

APPENDIX A: PLANNING CONTEXT

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Re-establishing the Guadalupe River as the center of community life in San José has been the primary guiding principle of the past several Master Plans for Guadalupe River Park. The river is a regional resource, an open space for the convergence of recreation, events, and wildlife habitat. Native Americans had settlements along its banks as early as 2,500 years ago, and the earliest European immigrants to the area were drawn to it, choosing the Guadalupe River as the location for the settlement that would become the city of San José.

Over the past few decades, two parallel planning processes merged into one unique approach to both containing flooding and actuating the presence of a river in the downtown. The first process, flood control, was focused on keeping the river from inundating its surroundings. The second process looked at how the natural beauty of the river could be experienced firsthand by everyone, with a park in the heart of the most urban part of the city.

The most recent planning history includes several key documents that provide strategies for flood control, recreation, and habitat development of the river park and its components. For a summary of relevant planning goals for Master Plan 1985, Master Plan 2002, Master Plan 2005 as it compares to goals in the activation strategy refer to Table 1.

Guadalupe River Park, Master Plan 1985, City of San José, County of Santa Clara, Santa Clara Valley Water District:

Six character zones were established for the park to address natural character, flood control limitations, development potential, public access potential, and park use. Character Zone D covers the Confluence Area, which included:

- » Six-acre lake
- » Natural water and vegetation
- » Gateway into downtown San José
- » Focal point of Guadalupe River Park with high use areas
- » Casual playfields, non-motorized boating and rowing, family and group picnic areas, amphitheater, band shell, playgrounds and tot lots, picnic shelters, public restrooms, and park maintenance facilities
- » Sculptural terraces on the east bank

The 1995 Master Plan also established the following goals for Guadalupe River Park:

- » Design solutions for the Guadalupe River Park will be compatible with required flood control improvements.
- » The park shall become a major organizational element in the evolving *land use* and *redevelopment* pattern of San José.
- » The Guadalupe River Park shall make a major contribution to San José's *urban design* quality.
- » Coordinate the transportation goals and objectives of this project with those of related projects near the Guadalupe River Park.
- » Adequate public parking facilities shall be provided for park use.

- » Ensure public transit effectiveness in the project.
- » Emphasize the identity of the Guadalupe River Park by providing access from surrounding roadways.
- » Water will be a major element of the Guadalupe River Park design.
- » Create aesthetically pleasing *river channel edges* and preserve existing edges that convey 100-year flood flows through the park, and that improve maintenance and pedestrian access into the park.
- » The park design shall provide appropriate *recreational* use for all members of the San José community.
- » The park design shall provide an appropriate network of safe and accessible pedestrian walkways and bikeways.
- » Reinforce the City’s streetscape hierarchy.
- » Coordinate selection of streetscape furnishings with City guidelines.
- » Streetscape development shall encourage vehicular and *pedestrian access* into and from the park.
- » Bridges crossing the Guadalupe River will provide adequate clearance for flood control, river maintenance, and pedestrian access, and will be visually pleasing.¹

Guadalupe River Park, Master Plan 2002, City of San José, San José Redevelopment Agency, Santa Clara Valley Water District, United States Army Corps of Engineers:

The 2002 Master Plan established the following goals for the Guadalupe River Park:

- » Open space along the river for passive and active recreation in the urban environment.
- » Enhancement of the Guadalupe River as both a valuable riparian habitat and a natural resource.
- » Construction of a linear urban park that provides opportunities for park enhanced development of private and public facilities.
- » Protection from 100-year flood events.
- » The creation of a safe, connected trail system that offers an alternative to motorized transportation.
- » A balance between human access to the river and maximum protection of the riparian habitat.
- » Citizen education about hydrology, flood control, and the natural habitat and cultural resources of the river.²

Guadalupe River Park Master Plan, 2005, San José Redevelopment Agency, Santa Clara Valley Water District, Santa Clara County:

¹ City of San José, County of Santa Clara, Santa Clara Valley Water District, 1995, Guadalupe River Park Master Plan.

² City of San José, San José Redevelopment Agency, Santa Clara Valley Water District United States Army Corps of Engineers, 2002, Guadalupe River Park Master Plan.

The 2005 Master Plan created the following goals:

- » The provision of open space along the river for recreation and relaxation of workers and residents in an urban environment.
- » The enhancement of the Guadalupe River as both a valuable riparian habitat and a natural resource to be enjoyed by the citizens of San José and other communities.
- » The development of a linear urban park that can provide opportunities for development of private and public facilities.
- » The utilization of designs and materials to accommodate flood control in the Guadalupe River without restricting human access to the river itself, and to limit the erection of concrete barriers within the channel or along its banks.³

³ San José Redevelopment Agency, Santa Clara Valley Water District, Santa Clara County, 2005, Guadalupe River Park Master Plan.

TABLE 1 VISION DOCUMENTS RELEVANT PLANNING GOALS

Relevant Planning Goals	Master Plan 1985	Master Plan 2002	Master Plan 2005	Current Activation Strategy
Design solutions for Guadalupe River Park will be compatible with flood control without limiting human access	X	X	X	X
The Guadalupe River Park shall make a major contribution to San José's <i>urban design</i> quality.	X			X
Coordinate the transportation goals and objectives of this project with those of related projects near the Guadalupe River Park.	X			X
Adequate public parking facilities shall be provided for park use.	X			
Ensure public transit effectiveness in the project.	X			
Water will be a major element of the Guadalupe River Park design.	X			X
The park design shall provide appropriate <i>recreational</i> use for all members of the San José community.	X	X	X	X
The park design shall provide an appropriate network of safe and accessible pedestrian walkways and bikeways.	X	X	X	X
Reinforce the City's streetscape hierarchy and streetscape furnishings	X			X
Streetscape development shall encourage vehicular and <i>pedestrian access</i> into and from the park.	X			X
Bridges crossing the Guadalupe River will provide adequate clearance for flood control, river maintenance, and pedestrian access, and will be visually pleasing.	X		X	X
Citizen Education about hydrology, flood control and natural habitat		X		X
Balance between human access to river and maximum protection of riparian habitats		X	X	X

Opportunities for enhanced development for private and public facilities	X	X	X	X
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Open space along river for passive and active recreation		X	X	X
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APPENDIX B: EXISTING CONDITIONS SUMMARY

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Public Facilities, Amenities, and Buildings

The plazas, monuments, and open spaces within the Confluence Area, each with its own character, allow visitors to relax and watch the river, interact with friends or passersby, be entertained at a large gathering, or reflect on the elements that make up the city and park; see Figure 1, Context Map, and Figure 2, Park Elements.

Confluence Point marks the convergence of Los Gatos Creek and the Guadalupe River, and is perhaps the most advantageous spot from which to view the confluence of these two bodies of water. This area is also celebrated as a merging of ecology and technology and of multiple ethnicities and cultures, reflecting San José's multi-cultural society. Braided paths and special paving materials reflect the patterns of the river's flow.

One of the larger open spaces within the Guadalupe River Park, **Confluence Park East** is comprised of multiple locations capable of hosting events of all sizes. These areas are separated from one another geographically, allowing them to have different characters and provide different amenities. They include places of shade, retreat, and reflection, as well as large open meadows for active play. This particular park promotes visual access to the river, and creates areas for picnics and group activities.

The first of these areas, **St. John Street Overlook Plaza**, highlights the civil engineering system that has been constructed to protect people and property in downtown San José. It also seeks to illustrate the integration of the natural river system with the flood-control system by showing how water from one is carried through the other in times of floods. The design of the plaza consists of a narrow, trumpet-shaped space where two walks, representing the two streams and their corresponding culverts, converge into one. Graphics in the paving or on separate signage illustrate how much water is carried in each culvert. The central feature of the plaza is a triangular wedge of granite, sandwiched between the two walks, which points directly to the confluence point of the Guadalupe River and Los Gatos Creek.

The **Crossing Paths Monument** celebrates the historic users of this site and is also the location where the two winding paths of Confluence East cross. Visualized best as a triangular crossword puzzle, the monument design represents the intersections of different cultures on this site.

The **Santa Clara Street Overlook Plaza** has a pointed elliptical shape and line of benches. The design of the plaza recalls the forces of a river system as it braids and flows, the ellipse being the primary form left as a void between two braiding river channels. This elliptical form is used throughout the Guadalupe River Park. The plaza overlooks the primary inlet for the flood-control culvert and provides space for relaxation and education.

Weaver's Gift Plaza displays the sculptures known as *The Weaver's Gift*. It celebrates the Costanoan-Ohlone Indian peoples who lived within the area of Confluence Point. The sculpture is composed of three main elements: a large granite carving of a mortar in two halves, suggestive of a broken tradition; a large limestone carving of a traditional Ohlone gift basket, symbolizing the welcome of food and artifacts generally given to the first colonists; and a limestone representation of an unfinished spiraling storage basket inlaid in the existing park paving.

The **Braided Path Plaza with Pool of Genes** serves as the north entrance into Confluence Park East. This plaza showcases San José as a modern, multi-cultural society. Braided, narrow concrete paths with the names of many of the ethnic groups that comprise the city’s current demographics cross each other and converge upon a reflecting pool. These paths draw users into the park from West Julian Street, while highlighting the multiethnic community in which they live. The circular pool has a seat wall around it and a raised bed of river cobbles with the first names of children representing the diversity of San José.

The **Tributaries Monument** is adjacent to the Santa Clara Street Overlook Plaza; this monument celebrates the confluence of the Guadalupe River and Los Gatos Creek. Designed as a circular, site-specific art piece, the monument consists of two spiraling patterns swirling into a central focal point and carrying the names of the tributaries to the two rivers. The names are carved into two bands of gray and red granite, leading to the central focus, a black granite disk.

The **Vietnam War Memorial** is a tribute to the sacrifice made by those who fought in the Vietnam War, and the five service members who are still missing in action. The memorial at Confluence Point provides family members and fellow veterans with a place for contemplation and remembrance.

