Beach Master Plan
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- Other…
### Lower Presidio Historic Park

**Location** Presidio of Monterey

**Opened** 1997

**Size** 26 acres  
**Park Type** 5. Special

This passive use park features expansive bay views, a number of historic structures and monuments, including a Historic Museum. Several events occur on the site, including Civil War reenactments. The site is owned by the Federal Government, leased to the City on a 50 year lease, with less than 40 years remaining. There are serious archeological limitations to any potential development. A Master Plan for the Lower Presidio Historic Park was approved in 2002, guided by resource protection and interpretation objectives.

### Key Recommendations

**Major Project - Existing**

- Prioritize improved pedestrian and bicycle access and user amenities to the Lower Presidio.

- Continue to develop the mix of uses and amenities proposed in the Lower Presidio Historic Park Master Plan, as is feasible. The Plan includes creation of continuous views, and access to monuments, museums, historic sites, interpretive trails and other activity areas. Some archeological constraints must be addressed in pursuing work on this site, as well as ADA compliance issues. The Old Monterey Foundation is championing the Master Plan projects, seeking funding to pursue.

- There are a number of NIP projects focused on the Lower Presidio to include improvements pursuant to the Lower Presidio Historic Park Master Plan that should be aligned and in keeping with other plans related to this park.

**Operation/Policy**

- Ongoing use and operation of this park should be evaluated with the military and an agreement on what can and cannot be constructed onsite.

- The Waterfront Master Plan sets forth projects that provide pedestrian connections to the Lower Presidio. Additionally, the Multi-Modal Mobility Plan includes access connections to the Lower Presidio, including bike/pedestrian connections from Van Buren to Artillery St., and from Hawthorne St. to Pvt. Bolio Rd.

### Connect to City Planning Documents

- Beach Master Plan
- Waterfront Master Plan
- Downtown Specific Plan
- N. Fremont Specific Plan
- Lighthouse Specific Plan
- Lower Presidio Historic Park Master Plan
- Multi-Modal Mobility Plan
- Other…
McAbee Beach City Park

**Location**   Cannery Row at Hoffman Avenue

**Opened**  2008  
**Size**  0.14 acres  
**Park Type**  5. Special

An ADA accessible ramp on Cannery Row leads to this small sand beach. There are bay views and interpretative signage and mural relating to the history of the site. This beach is used for kayak and diver entry into the bay, and is popular with tourists.

**Key Recommendations**

No Changes Required

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**Goal Alignment**

- Unique Sense of Place
- Diverse Community
- Sustainability
- Accessible

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**Connect to City Planning Documents**

- Beach Master Plan
- Waterfront Master Plan
- Downtown Specific Plan
- N. Fremont Specific Plan
- Lighthouse Specific Plan
- Lower Presidio Historic Park Master Plan
- Multi-Modal Mobility Plan
- Other…
Monterey Bay Coastal/Recreational Trail

Location: Waterfront from Pacific Grove to Seaside


Size: 3.87 acres

Park Type: 5. Special

A 4.75-mile segment of an oceanfront linear park system that spans the coastline 18 miles from Pacific Grove to Castroville, this pedestrian and bicycling trail is heavily used by residents and tourists alike. Benches, picnic areas, landscaping and viewpoints exist along the Trail. The primary purpose is for pedestrian and bicycle recreational use. It may secondarily provide access to retail uses adjacent to the Trail, and serve as a transportation corridor for pedestrian and bicyclists.

The western and central segments of the Trail often become quite congested with multiple modes of travel, including walkers, joggers, recreational cyclists, commuter cyclists, and tourists and locals on surreys, Segways, skateboards and rollerblades. The trail includes many street crossings along its length.

Key Recommendations

Major Project - Existing

- Improve and coordinate signage, both wayfinding and "rules of the road." Make signage proactive and fun.
- Improve crossings to reduce conflicts. The Multi-Modal Mobility Plan includes projects for improved crossings at four Trail intersections.
- Provide safety lighting as needed.
- Provide restrooms periodically along the Trail.
- Provide additional bike parking as proposed in the Multi-Modal Mobility Plan.

