

As population pressures increase within the City, the development of trails becomes pivotal to the future growth of recreation opportunities. This "linear park" system will offer trail users not only an alternative, non-motorized access route away from roads, but more importantly, it will provide an extension of the park experience itself.

In 1987, the President's Commission on Americans Outdoors reported that many of the most popular and fast-growing activities take place in linear trail corridors. This national commission recommended that communities develop recreational facilities close to home, including trails, to keep pace with population growth. Recommendations were also made to establish greenways or linear corridors for walking, running, horse-back riding, bicycling, in-line skating, and the enjoyment of the natural environment. It was also noted that linear corridors could increase the value of individual parks by linking them together into a system that connects to other communities.

In many cases, the trail corridors identified in this appendix are conceptual proposals. These projects will require more specific information, such as a trail master plan for each trail project. However, the proposed trail corridors listed below should be studied for possible inclusion into the Scenic Routes and Trails Diagram in the City's General Plan.

The assistance of many public agencies, including the Santa Clara Valley Water District, the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority, the County of Santa Clara, the Redevelopment Agency of San Jose, and the Valley

Transportation Authority will need to work in concert to create this unique trail system.

Once completed, the City's trail system will provide approximately 100 miles of developed trails which will link a number of City and County parks. This system will provide a wide variety of greenways, which will offer bicyclists, equestrians, hikers, and runners enjoyable trail experiences not commonly found in an urban environment.

Bay Trail - The Bay Trail, when completed, will be a 400-mile long network that will encircle San Francisco and San Pablo bays. A portion of the trail will transverse northern San Jose in the Alviso area, and will link the Sunnyvale and Milpitas segments together.

Calero Creek Trail * - The 2.5-mile proposed trail would follow Calero Creek from Harry Road to Calero Reservoir County Park.

Coyote Creek Trail * - This trail corridor of approximately 35 linear miles extends from the San Francisco Bay and connects the proposed Bay Trail to Henry Coe State Park in the Diablo Range above Morgan Hill. Approximately 15 miles of the trail is completed.

Coyote-Alamitos Canal Trail - This proposed trail would parallel the Coyote-Alamitos Canal and provide access from Coyote Creek Trail to Almaden Lake Park.

Proposed Trail Routes

Fisher Creek Trail - This future trail is proposed in the *North Coyote Valley Campus Plan*, and will run along the western edge of the valley from Morgan Hill to the foot of Tulare Hill. A segment of the trail is part of the interim alignment for the Bay Area Ridge Trail.

Goss-Bambi Lane Trail - This short urban trail in Council District 5 will provide access along and over Silver Creek Canal by Capitol Park.

Guadalupe Creek Trail - This 4-mile future trail corridor forks off the Guadalupe River Trail near Almaden Lake Park and connects to Alameda Quicksilver County Park in the Santa Cruz Mountains.

Guadalupe River Trail * - This 25-mile long trail corridor extends from Alviso to Almaden Lake Park. Approximately 3 miles of the trail is completed. The Downtown River Walk and Garden areas, located between Highways 880 and 280, are the centerpiece of the trail.

Hetch Hetchy Trail - This 1.5-mile proposed trail link, between Coyote Creek and the Guadalupe River trails in northern San Jose, was originally envisioned to run along the Hetch Hetchy Aqueduct.

Los Alamitos/Calero Creek Trail * - This 3-mile completed trail starts at Almaden Lake Park and ends at Harry Road, just beyond the confluence of the two creeks. An existing 2-mile dirt trail continues the path to Santa Teresa County Park.

Los Gatos Creek Trail * - Perhaps the most popular trail corridor in the County, this trail extends 11.5-miles from downtown San Jose to Lexington Reservoir County Park in the Santa Cruz Mountains. The City is in the process of completing the trail from Lincoln Street to the Guadalupe River in downtown San Jose.

Montgomery Hill Trail - This trail will connect the proposed Thompson Creek Trail to Grant Ranch County Park.

Penitencia Creek Trail * - This 6.5-mile trail corridor connects the Coyote Creek Trail to Alum Rock Park, the oldest municipal park in the State, and to the Bay Area Ridge Trail above Alum Rock Park.

Saratoga Creek Trail * - This 4.5-mile trail corridor runs parallel to the Lawrence Expressway from Highway 280 to English Drive along the Water District maintenance road to Saratoga Creek.

Silver Creek Trail * - The trail runs throughout the Silver Creek Valley Country Club area in southern San Jose and connects the Thompson Creek Trail to the Coyote Creek Trail.

Thompson Creek Trail - This 13.5-mile long trail will run from Lake Cunningham Park to the City limits along San Felipe Road, where the trail will continue along San Felipe Road as a County Trail.

Willow Glen Spur Trail - This future 3.5-mile trail would

replace the existing railroad spur when it is abandoned. This trail would connect the Los Gatos Creek Trail, the Guadalupe River Trail and the Coyote Creek Trail in the middle of San Jose.

* denotes adopted Trail Master Plans

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