There are many additional locations in the Confluence Area which give life to the park and create a series of destination points, summarized as follows:

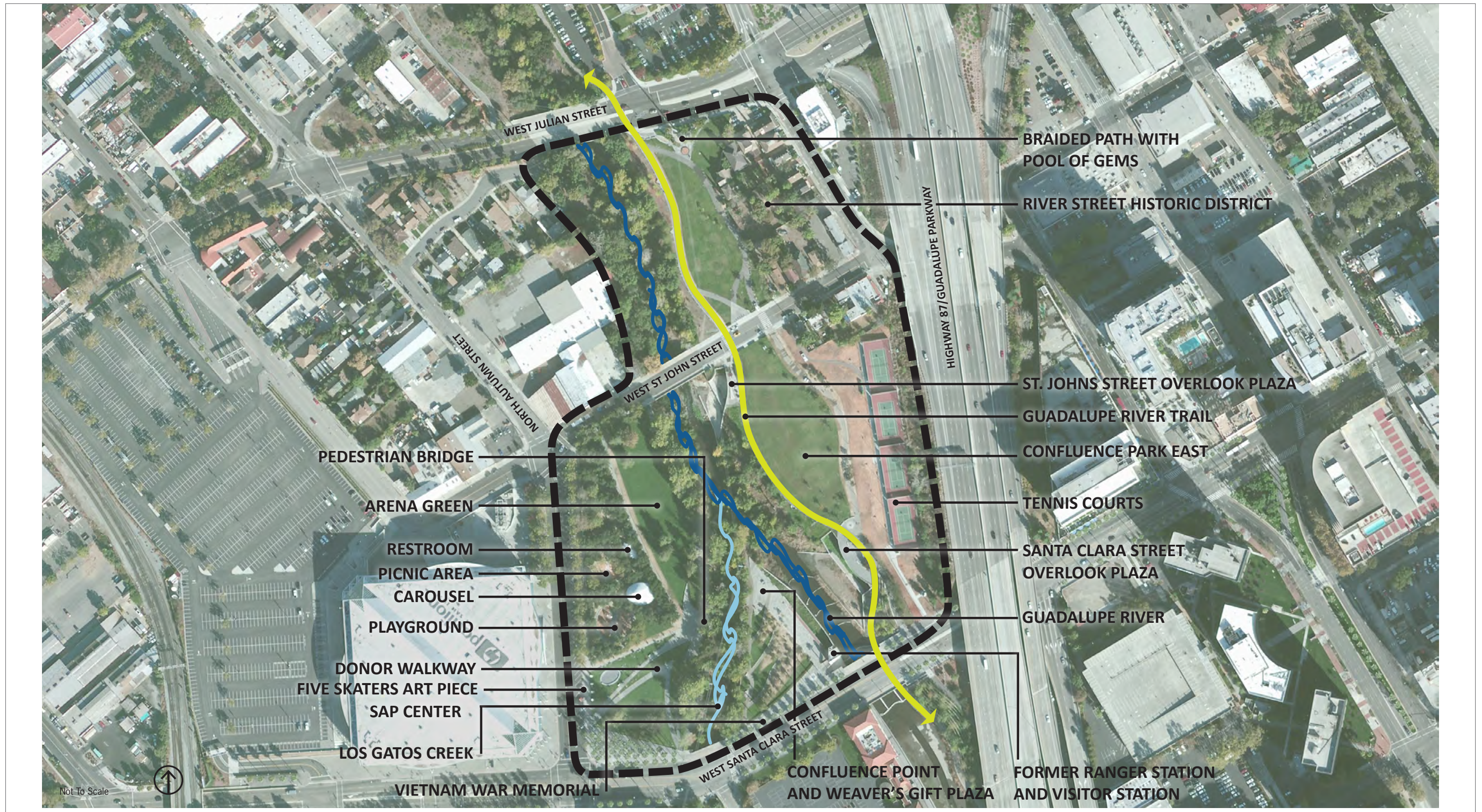
Designated as a City of San José Historic District, the **River Street Historic District** possesses both historical and architectural significance. During the early 20th century, it was a working-class neighborhood that was home to one of the highest concentrations of Italian immigrants in California. It contains fine examples of both commercial and residential architecture, including Queen Anne, Italianate, Mediterranean and Salt Box styles.

The Ranger Station and Visitor Center is located on the north side of Santa Clara Street at Confluence Point. Although the Center is not currently in use, City of San José Park Rangers once supervised the length of the park, providing security and interpretive programs for park visitors. The Center contained exhibits on the birds, snakes, fish, and plants native to the Guadalupe River.

Arena Green is the section of the park bordered by Santa Clara Street on the south and St. John Street on the north. Features of Arena Green include the **Children’s Carousel** and **Arena Green Playground**, the **Five Skaters Art Piece**, and the **Donor Walkway**.

The **Children’s Carousel** at Arena Green includes 33 intricately painted fiberglass animals, six of which were custom-made for San José. The hummingbird, coyote, salmon, and eagle represent species indigenous to the area, and two sharks celebrate the San José Sharks National Hockey League ice hockey team. The carousel may be relocated to the Visitor and Education Center on Coleman Avenue.

Adjacent to the carousel on the west side is a brightly colored **Arena Green Playground** for young children, featuring swings, slides, and a play fort. To the south of the carousel, a play area for older children is composed almost entirely of nets, providing opportunities for climbing and swinging. Park benches, picnic tables, and the only public **restroom** in the Confluence Area are nearby.



Source: ESRI BaseMaps

Figure 1
Context Map



Figure 2
Park Elements

The **Five Skaters Art Piece** honors five Olympic champion ice skaters from the Bay Area: Peggy Fleming, Debbi Thomas, Brian Boitano, Kristy Yamaguchi, and Rudy Galindo. The piece includes five mosaic-tiled pillars and a symbolic ice rink featuring quotations from each of the skaters.

The **Donor Walkway**, sponsored by the Friends of Guadalupe River Park Gardens, provides an opportunity for citizens to support the Guadalupe River Park by purchasing a granite paver and inscribing it with their family or company name, message, or logo. The walk is lined by a double row of poplars.

Four **Tennis Courts** near the River Street Historic District offer the opportunity for active recreation in Confluence East. Aligned end-to-end, they lie parallel to the Guadalupe Parkway.

Confluence Area encompasses many activities within the park's boundaries: active and passive recreation, social gathering, picnicking, large events, water features, children's play areas, public art and memorials and the continuous river walk. The facilities that enable these functions are an integral part of the park's function as an urban experience and focal center.

- » Ranger Station is a boldly angled and visually imposing structure by virtue of its dominant position above the river and isolation from any surrounding buildings. Since it is not currently in use, there is a lack of connection between the station and the plaza below.
- » Picnic Areas are well-maintained and most often used in instances where tree cover is adequate for sun and heat protection.
- » Playgrounds are popular destinations, and the play areas are well maintained and offer clear sightlines for sufficient adult supervision.
- » Children's Carousel is set beneath a translucent fiberglass tent roof, placed in close proximity to the playground, picnic areas, and the park's only restrooms. The carousel is temporarily closed, creating a dominant structure which cannot be accessed. This feature may be relocated to the Visitor and Education Center on Coleman Avenue.
- » Public Restrooms are available while the park is open, but are often neglected in terms of care and cleaning.
- » Public Art is interwoven with the built environment (paths, seat walls, memorials, plazas) throughout the park, and creates destination and education opportunities.
- » Lighting and site furnishings are well maintained and placed throughout the majority of the park.
- » The Pedestrian Bridge offers overhead views of Los Gatos Creek and is a visible destination from other park areas; however, interior views are being progressively hidden by dense foliage.
- » Tennis Court areas are not currently used and the court surfacing, surrounding paving, and fencing are in disrepair, as are the site furnishings in the immediate area.
- » Materials vary throughout the area, providing a lack of continuity despite the quality

Circulation

Adjacent Roads and Intersections

The Confluence Area is located between West Santa Clara Street on the south and West Julian Street to the north. It is bounded by North Autumn Street to the west, and by Highway 87, or Guadalupe Freeway, to the East. West St. John Street bisects the park area, connecting North Autumn Street on the west and travelling under Highway 87 to Almaden Boulevard on the east.

The SAP Center, a large indoor arena/event space and parking lot, sits on the west side of the park and river across North Autumn Street, and hosts approximately 150 events every year ranging from Olympic athletes to award winning entertainers to San José Sharks home games.

The intersection of West Santa Clara Street and North Autumn Street is a large and busy crossing due to the amount of traffic flowing on West Santa Clara Street, a major downtown artery. North Autumn Street is a secondary level street and is much less trafficked, and allows for diagonal parking next to the Arena Green Park and playgrounds. Across North Autumn Street is the substantial SAP Center, and during capacity events North Autumn Street is also heavily used.

The intersection of North Autumn Street and West Julian Street is almost a complete opposite to the southern end of North Autumn. This is a quiet and almost uninhabited junction, with an inconspicuous set of entry stairs leading to the park.

The intersections of the Guadalupe Freeway and West Santa Clara Street, West Julian Street, and West St. John Street are set as underpasses beneath the often crowded highway. All of these passageways are subject to automobile noise, fumes, and lack of light from the elevated eight-lane highway.

Access Points and Parking Areas

Pedestrian and Bicycle

The Guadalupe River Park and its trail system are oriented north to south. Access to and across the Guadalupe River is critical to bringing the east and west sides of the river together. For pedestrians and cyclists, it is also an important component of the non-motorized transportation alternative allowed by the Guadalupe River Park.

The trails are intended to form a continuous system of circulation, are designed to provide access to the river at various points, and are generally placed under bridges to avoid at-grade street crossings.

Pedestrians have access to the river via public sidewalks and pathways and have several options for crossing the river using the many pedestrian and vehicular bridges. The Confluence Area is bordered by two such pathways, which form the dominant perimeter circulation, along West Santa Clara Street and West Julian Street.

Once at the river, the network of paths called the River Walk takes pedestrians and cyclists along the river's edges and serves as the other visible and principal system of movement through the park. The River Walk's convenience and quieter environment attracts commuters who walk or bicycle to downtown instead of using other forms of transportation.