There are two NIP projects related to the Trail, including:

- **Vizcaino-Serra Oak Tile Mural**: This is a continuation with a design that was approved last year on the concrete wall adjacent to the Recreation Trail by the Vizcaino-Serra Oak monument. This project will allow the continuation of design and construction of the mural.
- **Repairs & Landscaping**: Repair or replace railroad tie walls, walkways and steps along the Recreation Trail between Prescott and Reeside Avenues. Install new landscaping between Reeside and Hoffman along the Recreation Trail to replace plant materials that are at the end of their lifespan.

Connect to City Planning Documents

- Beach Master Plan
- Waterfront Master Plan
- Downtown Specific Plan
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- Lighthouse Specific Plan
- Lower Presidio Historic Park Master Plan
- Multi-Modal Mobility Plan
- Other…
Monterey Municipal Beach

Location: Adjacent Wharf II

Opened: 1920

Size: .75 acre

Park Type: 5. Special

Beach adjacent to Municipal Wharf, State Beach and Monterey Bay Park. Location for volleyball tournaments and other events located in the Beach House.

Key Recommendations

Enhance/Add Amenities

- Improve pedestrian crossing from parking areas.
- Improve signage and access to bathrooms and changing areas.
- Improve access and connectivity to Monterey Bay Park.

Goal Alignment

○ Unique Sense of Place
○ Diverse Community
○ Sustainability
○ Accessible

Connect to City Planning Documents

○ Beach Master Plan
○ Waterfront Master Plan
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○ Lower Presidio Historic Park Master Plan
○ Multi-Modal Mobility Plan
○ Other…
Monterey Tennis Center

Location 401 Pearl Street

Opened 1968

Size

Park Type 5. Special

Adjacent to Jacks Ballpark in the Downtown area, the Tennis Center is leased by the City to a concessionaire who provides lessons, programs and runs the pro shop. There are six lighted tennis courts.

Key Recommendations

Enhance/Add Amenities

- Provide additional bike parking as proposed in the Multi-Modal Mobility Plan.

Connect to City Planning Documents

- Beach Master Plan
- Waterfront Master Plan
- Downtown Specific Plan
- N. Fremont Specific Plan
- Lighthouse Specific Plan
- Lower Presidio Historic Park Master Plan
- Multi-Modal Mobility Plan

Goal Alignment

- Unique Sense of Place
- Diverse Community
- Sustainability
- Accessible
Parks Division Corporation Yard

Location 23 Ryan Ranch Road

Opened 1982  Size 6 acres  Park Type 5. Special

The Corporation Yard is located on a bluff top above the City. Were the Corporation Yard functions to be relocated, this could potentially be a site for park development.

The City also operates an RV storage area adjacent to the Corporation Yard.

Key Recommendations

New Potential Project/Park

Monitor potential for future development as a recreation site.

Goal Alignment

- Unique Sense of Place
- Diverse Community
- Sustainability
- Accessible

Connect to City Planning Documents

- Beach Master Plan
- Downtown Specific Plan
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- Lighthouse Specific Plan
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- Multi-Modal Mobility Plan
- Other…
Simoneau Plaza

**Location** Intersection of Pearl, Munras and Tyler Streets

**Opened** 1954; Renovated 1980

**Size** 0.2 acres

**Park Type** 5. Special

This Downtown Plaza serves as a transit connection, as it is currently leased to Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST). It is raised above street level on all sides, and visibility into the Plaza is not good. It does have a "Portland Loo" style restroom.

**Key Recommendations**

**Major Project - Existing**

- Reconfigure and carefully design the site to ensure it will encourage positive activity and not become a site for homeless and transients. City must program and maintain this carefully.

- The Downtown Specific Plan calls for relocation of the transit facilities, and lowering the grade of the plaza to improve visibility and create an entry to Alvarado Street. Programming is essential to make this a successful Park.

- Improved lighting, hardscape features and additional outdoor seating are proposed, in flexible configuration.

- Other proposed improvements include a dynamic central fountain, tables and chairs, stone walls, traditional and decorative lighting, and food kiosks, and connection to the Pearl Street bicycle boulevard.

**Enhance/Add Amenities**

- Consider redesigning Simoneau Plaza as a hub and meeting place for historic tours and visitors. Utilizing attractive and outdoor designed displays - create a history display onsite as well as additional information to tour the City.

- Incorporate well designed seating areas, incorporate amenities such as water drinking stations, bike racks and similar.

