

APPENDIX B

Underserved Areas



The *2000 Greenprint* indicated that 27 areas of the City were underserved by neighborhood/community serving parkland including recreation school grounds using a 3/4 mile radius. Of the 27 underserved areas, 9 areas already have a school or a park within their boundary, Santana Park, Berryessa Creek Park, Children of the Rainbow Park, Rose Garden, Jesse Frey Community Garden, O'Connor Park, Butcher Park, Doerr Park and Terrell Park. Alamitos Creek Trail traverses another area. Bestor Art Park, Discovery Dog Park, Luna Park, Berryessa Community Garden, Gran Paradiso Park, Fleming Park, Evans Lane, St. Elizabeth, Almaden Apartments Park, Bellevue Park and the proposed Carolyn Norris will eliminate 11 other underserved areas. Four other underserved areas will be eliminated with the proposed neighborhood park developments associated with the North San José Area Development Policy. Another area where future housing will be developed is Japantown. Therefore one underserved area still remains to be resolved by the City. This one area that remains to be served is included in the 51 underserved areas identified in this document. Underserved areas are defined as neighborhoods within the City that have no access to current or future proposed parkland, trails or school recreation parkland within a 1/3 mile radius of residences without encountering a major barrier.

Since 2000, the City has acquired approximately 111 acres of land for future park development, developed approximately 40 acres of vacant land as neighborhood/community parkland, housing developers have added another 35 acres through the turnkey process and schools have provided approximately 60 acres.

In 2005, the City of San José signed the Urban Environmental Accords which has a goal number 10 to provide "... an accessible public park or recreational open space within a half-a-kilometer (approximately 1/3 of a mile) of every urban resident by 2015." Using this new goal of 1/3 of a mile radius, staff analyzed the City for areas that did not meet this criteria. The result of that analysis was that there are 51 underserved areas compared to 27 underserved areas in the *2000 Greenprint* (which used a radius of 3/4 of a mile).

These areas are shown on the respective planning area maps and listed in the action plans. (The underserved areas are identified on the maps with a circle representing the center of the general area that is underserved along with the number of households that would be served. The circle does not define the entire boundary of the area). When opportunities arise to place new or expanded facilities in the future, the City should always look for opportunities to serve these residents.

However, before looking to place a new park in these neighborhoods, the City should first make every attempt to expand existing facilities which may be outside of the 1/3 mile radius, but would serve these residents nonetheless. By expanding existing parks and using the trail, street or bikeway system to connect residents to these facilities, the City can provide a wider range of recreation opportunities to a greater population, while concurrently minimizing operation and maintenance costs. If there are no opportunities to serve these residents by expansion of (or connections to) existing facilities outside of the 1/3 mile radius, then the City should consider placing a new facility within these areas, if the number of households warrants a park. The underserved areas are distributed into the Urban Planning Areas as follows:

- Almaden - 2
- Alum Rock - 6
- Alviso - 0
- Berryessa - 4
- Cambrian/Pioneer - 4
- Central/Downtown - 7
- Edenvale - 5
- Evergreen - 2
- North San Jose - 0
- South San Jose - 1
- West Valley - 10
- Willow Glen - 10

In order to determine the areas with the highest need for new parks, the Planning Areas were evaluated using the following criteria: 1) the ratio of 3.5 acres/1,000 population of neighborhood/community serving parkland, 2) the number of households to be served within each Urban Planning Areas and 3) the population density.

Points were assigned to each criterion. For the ratio of 3.5 acres/1,000 population of neighborhood/community serving parkland, five points if the ratio was 1.0 to 1.5, four points if the ratio was 1.5 to 2.0, three points if the ratio was 2.0 to 2.5, two points if the ratio was 2.5 to 3.0, one point if the ratio was 3.0 to 3.5 and no points if the ratio was 3.5 or higher. The ratio ranged from a low of 1.8 for Central/Downtown to a high of 8.7 for Alviso.

For the number of households to be served in underserved areas, five points were assigned if the Urban Planning Area had 4,000 or more households to be served, four points if the Urban Planning Area had 3,000 to 4,000 households to be served, three points if the Urban Planning Area had 2,000 to 3,000 households to be served, two points if the Urban Planning Area had 1,000 to 2,000 households to be served, one point if the Urban Planning Area had 500 to 1,000 households to be served and no points if the Urban Planning

Area had less than 500 households to be served. The number of households to be served ranged from a low of 64 for South San Jose to a high of 7,064 for West Valley.