Pedestrian pathways throughout the majority of the park are easily accessible and well maintained, often integrated with public art and memorial paving, leading the visitor over and around the River Walk. The one area where there is a visible breakdown of the paving is the southeast corner of the park, near the tennis courts and the intersection of West Santa Clara and the Guadalupe Freeway.

The exterior pathways and edges vary considerably from one bordering area to the other: from the promenade and boulevard on the south side to the quieter shaded sidewalk on the west, from a lack of clear edge below the highway on the east side to the non-accessible edge at the north side. Access to the park from West St. Julian Street is inaccessible to pedestrians, and is also an unclear area of park separation. A residential and industrial zone is tucked within the streets that border the remainder of the park.

Unpaved and more casual pathways can also be found in the park, usually at the termination of the paved pathways and plazas. Most often, they continue beyond the formal path down towards the river and flood control constructions, meandering through the heavy riparian foliage towards the natural riverbanks.

Vehicular

The Confluence Area is also accessed by public transit, including buses and light rail, as well as by car, with limited street parking options immediately available adjacent to the park. There is adequate, if sparse, directional signage for vehicles heading to the Confluence Area, and virtually no signage identifying vehicular parking.

Other parking opportunities include parking lots on both sides of the SAP Center, as well as several private parking lots within a one- to two-block radius of the park on surrounding streets.

Signage

There are many types of signage that are successfully used in the Confluence Area, including directional, informational, regulatory, interpretive, and commemorative. In general, there is adequate directional signage within the park to assist with basic wayfinding; however, there are areas that are not clearly named or located and other areas that have multiple names. On the outside perimeters and along the River Walk, the Guadalupe River Park signage is very visible and distinct. Traditional signposts and information displays, as well as public art set or carved into the hardscape surfaces, add to the informational and regulatory signage. The commemorative signage banners mounted to light poles near Little Italy use consistent materials and colors. There is a range of materials and styles between the different types of signs within the Confluence Area which could be more unified for branding purposes.

Natural Environment

River Context

Guadalupe River Park is not a single monument or plaza, but a green ribbon winding among the buildings and streets of downtown San José. The Guadalupe River gives San José a character unique among the largest cities in the United States. Next to corporate headquarters, commercial and office space, civic buildings, busy intersections and freeways, the river passes through the city, its green banks providing a natural setting that allows wildlife to co-exist with city life.

Between Highways 880 and 280, the Guadalupe River also vibrates with human activity. Following the flow of the river, pathways and plazas host strolling families, commuters on foot or on bicycle, playing children, and individuals seeking a few quiet moments near the water. The Guadalupe River Park is a unique combination of a tranquil park and flood-control measures that effectively moderate the river's destructive flood potential.¹

The Guadalupe River begins at the confluence of Guadalupe and Alamosas Creeks, near the intersection of Coleman Road and Almaden Expressway, in the southern part of San José. It flows north into San Francisco Bay, passing through the city center and draining into the San Francisco Bay at Alviso.

The Guadalupe River flows generally south to north, from the confluence of its tributaries in the Santa Cruz Mountains to the waters of the San Francisco Bay. The Guadalupe River Park lies in the downtown San José area. It has a variety of designed and natural spaces, from plazas to park-like strolling paths to natural riparian habitat.

Between West Julian and West Santa Clara Streets in the Confluence Area, the relatively flat expanses of plazas and green are broken only by the river corridors which descend sharply downwards along both natural and constructed banks. The constructed banks include concrete terraces of gabion walls and wide channels to accommodate the high flow of the river. At West Santa Clara Street near the Guadalupe Parkway, a 17-foot deep by 64-foot wide bypass diverts waters away from the main channel during flood events, a design that has allowed the vegetative cover along the river to remain relatively intact. The remainder of the stretch, to just south of Highway 280, includes concrete stairs and walls, bank reinforcements, and other bypass areas.

Required setbacks from West Santa Clara Street past West Julian Street, north to the Union Pacific Railroad track, are 100 feet from the top of bank, except between Julian Street and St. John Street which requires a setback of 50 feet from the top of bank. The entire length of this area (Area 3)² requires a minimum 12-foot-wide public walk within the required setback.

¹ City of San José, San José Redevelopment Agency, Santa Clara Valley Water District United States Army Corps of Engineers, 2002, Guadalupe River Park, Master Plan.

²,San José Redevelopment Agency Board and San José City Council, 2003, The Guadalupe River Park & Gardens Urban Design Guidelines.

Flood Control

Hydrology in the Guadalupe River basin has been greatly affected by human activity, including the construction of dams and reservoirs, the channelization of streams and rivers, and the building of levees for flood protection.

The flood-control solutions in the area adjacent to Santa Clara Street allow the retention of as much existing vegetative cover as possible, as well as preservation of the natural river channel. The installation of two underground bypasses redirects high flows around the existing riparian habitat. The first diverts water just north of the Santa Clara Street Bridge. The second intercepts water south of St. John Street and parallels the Santa Clara bypass until both bypasses release the flood waters back into the main river channel south of Coleman Avenue.

Vegetation

The vegetation along the Guadalupe River consists of a narrow band of riparian forest, the width of which generally ranges from 100 to 200 feet in the Guadalupe River Park. This forest provides critical feeding and nesting habitat for wildlife, and is characterized by a tall tree canopy and lower layers of small trees, shrubs, and ground covers. A particular type of vegetative cover known as shaded riverine aquatic (SRA) habitat exists between a river and its adjacent riparian habitat. SRA consists of both overhead and in-stream cover, and plays a critical role in the health of waterways and the fish that inhabit them.³

The park itself has several significant open space areas composed of large multipurpose grass lawns, connecting the varied plazas, monuments, and picnic areas. Along North Autumn Street, the park's urban edge includes linear seat walls for groups or those from Arena Green events. This seat wall edge borders on several smaller sloping grass-covered landforms found in the well-maintained Arena Green. Here, among the playground, picnic areas, and carousel, groves of poplar trees form a dense overhead canopy.

Along the park's urbanized edge, West Santa Clara Street, geometric groves of fan palms are planted into the wide pedestrian promenade creating the park's most identifiable corner. As this edge moves toward the river crossing there are more picnic and memorial areas, with smaller, less dense trees and little shade coverage.

Immediately adjacent to the waterless riverbed are two distinct areas of vegetation: the natural riparian corridor river banks and the constructed flood control "river banks," which include the pedestrian and bicycle trail systems and terraced walls. Generally, the foliage is condensed and healthy along the natural banks, whereas much of the growth around the concrete structures is drier and less well-maintained.

The area north of the river the Confluence East lawn is verdant and well suited for relaxation and events, with minimal tree coverage along the curving outer paths. Between this expansive lawn and the elevated Highway 87 are the tennis court facilities, where the vegetative cover is almost entirely absent, creating a somewhat untended and isolated section within the larger park.

³ City of San José, San José Redevelopment Agency, Santa Clara Valley Water District United States Army Corps of Engineers, 2002, Guadalupe River Park, Master Plan.

Programming

Events take place in many areas of the Confluence Area. Events range from festivals, to fun runs. The event season typically runs from April to October. The former ranger station and visitors center is currently inactive. So far in the 2015 season, there were 41 events, where 129, 552 people came. The biggest events are the Turkey Trot in late November, with over 40,000 people in attendance, and the Italian Festa in late October, with over 14,000 people in attendance over the course of two days.

Safety and Security

Successful urban parks are integrated with their neighborhoods, creating definitive and approachable spaces that are linked to their surroundings. While the park provides exterior view panoramas from the river to the skyline beyond, establishing **sightlines** for the interior of the park areas as well as opening up many “hidden” places can create easier access and visibility and allow for a greater perception of safety. Currently, many areas often feel unfriendly and may constrain pedestrian movement.

Sightline sections to consider are the Arena Green, where the trees have grown a dense canopy in the playground, restroom, and carousel areas. Eye-level viewings is still clear and open enough for comfortable usage, but trimming the base of the tree canopy higher could enable more expansive observation. Other areas affected by the perception of safety include the tennis courts and adjacent sections of the Tributary Monument, the Arena Green and the river corridor. The top of the riverbanks, the natural trails leading down from the banks, and the river bed are strewn with refuse, and both eastern and western areas of the park have homeless encampments and gathering areas.

Edge conditions also impact the park in several sections, both in terms of circulation and perception of safety. The dominant affected edge is the Guadalupe Parkway, creating both sound and visual disturbance. This edge would benefit from improved **screening**, as the tree line breaks down in many areas along the highway expanse. Another important edge is West St. Julian Street, where the park is inaccessible to pedestrians along the river crossing and beyond to the intersection of North Autumn and West St. John Streets, which has an unclear park boundary.

Exterior edges would also benefit from an improved **visual experience**. These include the uncertain usage of West St. John Street as a park access point, the discreet intersection entry at West St. John Street and North Autumn Street, and the uninviting underpass conditions on West Santa Clara Street, West St. John Street, and West St. Julian Street. These areas, or potential "entry nodes," can be strengthened to create a sense of arrival into the Confluence Area and strengthen the system of sidewalks and paths in place within the park.

Economic Development/Branding

The Confluence Area consists of a collection of plazas, monuments, and destination areas, some of which are named and signed. Other areas have multiple names or are not clearly identified.

Little Italy is also established and maintained with a definite identity, though somewhat separated from the river park, due to identifying signage and clear pathway edges. Little Italy has various attractions including a cultural center, and cafes and restaurants.

APPENDIX C: COMMUNITY OUTREACH SUMMARY

SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Introduction

Community outreach for the Activation Strategy consisted of two online surveys, one community meeting, outreach at the Italian Festa, as well as several conversations with key stakeholders. Approximately 400 community members provided input as a part of the project. Each outreach event, survey, or conversation is summarized individually, below.

Online Survey 1 – Guadalupe River Park Confluence Area Activation Strategy

The first online survey was conducted between August 26, 2015 and December 2, 2015. The survey featured eight questions and received over 300 responses. The introductory paragraph for the survey read:

The City of San Jose is soliciting public input to better understand the use and plan for the needs of current and future park users in the Confluence Area of the Guadalupe River Park. The Confluence Area is bound by West Julian, West Santa Clara, and North Autumn Streets, and Guadalupe Parkway. Your feedback to these eight questions will help provide the City with information regarding public use and perceptions and will help guide planning efforts. Thank you in advance for participating in our survey. Your feedback is important.