**Connect to City Planning Documents**

- Beach Master Plan
- Downtown Specific Plan
- Lighthouse Specific Plan
- Multi-Modal Mobility Plan
- Waterfront Master Plan
- N. Fremont Specific Plan
- Lower Presidio Historic Park Master Plan
- Other…
Sister City Park

Location  Recreation Trail between Coast Guard Pier and Fisherman's Wharf

Opened  2013  Size  .29 acre  Park Type  5. Special

Small park with benches and picnic tables adjacent to the Recreation Trail.

Key Recommendations

Enhance/Add Amenities

An NIP project to beautify Sister City Park at Shoreline Park:

- Landscaping, signage, and foundations for artwork. Artwork would be donated, but include a globe structure provided by the City and possibly installing additional artwork from the City.
- The project would provide information about our Sister Cities, and the improvements would enhance this attraction by encouraging visitors to become familiar with other cultures.

Goal Alignment

Unique Sense of Place  Diverse Community  Sustainability  Accessible
Veteran's Memorial Park

Location  Skyline Drive and Veteran's Drive


Size  50 acres  

Park Type  5. Special

Overnight group camping, walking trails, ADA/accessible campsite availability, and group BBQ. Campsites are available on a first-come, first-serve basis only.

Very popular camping spot for families, youth groups and cycling groups. Campsites are full almost entire summer. Sites include two group camp areas and 40 individual sites. Day use includes walking trails, group picnic areas, play equipment, multi-use turf, and basketball. The park is also the entry point for Huckleberry Hill Nature Preserve - dog walkers and exercisers use parking. Homeless occasionally use restroom and shower facilities.

Key Recommendations

Enhance/Add Amenities

- Circulation improvements (striping, stop signs) to reduce conflicts around entry area and crossing from group camp to restroom.
- Consider feasibility of adding additional RV sites to increase revenue generation.
- Several NIP projects focus on improvements to day use facilities at Veterans Park (see NIP).
- Explore the potential for a third group camping area below the current individual sites.
- Explore the feasibility of routing a bike path through this area to avoid parts of the narrow and winding Veteran's Drive entry.

Connect to City Planning Documents

○ Beach Master Plan  ○ Downtown Specific Plan  ○ Lighthouse Specific Plan  ○ Multi-Modal Mobility Plan
○ Waterfront Master Plan  ○ N. Fremont Specific Plan  ○ Lower Presidio Historic Park Master Plan  ○ Other…
### Laguna Grande Regional Park

**Location**  Del Monte Avenue and Virgin Avenue  


**Size**  34.8 acres  

**Park Type**  6. Regional

This park, with its 12-acre lake, straddles the Cities of Seaside and Monterey. It is under the jurisdiction of a Joint Powers Agency and a Master Plan adopted in 1978. The park includes BBQ and picnic areas, play equipment, volleyball, soccer, bike and walking paths, and restrooms. It is popular for bird watching. Homeless encampments and safety have been big issues.

### Key Recommendations

#### Enhance/Add Amenities

There is an NIP project for ADA and pedestrian access improvements:

- Construct ADA curb ramps with slight bulb outs on Virgin Avenue.
- Construct decorative paver crosswalks at Virgin and Montecito.
- Reconstruct the parking lot exit at Virgin and Montecito to move it easterly of its current location, include ADA access ramps and one new ADA parking space. The project would provide pedestrian safety and access to the park, ADA improvements for access to the park, with improved exiting from the parking lot.
- Provide parents’ seating near young kids play equipment.
- Provide drinking fountains.

#### Connect to City Planning Documents

- Beach Master Plan
- Downtown Specific Plan
- Lighthouse Specific Plan
- Lower Presidio Historic Park Master Plan
- Multi-Modal Mobility Plan
- Other…

#### Goal Alignment

- Unique Sense of Place
- Diverse Community
- Sustainability
- Accessible

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Clara Wooden Grove

Location  Top of Harrison Street

Opened  Size  0.5 acres  Park Type  7. Open Space

Hillside open space with trail to Veterans' Memorial Park.

Key Recommendations

Enhance/Add Amenities
- Provide wayfinding signage for trail.