Population density was calculated using the current total population of the Urban Planning Area and dividing it by the number of acres in the Urban Planning Area that are within the Urban Service Area. Five points were assigned if the Urban Planning Area had a density of 12.0 or higher, four points if the Urban Planning Area had a density of between 9.0 to 12.0, three points if the Urban Planning Area had a density of between 6.0 to 9.0, two points if the Urban Planning Area had a density of between 3.0 to 6.0, one point if the Urban Planning Area had a density of between 1.0 to 3.0 and no points if the density was less than 1.0. The population densities ranged from a low of 0.8 for Alviso to a high of 15.2 for Central/Downtown.

Table B-1 provides the ranking by Urban Planning Area, showing the most underserved areas of the City by level of park need. The Urban Planning Areas with the highest level of park need are West Valley, Willow Glen, Central/Downtown and Edenvale. The Urban Planning Areas with the medium level of park need are Alum Rock, Cambrian/Pioneer, South San José and North San

José. The Urban Planning Areas with the lowest level of park need are Berryessa, Evergreen, Almaden and Alviso. When discretionary funds are available for new park acquisition, the areas with the higher level of park needs on this list should be looked at first.

Table B-2 lists the data for each of the Urban Planning Areas. They are listed in alphabetical order.

Table B-1 Urban Planning Area Ranking

Level of Park Need	Planning Area	Ratio (3.5 Acres/1,000) Points	# of Households to be Served Points	Population Density Points	Total Points
High	West Valley	2	5	5	12
	Willow Glen	3	4	4	11
	Central/Downtown	4	1	5	10
	Edenvale	1	4	4	9
Medium	Alum Rock	1	2	5	8
	Cambrian/Pioneer	2	2	4	8
	South San José	2	0	5	7
	North San José	4	0	2	6
Low	Berryessa	0	1	4	5
	Evergreen	0	1	4	5
	Almaden	0	1	2	3
	Alviso	0	0	0	0

Table B-2 Urban Planning Area Data

Planning Area	Ratio 3.5 Acres/1,000	# of Households to be Served	Population Density
Almaden	6.2	780	5.7
Alum Rock	3.0	1,093	14.7
Alviso	8.7	0	0.8
Berryessa	3.5	740	11.6
Cambrian/Pioneer	2.6	1,024	10.8
Central/Downtown	1.8	981	15.2
Edenvale	3.1	3,022	10.9
Evergreen	4.2	609	9.6
North San Jose	1.9	0	3.6
South San Jose	2.5	64	14.6
West Valley	2.6	7,064	14.7
Willow Glen	2.5	3,585	11.4

The underserved areas are prioritized below within each Urban Planning Area using the number of households to be served in that underserved area as the determining factor.

West Valley (10 underserved areas)

1. WV-9. South of Newhall, west of 880, north of Forrest and east of Winchester (1,123 households)
2. WV-8. East of Saratoga, north of 280, west of San Tomas Expressway and south of Stevens Creek (1,066 households)
3. WV-7. North of Williams, west of Saratoga Avenue, south of Moorpark and east of Brentwood Drive (932 households)
4. WV-4. North of 280, south of Stevens Creek, between Richfield and Kiely (855 households)
5. WV-6. South of Campbell Avenue, west of San Tomas Expressway, north of the San Tomas Creek and east of Anthony Drive (800 households)
6. WV-2. North of 280, south of Stevens Creek between San Tomas and Winchester (740 households)
7. WV-5. East of De Anza, north of Prospect and west of 85 (578 households)

8. WV-3. North of 280, south of Stevens Creek between Lawrence and Richfield Drive (501 households)
9. WV-1. South of Moorpark between Winchester and Eden Avenue (267 households)
10. WV-10. South of Williams, west of Winchester, north of Payne and east of Phelps Avenue (202 households)

Willow Glen (10 underserved areas)

1. WG-7. North of Curtner, east of Union Avenue, west of Bascom and south of Campbell Avenue (710 households)
2. WG-4. East of Leigh, west of Meridian near Curtner (503 households)
3. WG-9. South of Hamilton, west of Meridian, north of Dry Creek Road and west of Leigh (492 households)
4. WG-5. West of Cherry, north of Foxworthy, east of Booksin and south of Husted (480 households)
5. WG-2. East of Southwest Expressway, west of Northrup Street between Fruitdale and 280 (316 households)