For questions with unique responses (question 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8), responses were sorted into major categories if there were 20 or more unique responses. For individual responses that had multiple ideas, or themes, each different idea was separated into a different category.

If there were less than 25 unique responses, answers that occurred most frequently were highlighted, as well as answers that were very different than the answer options given. In many cases, unique responses were similar to answer options given. Obscene responses were deleted from question 3 and question 5.

For a full list of responses, please see the appendix.

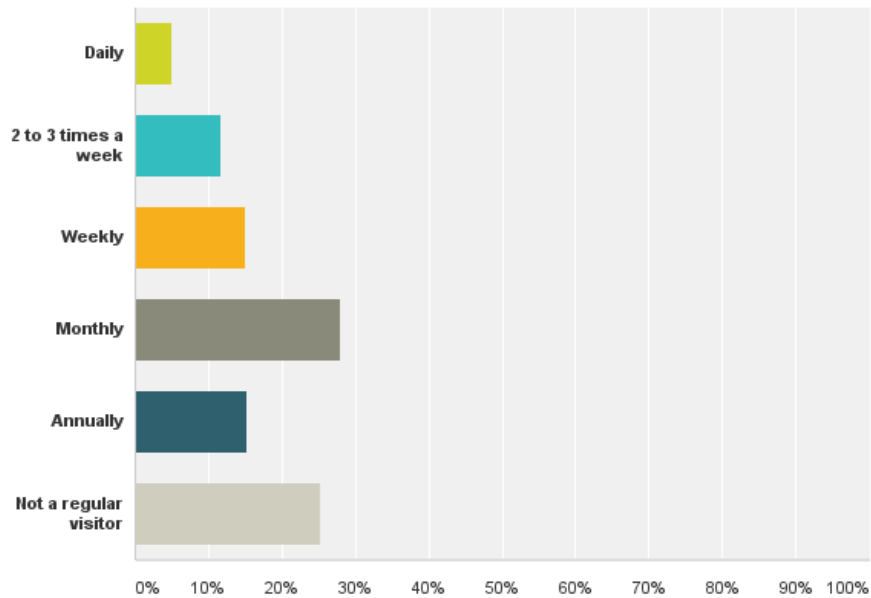
A summary of the questions and their responses received follows:

1) On average, how often do you visit or use the Confluence Area of Guadalupe River Park?

The majority of respondents (28%) said they visited the park monthly. The second most common response was that 25% of respondents were not a regular visitor. Other responses included annually (15%), weekly (15%), 2 to 3 times a week (12%) and daily (5%).

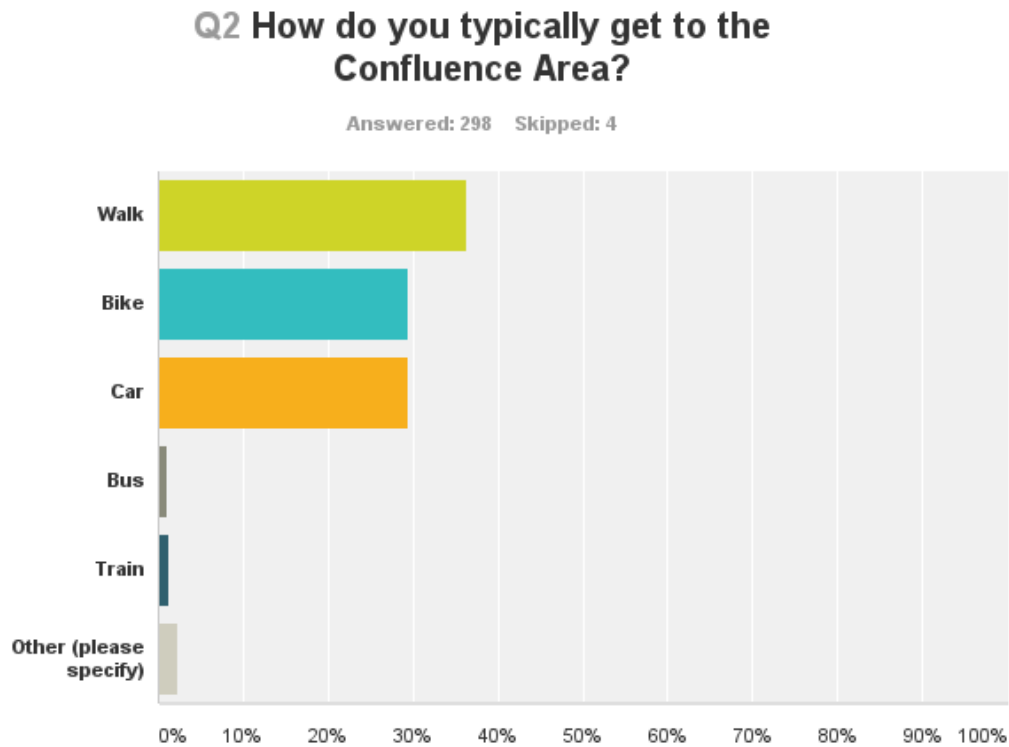
Q1 On average, how often do you visit or use the Confluence Area of Guadalupe River Park?

Answered: 301 Skipped: 1



2) How do you typically get to the Confluence Area?

The majority of respondents, (36%) typically walk to the Confluence Area; other transportation methods included biking (30%), driving (30%), bus (1%), and train (1%). Other responses (2%) included a combination of various modes, running, or never visited the area.



3) What is your zip code?

Respondent's zip codes included: 94041, 94131, 95008, 94050, 95051, 95110, 95111, 95112, 95113, 94116, 95117, 95188, 95119, 95120, 95120, 95121, 95122, 95123, 95124, 95125, 95126, 95127, 95128, 95129, 95131, 95132, 95133, 95134, 95135, 95135, 95138, 95138, 95148, 96126.

25% of respondent's zip code was 95126. Other popular zip codes included 95110 (17%), 94112 (15%), and 95125 (8%)

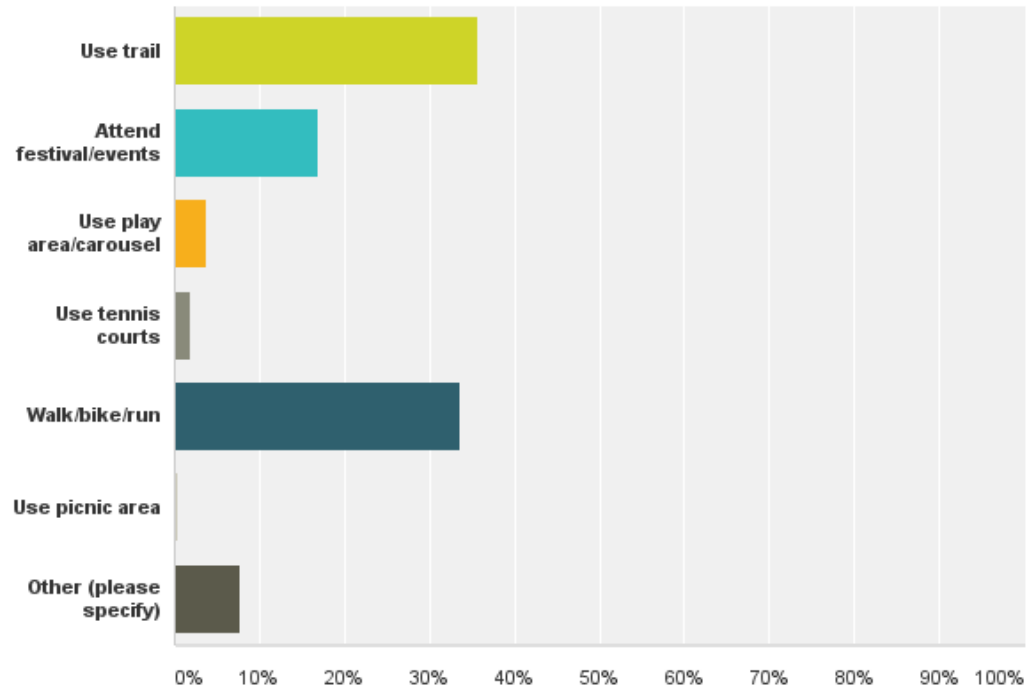
4) If you visit regularly, what do you do most often?

31 respondents skipped this question. Most respondents (36%) use the trail, or walk/bike/run (34%).

Other responses included attend festival events (17%), use play area/carousel (4%), use tennis courts (2%), and use picnic area (0.5%) Other responses (8%) included using all of the options, visiting neighbors, enjoying open space and birding, and hanging out near the lawn, as well as visiting restaurants.

Q4 If you visit regularly, what do you do most often?

Answered: 271 Skipped: 31

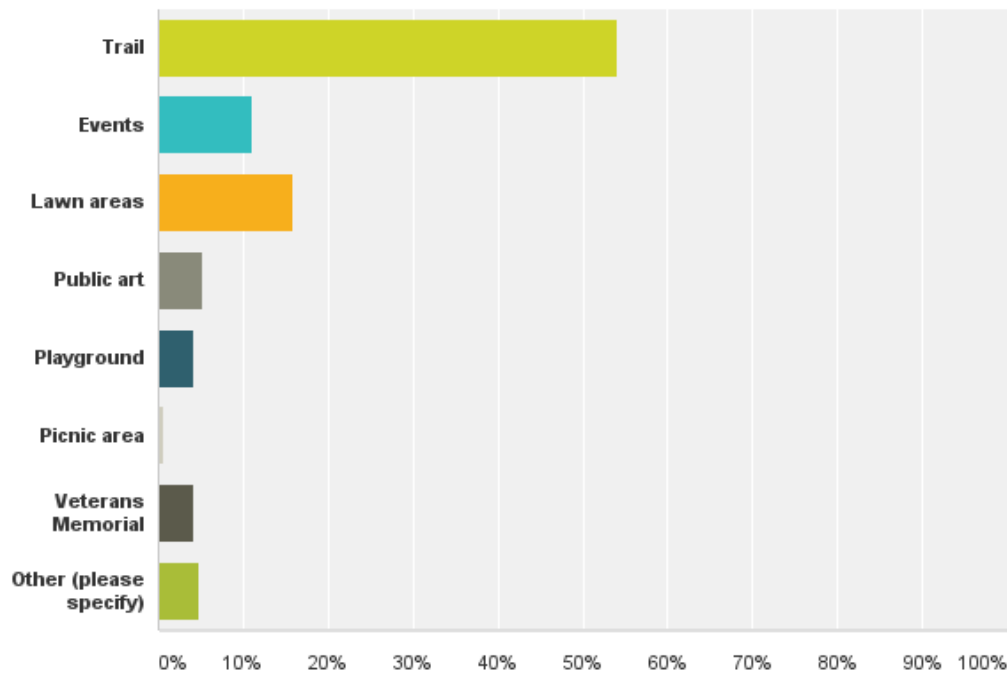


5) What existing amenity do you like most about the Confluence Area?