Goal Alignment  ○  Unique Sense of Place  ○  Diverse Community  ○  Sustainability  ○  Accessible

Connect to City Planning Documents
- Beach Master Plan
- Downtown Specific Plan
- Lighthouse Specific Plan
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- Waterfront Master Plan
- N. Fremont Specific Plan
- Lower Presidio Historic Park Master Plan
- Other…
Deer Flats Greenbelt

Location: Deer Flats

Opened: 
Size: 40 acres
Park Type: 7. Open Space

Open space, Home Owner’s Association (HOA) owned. No public trails.

Key Recommendations
No Changes Required

Goal Alignment
- Unique Sense of Place
- Diverse Community
- Sustainability
- Accessible

Connect to City Planning Documents
- Beach Master Plan
- Downtown Specific Plan
- Lighthouse Specific Plan
- Multi-Modal Mobility Plan
- Waterfront Master Plan
- N. Fremont Specific Plan
- Lower Presidio Historic Park Master Plan
- Other…
Descanso Greenbelt

Location  Monte Vista area

Opened

Size  6.35

Park Type  7. Open Space

Several separate parcels of open space, without trails.

Key Recommendations

No Changes Required

Goal Alignment

- Unique Sense of Place
- Diverse Community
- Sustainability
- Accessible

Connect to City Planning Documents

- Beach Master Plan
- Downtown Specific Plan
- Lighthouse Specific Plan
- Multi-Modal Mobility Plan
- Waterfront Master Plan
- N. Fremont Specific Plan
- Lower Presidio Historic Park Master Plan
- Other…
Don Dahvee Park

Location: Munras Avenue

Opened: 1940

Size: 35.8 acres

Park Type: 7. Open Space

This passive open space includes nature trails, picnic tables, and a Class I bike path. This Park is restricted by the terms of its deed to passive uses only, and no structures may be built on it. It is used by walkers and joggers, and there are some picnic tables. Summer camps use the Greenbelt for natural history and cultural history walks, and it has been used for low intensity disc golf (tournaments are considered active uses and thus are not allowed). There are some homeless issues.

Key Recommendations

Maintenance/Repair

There is an NIP project for fuel reduction in the Greenbelt.

- The project would include tree and ground work to clear vegetation and grass which form as a fire fuel ladder to homes. The project would also include removal of dead/hazardous trees, but leave logs and standing spars for insect, bird, and mammal habitat.

Enhance/Add Amenities

- A current NIP project is completion of a path from Dahvee Lane to the Del Monte Center.
- Multi-Modal Mobility Plan proposes changing facilities at Don Dahvee.
Fisherman's Flats Greenbelt

**Location**  
Fisherman's Flats

**Opened** 1960  
**Size** 5 acres  
**Park Type** 7. Open Space

Open space with public trails.

**Key Recommendations**

**Enhance/Add Amenities**

- If possible, enhance trails and connect to Deer Flats.

**Connect to City Planning Documents**

- Beach Master Plan
- Downtown Specific Plan
- Lighthouse Specific Plan
- Multi-Modal Mobility Plan
- Waterfront Master Plan
- N. Fremont Specific Plan
- Lower Presidio Historic Park Master Plan
- Other…

**Goal Alignment**

- Unique Sense of Place
- Diverse Community
- Sustainability
- Accessible

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Huckleberry Hill Nature Preserve

Location  West of Presidio, access through Veteran's Park

Opened  1989  Size  81 acres  Park Type  7. Open Space

This hilltop nature preserve has numerous, well established hiking trails and fire roads. Pedestrian access is through Veteran’s Memorial Park.

An endangered species of orchid is found in this nature preserve. In addition to hiking, jogging, and exercise on the 185 steps that lead into the park, bird watching and enjoyment of nature are popular activities. There are views to both the Monterey Bay and Pacific Ocean.

Key Recommendations

Maintenance/Repair

- Continue to maintain trails, especially in steep areas prone to erosion.

Goal Alignment  ○ Unique Sense of Place  ○ Diverse Community  ○ Sustainability  ○ Accessible

Connect to City Planning Documents  ○ Beach Master Plan  ○ Downtown Specific Plan  ○ Lighthouse Specific Plan  ○ Multi-Modal Mobility Plan

○ Waterfront Master Plan  ○ N. Fremont Specific Plan  ○ Lower Presidio Historic Park Master Plan  ○ Other…
Iris Canyon Greenbelt

Location: Fremont and Iris Canyon Road

Opened: 1946

Size: 32.1 acre

Park Type: 7. Open Space

Iris Canyon is a natural greenbelt area. There are no formal trails or amenities.