6. WG-10. South of Foxworthy, west of Ross, north of Camden and east of Taper Avenue (300 households)
7. WG-1. South of 280 between Leigh and Southwest Expressway (245 households)
8. WG-3. East of Meridian, south of Minnesota, west of Cherry and north of Pine (232 households)
9. WG-8. East of 17, south of 280, west of Bascom and north of Maywood (157 households)
10. WG-6. North of Camden, east of 17, near Curtner (150 households)

Central/Downtown (7 underserved areas)

1. C/D-5. North of San Carlos, east of 880, south of W. Hedding Street and west of Bascom Avenue (332 households)
2. C/D-3. North of 280, east of 880, south of San Carlos and west of Bascom (260 households)
3. C/D-6. South of Naglee Ave, west of Park Avenue, north of Santa Clara Street and east of Race Street (120 households)
4. C/D-7. South of Julian, West of 14th Street, north of St. John Street and east of 10th Street (115 households)

- 5. C/D-1. South of Hedding, north of Taylor near The Alameda (80 households)
- 6. C/D-2. East of 10th Street, north of Williams Street, west of 15th Street and south of San Fernando (50 households)
- 7. C/D-4. North of 280, east of Bascom, west of Arleta Avenue and south San Carlos (24 households)

Edenvale (5 underserved areas)

- 1. ED-1. South of Capitol Expressway, west of Monterey and east of Snell (2005 households)
- 2. ED-4. West of Monterey, south of Chynoweth, north of Blossom Hill and east of Lean (611 households)
- 3. ED-5. South of 85, east of Snell Avenue, north of Calero Avenue and west of Bridle Way (169 households)
- 4. ED-3. North of 85, east of Snell and west of Orchard to Blossom Hill (165 households)
- 5. ED-2. South of Senter Road and east of Monterey (72 households)

Alum Rock (6 underserved areas)

- 1. AR-1. West of Fleming and south of Story (530 households)
- 2. AR-6. South of Mabury, east of 680, west of Capitol Avenue and north of Giannotta Way (178 households)
- 3. AR-4. South of golf course, east of Gordon Avenue, north of McKee and west of Rennie Avenue (134 households)
- 4. AR-5. South of Alum Rock, west of Miguelita Road and east of Porter Lane (116 households)
- 5. AR-3. East of Toyon, south of Pepper Tree Lane and north of golf course (105 households)
- 6. AR-2. West of White, north of Story and east of Lyndale (30 households)

Cambrian/Pioneer (4 underserved areas)

- 1. C/P-3. South of 85, west of Camden Avenue, north of creek and east of Union Avenue (457 households)
- 2. C/P-2. North of 85, south of Camden near Union (350 households)

3. C/P-1. South of Hillsdale, north of Branham near Meridian (130 households)

4. C/P-4. South of Clovis Avenue, west of Camden Avenue, north of Almond Blossom Lane and east of Harwood Road (87 households)

Berryessa (4 underserved areas)

1. BE-1. South of Montague, east of 880 and north of Rock Avenue (274 households)

2. BE-4. South of Landess Avenue, west of Piedmont Road, north of Cropley and east of Corktree Lane (226 households)

3. BE-3. East of Piedmont Road, south of Bloombury Way, west of foothills and north of Hostetter Road (150 households)

4. BE-2. West of 680, north of Berryessa Road, east of Pembroke Drive and south of Hikido Drive (90 households)

Evergreen (2 underserved areas)

1. EV-2. North of Quimby, west of White Road, south of Glen Donegal Drive and east of Scottsdale Drive (389 households)

2. EV-1. East of San Felipe between The Villages Parkway and Scenic Meadow Lane, near the Meadowlands (220 households)

Almaden (2 underserved areas)

1. AI-1. South of Trinidad, east of Glenview and west of Almaden Expressway (737 households)

2. AI-2. North of Camden between Franciscan Way and Paso los Cerritos (43 households)

South San Jose (1 underserved area)

1. SS-1. North of Capitol Expressway, between Monterey and Senter near Lewis Road (64 households)

North San Jose (0 underserved areas)

Alviso (0 underserved areas)