The vast majority of respondents like trails (54%) in the Confluence Area. Lawn areas were chosen by 16% of respondents, followed by events (11%), public art (5%), playground (4%), Veteran’s Memorial (4%), and picnic areas (0.7%) Other responses (5%) included updating the tennis courts, the ranger station, and the carousel; focus on the river, creek, wildlife, and natural areas.

Q5 What existing amenity do you like most about the Confluence Area?

Answered: 290 Skipped: 12

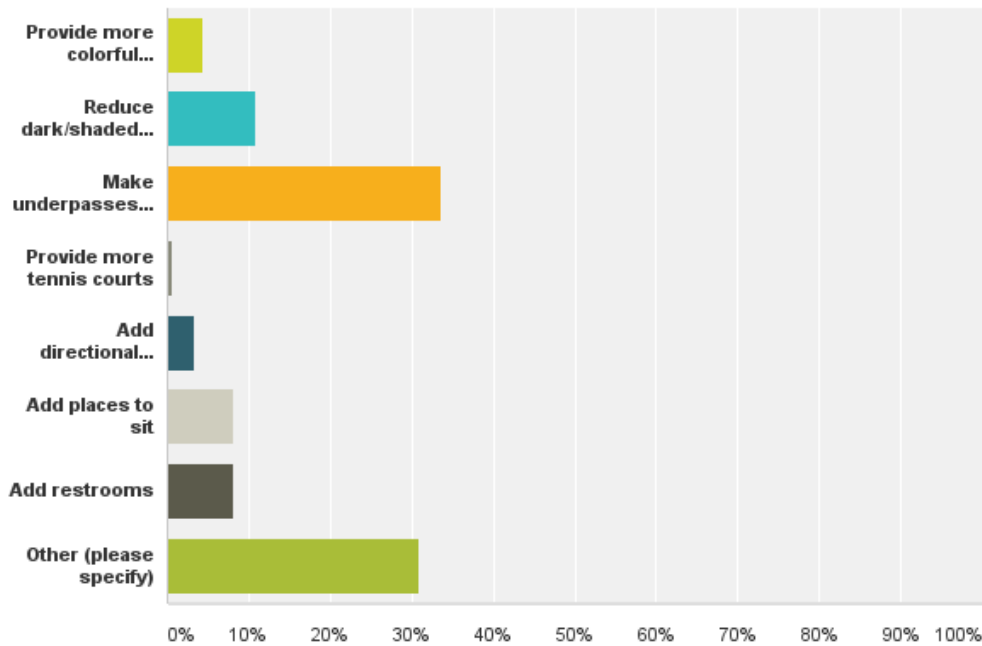


6) If you could change one thing about the Confluence Area, what would it be?

Most respondents would like to make the underpasses more inviting (34%). Other responses (31%) varied, but were primarily in nine different categories; parking, homeless, safety, public art, changes in infrastructure, programming, natural features, economic development or branding, and access and circulation. There were some comments that fell outside of those categories, including adding a dog park, and re-routing trails. Reducing dark/shaded places got 11% of the vote, while adding restrooms and adding places to sit both got 8% of the responses. Adding directional signage (3.4%) and providing more tennis courts (1%) got the fewest votes.

Q6 If you could change one thing about the Confluence Area, what would it be?

Answered: 295 Skipped: 7



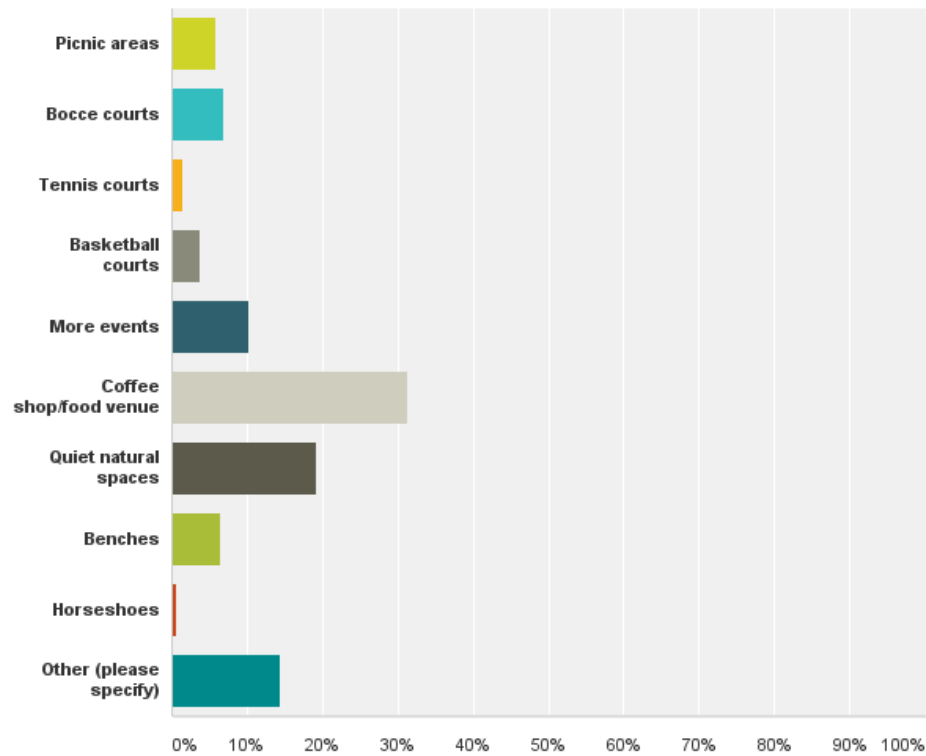
Of those that submitted unique responses, the homeless population and safety were the most discussed. Many people expressed wanting to reduce the homeless population, due to safety concerns as well as appearance concerns. In addition, several comments included introducing more lighting, and emergency call boxes. There were some comments expressing the need for more parking near the park. Many people expressed wanting to see changes in infrastructures such as installing a foot bridge, fixing up the playground area, refurbishing tennis courts and carousel, and reducing trash and pollution. Other suggestions included an increase in programming such as more events, or small scale vendors, providing food trucks or more cafes, as well as more neighborhood festivals or gatherings that would help to increase neighborhood pride. Other comments focused on enhancing the natural features of the park such as planning and labeling more California native plants, providing space for vegetable gardens, or bird-friendly, butterfly friendly demonstration gardens, as well as providing more areas for open space for nature. Some comments related to economic development/branding including bringing more people into the area by adding dense new development nearby, as well as help to develop the little Italy area more. Other suggestions relating to branding including making the park a more unified whole, and changing the name of the park. Several comments related to access and circulation both within the park, and immediately outside its boundaries; such as, have better connections between different areas of the park, and have a trail crossing under Julian Street to avoid the traffic light.

7) What amenities would you like to see added to the Confluence Area?

The majority of respondents would like to see coffee shops/food venues (31%), followed by quiet natural spaces (19%), other (14%), more events (10%), bocce courts (7%), picnic areas (6%), benches (6%), basketball courts (4%), tennis courts (1%), and horseshoes (1%).

Q7 What amenities would you like to see added to the Confluence Area?

Answered: 293 Skipped: 9



Of those that submitted unique responses, five main categories of answers were recorded including safety, natural environment, and programming. Some responses included all of the above or anything as long as there are funds and plans to keep the area well maintained. Responses pertaining to safety included ideas about adding more lighting and security, removing long term loitering, and activating the space to bring more people. Those answers in the

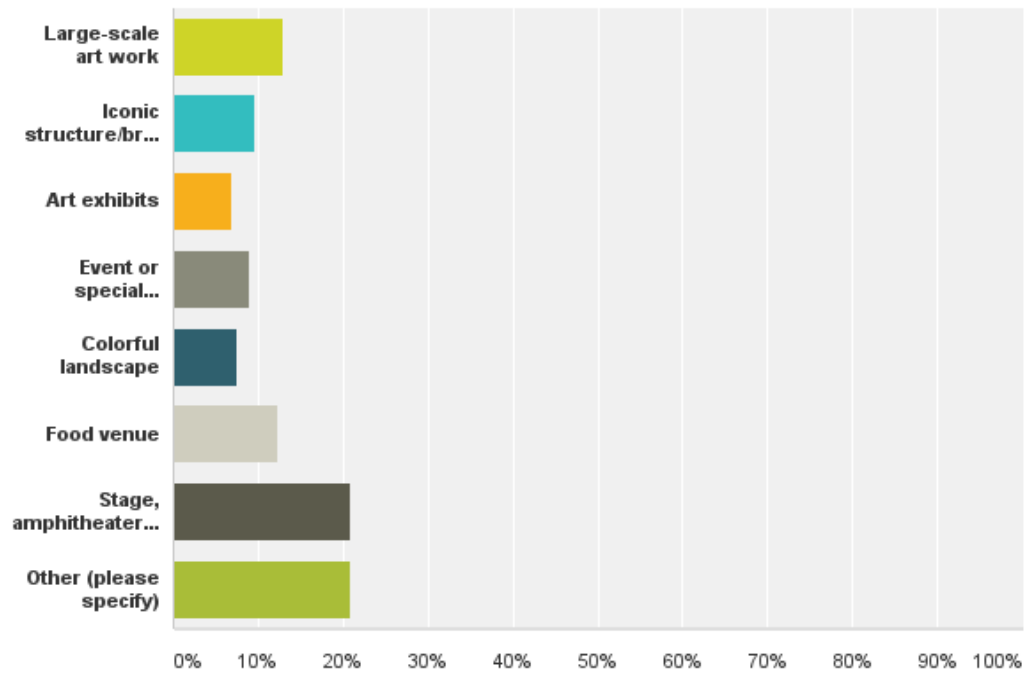
natural environment category included adding more Native California plants, including a community vegetable garden, providing plantings that attract birds and butterflies and having natural exhibits, as well as quiet natural spaces. Programming responses focused on food and coffee venues, integrating Little Italy and promoting festivals and races, as well as public art. There were several suggestions for facility improvements. Several suggestions included renovating the bathrooms. Other suggestions included adding a dog park, basketball court, providing more dirt trails for running, adding another pedestrian bridge, more benches and a bocce court, and designing the river walk similar to San Antonio's. One respondent noted that they wanted fewer events, and they felt that the event space was over-run with a marathon or fair.