Key Recommendations

Maintenance/Repair

Continue brush clearing for fire protection.

Goal Alignment

- Unique Sense of Place
- Diverse Community
- Sustainability
- Accessible

Connect to City Planning Documents

- Beach Master Plan
- Downtown Specific Plan
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- Multi-Modal Mobility Plan
- Other…
## Old Salinas Hwy (Minealas) Greenbelt

**Location**  Montsalas Drive

**Opened**  1975

**Size**  5.22

**Park Type**  7. Open Space

Open space around Montsalas Drive, between Old Salinas Hwy and Josselyn Canyon Rd.

### Key Recommendations

**No Changes Required**

### Connect to City Planning Documents

- Beach Master Plan
- Downtown Specific Plan
- Lighthouse Specific Plan
- Waterfront Master Plan
- N. Fremont Specific Plan
- Lower Presidio Historic Park Master Plan
- Multi-Modal Mobility Plan
Quarry Park

Location  Via Gayuba and Via Del Pinar

Opened  1974; Improvements 1990  Size  10 acres  Park Type  7. Open Space

The site of a former quarry, this passive open space park includes a hiking/jogging trail in a wooded setting. The trail connects to the Veteran’s Park Trail, and there is trail access to Colton Middle School. The park connects via a mid-block trail to Via Paraiso Park. Leashed dogs are allowed in this park.

Key Recommendations

Enhance/Add Amenities
- Improve trail wayfinding signage.

Goal Alignment  ○ Unique Sense of Place  ○ Diverse Community  ○ Sustainability  ○ Accessible

Connect to City Planning Documents
○ Beach Master Plan  ○ Downtown Specific Plan  ○ Lighthouse Specific Plan  ○ Multi-Modal Mobility Plan
○ Waterfront Master Plan  ○ N. Fremont Specific Plan  ○ Lower Presidio Historic Park Master Plan  ○ Other…
Ryan Ranch Park

**Location**  Ryan Ranch Road, btw S. Boundary Road & Hwy. 68

**Opened**  1983  **Size**  100 acres  **Park Type**  7. Open Space

Largely undeveloped parkland. 25 acres along South Boundary Road, located on the former Fort Ord Property, is relatively flat and has a water allocation from Monterey Penninsula Water Management District. The southern 75 acres has no water connection currently.

There is a dirt parking area, trash receptacles and an information kiosk. The main use of this park is as a Disc Golf Course. The course is maintained by the Monterey Stinging Jellies Disc Golf Club. Ryan Ranch Park is also used for training exercises for the Fire Department.

**Key Recommendations**

**Major Project - Existing**

- On the west side, consider expanding use with additional hiking trails.
- Consider development of an off-leash dog park. A water source would be an important, though not required, amenity.
- Explore development of a Sports Complex on the east side of park. There is potential for a sports complex on east side, along South Boundary Road - either a community serving complex run by the City or a tournament style complex run by a concessionaire. Access and traffic impacts, as well as the area’s inclusion in the Fort Ord Habitat Conservation Plan, are considerations.
Skyline Drive Greenbelt

Location Monterey Vista Area

Opened 1965

Size 85.6

Park Type 7. Open Space

Multiple parcels comprise this greenbelt, with trails. Includes areas referred to as Shepherd’s Knoll Greenbelt and Huckleberry Ridge Subdivision Greenbelt.

Key Recommendations

Maintenance/Repair
- Continue brush clearance for fire protection.

Enhance/Add Amenities
- Provide trail maps, and information if to be used as a City resource for trails.
- Add trail signage.

Goal Alignment
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Washerwoman's Pond
Location Aguajito Road and Fremont Street

Pond and open space between roadways. No trails.

Key Recommendations

Maintenance/Repair

- Restore pond and maintain as open space.

Goal Alignment

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- Other…
Woodridge Acres Greenbelt

Location: Crandall Road

Opened

Size: 3.8 acres

Park Type: 7. Open Space

Easements maintained by City and for trail use.

Key Recommendations

No Changes Required

Goal Alignment
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