8) What would make the Confluence Area a world-class park? (obscene comment deleted)

The majority of respondents would like to see stage, amphitheater, or concert venue (21%), followed by other (21%), large-scale artwork (13%), food venue (12%), iconic structure/bridge (10%), event or special lighting (9%), art exhibits (7%) and colorful landscape (7%).

Q8 What would make the Confluence Area a world-class park?

Answered: 292 Skipped: 10



Of those that submitted unique responses five main categories were recorded including homeless, safety, changes in infrastructure, programming, natural features, economic development/branding, access and circulation, and examples of other cities. Within the unique responses, adding natural features was reflected the most. Some examples are adding a community vegetable garden, adding native plants, and more natural areas that will attract wildlife. Similar responses about homeless and safety are found in other questions throughout the survey, but generally people want safer gathering places and

play areas, and more light. Homeless are seen as a problem for safety in this area. Other responses related to changes in infrastructure such as moving the carousel, maintenance of trail, cleaner fields, adding specific activity areas such as a soccer field. There were many ideas for programming but many responses were related to adding restaurants or coffee shops as well as having outdoor seating. Other ideas related to programming included having larger scale art work like sculpture gardens, and bicycle pump rack. Responses related to economic development and branding included improving the outside area, as well as has more publicity. Comments related to access and circulation included having better connections with Santa Clara Street, and less car traffic.

Some respondents gave examples of successful parks in iconic cities like New York City's Highline, the River Walk in San Antonio, and Downtown San Luis Obispo. Some respondents made it very clear that they do not want to make this area a world-class park, and it should be left the way it is. Other respondents selected that all of the suggestions should be implemented.

Online Survey 2 – Guadalupe River Park Confluence Area Activation Strategy

A second survey associated with this project included nine open end questions raised at the community meeting on October 29, 2015. The survey was active from October 30, 2015 through December 2, 2015. A link to the Power Point presentation was made available on the survey to give context to the project.

Process for Developing Summary

All nine questions in Survey 2 were open-ended questions, which lead to a variety of responses. In order to effectively summarize responses, responses were grouped into distinct categories depending on the question. Categories for question 1 and 2 included homeless/appearance concerns, safety, facilities, programming, natural features, access and circulation, and economic development/branding. For questions 3-9, responses were grouped according to their similarities. Common answers, and themes were highlighted in introductory paragraphs, and other comments were included in a bulleted list. Many responses were off topic, irrelevant to the particular question at hand, and therefore were not summarized. For a full list of responses, please see the Appendix.

The following is a summary of the questions:

The first question was split into two parts:

1)

A) What features do you enjoy the most?

There were a total of 53 responses for this question. Many people enjoyed both the current facilities and natural features of the area. Below are the most common responses:

- » Having an open public gathering space
- » Trails for running, biking or walking
- » Grassy areas
- » Natural elements and history of the area
- » Easy connection to the river and to downtown
- » Common events, like Italian-American festival

B) How can these features be further improved?

The overwhelming common response was to solve the homeless problem as well as address issues of safety. Below are the most common responses:

- » Keep garbage cleaned up, and include more trashcans
- » Include pathway lighting
- » Get rid of unnecessary grassy areas that attract transients
- » Include more active recreation like soccer or basketball courts, and refurbish tennis courts
- » Improve area near playground
- » Create more areas for people to sit, read, or work on laptops
- » More shaded areas
- » Have more events like music in the park, and small scale retail
- » Include areas for food vendors, or coffee shop
- » More central art pieces
- » Improve trail connections

2) What facilities or programming could better improve the park?

Many ideas were presented related to programming as well as for safety and appearance. Many expressed that programming would not be successful if safety is not resolved, or if a solution to the homeless population is not presented. Below are the most common responses:

- » Add more restaurants, and beer gardens
- » Places for people to shop and spend money
- » History walks, or natural walks
- » Yoga, tai chi, or meditation classes
- » Exercise, or boot camp classes, or spin classes
- » Farmers markets
- » Outdoor movies or concerts
- » Exercise/fitness station
- » Rotating public art or public art feature like Serpentine Gallery in London's Kensington Park
- » Annual bike race
- » Create a dog park area
- » More family events
- » Better maintenance of bathroom and water fountain facilities
- » Improve access and connection to the surrounding neighborhoods
- » Fix lighting
- » Want to see more security/police presence
- » Proper upkeep and cleaning, and regular trash clean up

3) What areas of the park are underutilized?

Many responses echoed that the entire park is underutilized. Other common responses are of underutilized areas are where homeless typically are. Below are the most common responses:

- » Areas where the playground and merry go round is
- » Area near tennis courts
- » Area east of the SAP Center which looks dark and uninviting
- » Paths near the water and trees are dominated by the homeless
- » Picnic areas near playground
- » Former ranger station
- » Confluence point and weaver's gift plaza
- » Near Veterans Memorial
- » Confluence Park East and the Arena Green
- » Bathrooms are dominated by homeless

4) What could improve circulation in the Confluence Area?

Again, as in many of the responses, addressing use of the site by the homeless, and helping to maintain cleaner areas, and addressing safety were the most common responses. Below are the most common responses:

- » More access points to the park and more circulation to downtown
- » Partnerships with local businesses, community classes
- » Footbridge that connects the tennis court side to the gift plaza
- » Create more walkable sections
- » A trail loop system
- » Add a crosswalk at Santa Clara Street
- » Create a fully raised crossing along St. John to slow cars
- » Have better wayfinding to guide people to destinations
- » Stone or crushed granite pathways cutting through the area
- » Bicycle streetlights so bicyclists do not have to dismount
- » Not having to cross busy streets

5) We have heard that the Confluence Area lacks identity. What would you do to change that? How would you brand the park?

Responses here varied from changing the game of the park, to partnering with local businesses, to just making it a clean place for people to visit. Below is a list of the most common responses:

- » Connect park identity with city identity—technology, or farming
- » Signature signage
- » Historical programming
- » Major art feature, or visual attraction
- » Look to other major cities like Downton Napa and NYC
- » The identity is based on the homeless population—helping them find services would improve the park, and make it safe
- » Promote the park using social media
- » Use the confluence as a theme for uniting, meeting, and celebrating the creek and nature with a silicon valley component
- » Historical focus and app for cell phones
- » Rename the area Shark Park—more connections to business
- » Rename the area “the meeting spot”
- » Promote more programming like food trucks/’

6) How can the Confluence Area better serve residential park needs?

Safety was a top concern, as well as solutions to the homeless situation. Other common responses were that people need a reason to show up, and that now the negatives outweigh the attractiveness of the park. Below is a list of some of the most common responses:

- » Make it more child friendly
- » Include recreational equipment such as volleyball, badminton, kickball
- » Emphasize natural environment by adding more palm trees, or water-conscious botanic gardens
- » Add a dog park
- » Add shaded seating
- » Exercise stations
- » Meditation garden or meditation paths
- » Tea or coffee shop
- » BBQ or picnic space
- » More lighting
- » More cleanliness

7) How can Confluence Area better serve event needs?

As with question 6, respondents were concerned about safety and security. Some respondents already feel that the park is used appropriately for events. Below is a list of some of the most common responses:

- » Right combination of community involvement, development, public/private partnerships, sponsorships will transform this area especially partnerships with SAP Center
- » Have better press for events
- » Provide regular farmer's markets, show free movies, encourage people to picnic in the park, partner with local ballet, and opera troops
- » Provide more parking
- » Small scale vendors
- » Beer gardens/café/retail
- » Provide more benches and shade, that are both functionally and artistic
- » Dog park
- » Permanent lighting and sound for stage events
- » Make Confluence Point/Weaver's Gift Plaza a food cart/vender/artists area during SAP or park events
- » Provide more after dark lighting
- » Pave the dirt road access along the tennis courts to mitigate dust

8) We have heard that safety is a community concern. What would you do to ensure a safer environment in the Confluence Area?

Many of the responses to this question were similar, and fit into 7 main categories.

- » **More people in the space.** Being surrounded by people brings a sense of security for others
- » **Police presence** in the form of park patrol, either stationed at the ranger station, or mobile, on bikes, or other patrol
- » **More surveillance** in the form of cameras, and illegal activity should be discouraged
- » **Better lighting** throughout the park, including lights on the sidewalk, as well as overhead lights
- » **Infrastructure improvements** like completing the East Side bike path from Palm Street to the Confluence
- » **Better maintenance** Clear out the trash and overgrown bushes, and trim vegetation
- » **Other security measures** such as emergency call boxes, or playing loud music to deter overnight activity

9) What types of improvements are important to you? Rank your top five:

Most people were concerned with safety and security as well as facility improvements and adding more programming. Below are some of the most common responses:

- » Integrated development
- » Community awareness and involvement
- » Facility improvements
- » More retail and shopping
- » Better circulation
- » Less illegal activity
- » Add more events
- » More lighting
- » Activate carousel
- » Activate green areas with family events
- » Regular maintenance
- » Jogging trails and mile markets
- » Coffee carts
- » Recreational games
- » Safety and security
- » Better landscaping, more native planting
- » Movies in the park
- » Restaurants
- » More people using the space
- » Trail connectivity
- » Programming and events
- » Better pedestrian crossings
- » Rotating public art
- » BBQ and grills
- » Pedestrian bridge
- » Seating in plazas
- » Improved social services
- » More tennis courts
- » Evening events in the summer
- » Community exercise classes
- » Central art piece

- » Activation days like (“kite day, roller blade day, etc.)
- » Multi-use sports

Italian Festa

The community outreach event at the Italian Festa on August 29, 2015 provided community members and event goers an opportunity to learn about and provide feedback for the Activation Strategy project. Three large boards were displayed with eight survey questions, as well as a map of the Confluence Area which were used as a jumping off point for discussions. Visitors provided feedback by voting on each question with a dot, or writing in suggestions. The event was relatively well attended, though there was slower than expected foot traffic in the morning, by the afternoon visitation picked up.

The following is a summary of the survey questions:

1) What existing amenities do you like most about the Confluence Area?

- » Visitors liked trails, and events most in the Confluence Area. Many people expressed that they use the space for biking, or walking paths.
- » Visitors also expressed interest in coming to events.
- » One visitor expressed liking lawn areas, and another visitor expressed liking public art.

2) If you could change one thing about the Confluence Area, what would it be?

- » Most visitors wanted to add restrooms to the area. Other visitors expressed wanting more places to sit, mentioning that there are not enough benches, or shaded benches.
- » Other suggestions included reducing dark and shaded areas, making the underpass more inviting by cleaning it up, and adding directional signage. One visitor expressed that he was disoriented in the park, and would have liked to see more signs pointed him in the right direction.
- » Some visitors expressed that they wanted to have the lights turned on at night, and that would help them to feel more safe and secure. Other visitors expressed that they wanted to have more police, and more monitoring of the space for safety reasons.

3) What amenities would you like to see added to the Confluence Area?

- » Of the amenities listed two visitors expressed wanting to see coffee shops, and food venue.
- » One visitor expressed the need for more picnic areas. Another visitor expressed the need for more tennis courts.
- » Another visitor expressed wanting quiet natural spaces.
- » Most visitors wanted to express thoughts on amenities that weren’t listed on the board. Many visitors expressed the need for more parking, especially free parking. One visitor expressed that she was inhibited from coming to the space due to the cost of parking, which on average is about 10-15 dollars a day.
- » A few families expressed the need for more play areas for kids.

- » Another visitor was particularly interested in having more events such as car shows, cooking, and music. She expressed that this would bring people in to the space.
- » Other suggestions included banners promoting the parks and events, and have a broader promotion for events in all Bay Area newspapers, not just in San Jose's newspaper. This visitor expressed that the event was only publicized locally, but could have had a much wider audience if it had been promoted Bay Area wide. Another visitor suggested sand volleyball.

4) What would make the Confluence Area a world-class park?

- » The majority of people wanted to see a stage or amphitheater, or concert venue. Others expressed interest in seeing an iconic structure, bridge or art exhibits.
- » Other suggestions included more parking, more trees, having live music, farmers markets, more trees, and water structure.
- » One visitor mentioned a program called Block by Block, which operates in Oakland. Block by Block members, called ambassadors, are dedicated men and women dedicating to beautifying and improving the neighborhood by providing critical services such as pressure washing, litter removal, and graffiti abatement. Many of these ambassadors are Oakland residents. These services result in increased economic activity, a lower perception of crime, and a greater sense of pride in the community. He expressed that San Jose, and in particular the Confluence Area of Guadalupe River Park could benefit from this type of service both from the litter abatement, and from the security standpoint. Crime is proven to decrease when people feel that the area is being monitored, and that there are more eyes on the street.
- » Other visitors suggested having volunteer clean up days to get rid of the trash.
- » Another suggestion including having local groups and commuters (Caltrain, Lightrail) informed and involved with the park.

5) On average how often do you visit or use the Confluence Area of Guadalupe River Park?

- » A range of different answers were provided for this question, from visiting daily to only visiting occasionally for events.

6) What is your zip code?

- » 95112, 94110, 95125, 95100, 95148

7) If you visit regularly, what do you do most often?

- » Most people mentioned that they attend festivals and events.

Community Meeting October 29, 2015

The community meeting provided an overview of the Activation Strategy project. City staff provided a brief overview of the project which is to develop a strategy to further activate the Guadalupe River Park Confluence Area park space (Confluence) to its greatest potential, recommend the re-purposing of under-used areas, alter the layout and components based on changing demographics, adjacent uses and surrounding development patterns, and define a plan that showcases the study area as a key destination within San José's "Central Park", Guadalupe River Park. Consultants gave a brief overview of the preliminary site analysis, summary of initial stakeholder comments, and public responses to the online survey associated with the project; see PDF of PowerPoint presentation for more details.

Initial identified opportunities and constraints consist of the following needs:

- » Strengthen the user experience
- » Improve connectivity, transportation and accessibility
- » Identify potential activation opportunities
- » Repurpose underused areas
- » Respect resources
- » Give names to destination areas
- » Reach out to the community
- » Redefine a signature park for San Jose

There was discussion about including additional stakeholders to increase representation. Stakeholder groups, by nature, are not an exhaustive list of interested parties but rather a subset to get additional, focused discussion on key components and issues. This said, the City will consider adding additional stakeholders to the list to include additional downtown organizations and residents. It was also clarified that the scope of this work is to create an activation strategy which will identify a range of short- and long-term priorities to improve the use of this area of Guadalupe River Park. Additional studies, meetings, and designs are likely, based on the specific recommendations that will be made in the activation strategy, and funding and cost estimates will need to be further discussed.

There were ongoing discussions and questions during the presentation which left less time for the planned small group discussions. Instead, a single group discussion followed the presentation. Not all the questions were discussed in the remaining time, but the questions were captured in a second online survey to allow for additional comments. The second survey was available on the City's website at:

<https://www.sanjoseca.gov/Facilities/Facility/Details/Guadalupe-River-Park-95>.

The following is a summary of the discussion.

Questions and discussion at the end of the PowerPoint:

- » Add more developers in Stakeholder committee, such as the Alameda Business Association
- » Do a survey at local coffee shops

- » Little Italy Soccer League or Bocce Court
- » Do outreach to visitors of SAP—for example Team San Jose
- » Little Italy landowners would like the City to do more to reach out to them

1)

A. What features of the park do you enjoy most?

- » Amenities of creek
- » Open space
- » Playground
- » Vietnam memorial/benches by memorial
- » Being in touch with nature and being separate from the city
- » Carousel
- » Commercial potential in the area
- » Events
- » Use of the river
- » Skyline
- » Location

B. How can these features be further improved?

- » Thinning the trees near Arena Green playground
- » Add lighting near trail
- » Homelessness is a huge issue but can be solved by having better lighting, and park users engaged in activities
- » Multi-sports field instead of tennis
- » Solve the source of homeless problem
- » Layering types of amenities for different types of users—both quick and longer park visits
- » Adding game tables
- » Convert Ranger Station to coffee house, visitor center, fish hatchery/interpretive center
- » Add color and more open areas
- » Clarify the trail
- » Add signage about locations and distance to locations
- » Add a lake and gondolas
- » Provide multi-use poles with electrical connections for shade, movies, etc.
- » Extend Confluence Point and connect it to the east side of park

2) What facilities or programming could better improve the park?

- » Turn ranger station to coffee shop
- » Tables and benches with checkers or other games
- » Pool near ranger station as a steelhead hatchery
- » Include more color in the park
- » Tie in the pieces of park better
- » Mile markers, or signs for Little Italy—how far you would have to go to get to the location
- » Murals under underpass
- » Lake with gondolas
- » More landscaping
- » Poles for lighting but also for electricity for stage events
- » Stage on park for music and events
- » Bocce courts
- » Weaver Plaza—extend right to confluence---a place to view
- » Activate ranger station: movable feast—to design space for food venues
- » Pop-up venues
- » Continue development of Little Italy
- » Add more benches or picnic tables-not that many on the east side
- » Add seats that are movable
- » Have a place where you can rent umbrellas and chairs for shade
- » Tying merchants with activity
- » Discount of coupon with use of park
- » More retail, container shopping
- » Christmas activation of a park
- » Create different holiday events
- » Engage with people who are coming for SAP—pre events
- » Adult focused? Bar?
- » Movie in the park
- » Another arch near pedestrian bridge: more signage
- » Suggested programming ideas: Movable Feast is interested in using the Ranger Station for a food venue, pop up events, continue Little Italy development
- » Historically the trails have never been connected the way they were planned.
- » Provide movable furniture like Bryant Park in NY or Grand Park in LA
- » Rent bikes or shade/umbrellas
- » Consider season activities

- » Consider container shopping or adding retail like Paseo San Antonio
- » Provide second arch to Little Italy
- » More lighting
- » Provide park identity
- » Look at providing a connection from Julian to Coleman

3) What areas of the park are underutilized

- » Overlook area
- » Tennis courts
- » Along the river—could add restaurants overlooking the river
- » Ranger Station
- » Confluence Point
- » Lawn next to skating public art

4) We have heard that the Guadalupe River Park Confluence Area lacks identity? What would you do to change that? How would you brand the Park?

- » Call it: River Park, The Point, use a Spanish phrase

The following are images from the meeting.

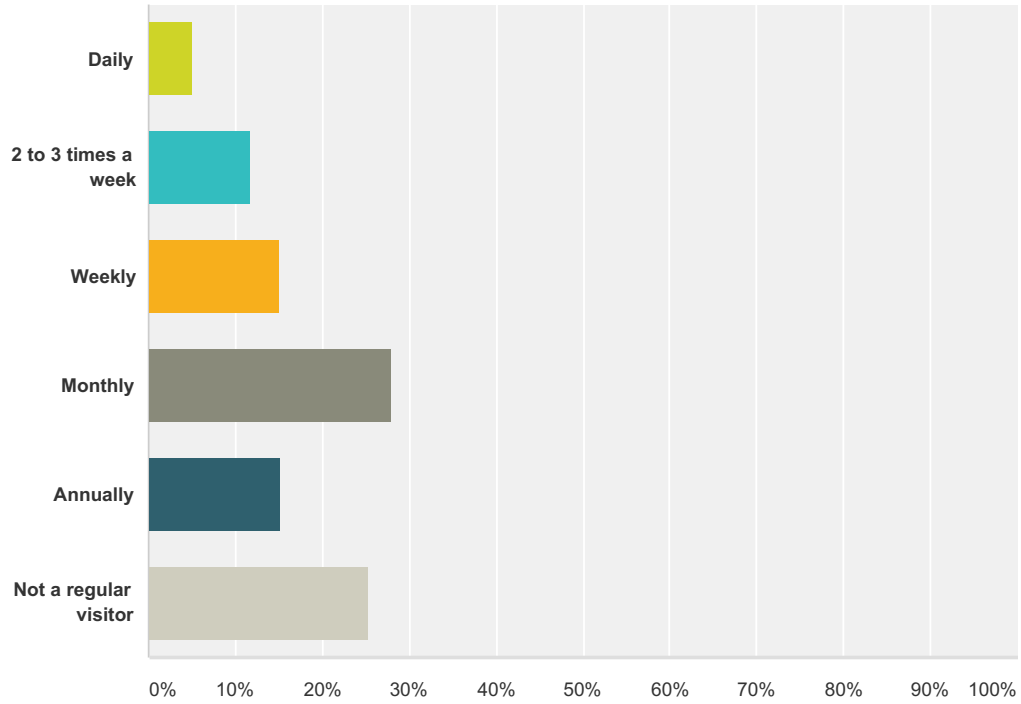


See Appendix D for the full comments from the online surveys.

APPENDIX D: ONLINE SURVEY RESULTS

Q1 On average, how often do you visit or use the Confluence Area of Guadalupe River Park?

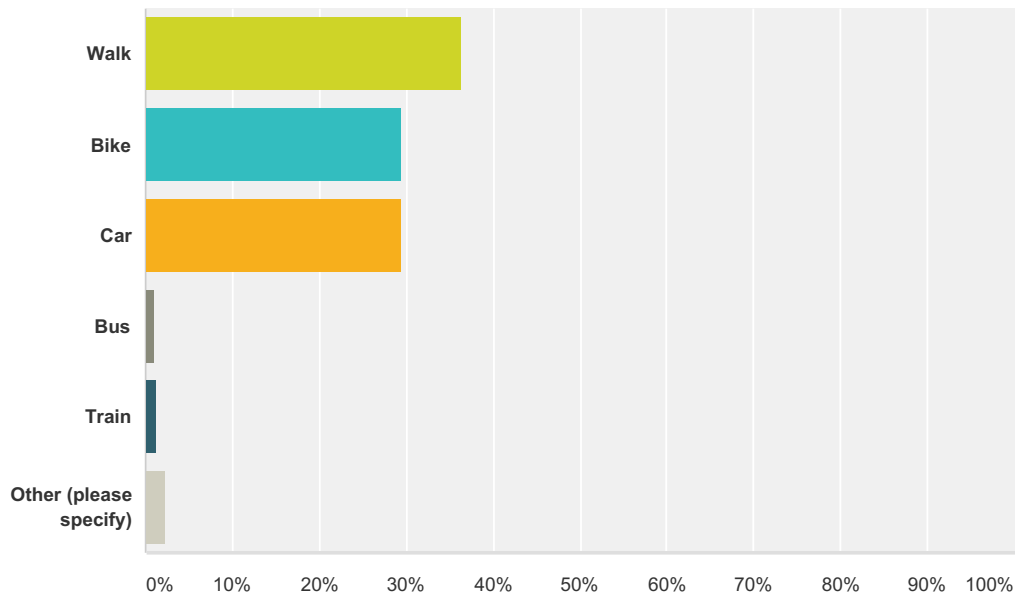
Answered: 301 Skipped: 1



Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Daily	4.98%	15
2 to 3 times a week	11.63%	35
Weekly	14.95%	45
Monthly	27.91%	84
Annually	15.28%	46
Not a regular visitor	25.25%	76
Total		301

Q2 How do you typically get to the Confluence Area?

Answered: 298 Skipped: 4



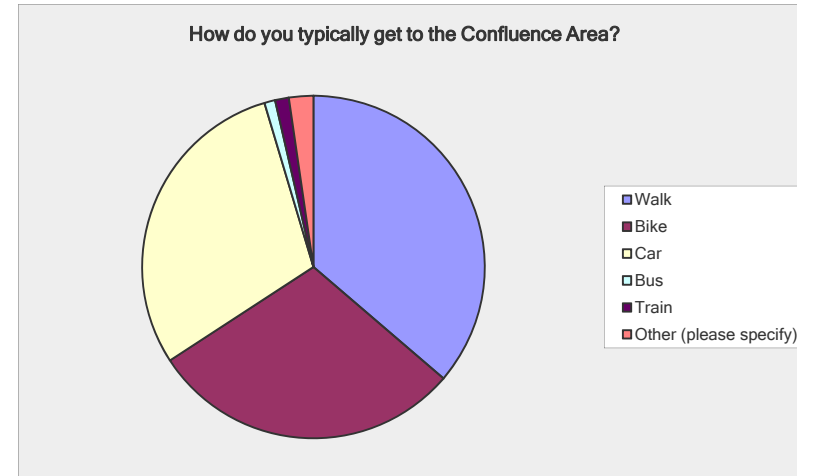
Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Walk	36.24%	108
Bike	29.53%	88
Car	29.53%	88
Bus	1.01%	3
Train	1.34%	4
Other (please specify)	2.35%	7
Total		298

Guadalupe River Park - Confluence Area

How do you typically get to the Confluence Area?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Walk	36.2%	108
Bike	29.5%	88
Car	29.5%	88
Bus	1.0%	3
Train	1.3%	4
Other (please specify)	2.3%	7
<i>answered question</i>		298
<i>skipped question</i>		4

Number	Response Date	Other (please specify)	Categories
1	Nov 4, 2015 4:23 PM	run	
2	Nov 4, 2015 7:37 AM	All of the above	
3	Oct 12, 2015 2:20 AM	Try to walk from Target parking lot. It's not clear how to get over the railroad tracks	
4	Oct 10, 2015 2:25 PM	Have never been to this area	
5	Oct 9, 2015 10:20 PM	drive to downtown (San Pedro area) and then walk	
6	Oct 9, 2015 8:11 PM	light rail	
7	Oct 9, 2015 8:01 PM	Part of a tour group conducted by Guadalupe Park staff	



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What is your zip code?	
Answer Options	Response Count
	302
<i>answered question</i>	302
<i>skipped question</i>	0

Number	Response Date	Response Text	Categorie s
1	Nov 25, 2015 9:15 PM	95120	
2	Nov 25, 2015 5:44 AM	95125	
3	Nov 22, 2015 6:36 PM	95112	
4	Nov 18, 2015 1:03 AM	95111	
5	Nov 18, 2015 12:42 AM	95123	
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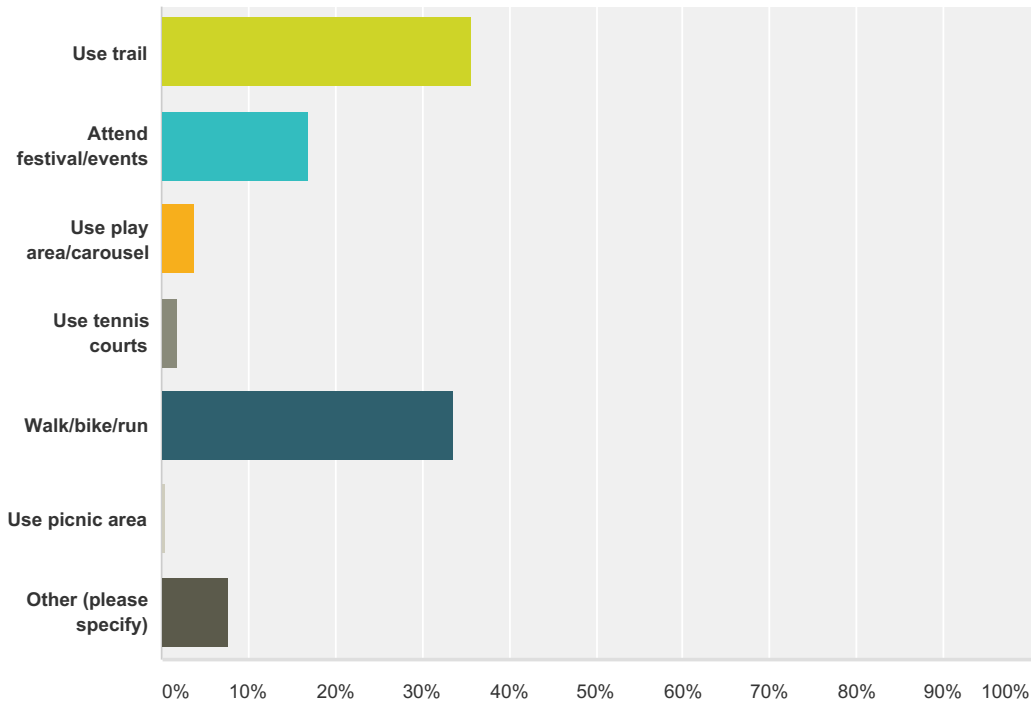
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Q4 If you visit regularly, what do you do most often?

Answered: 271 Skipped: 31



Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Use trail	35.79%	97
Attend festival/events	16.97%	46
Use play area/carousel	3.69%	10
Use tennis courts	1.85%	5
Walk/bike/run	33.58%	91
Use picnic area	0.37%	1
Other (please specify)	7.75%	21
Total		271

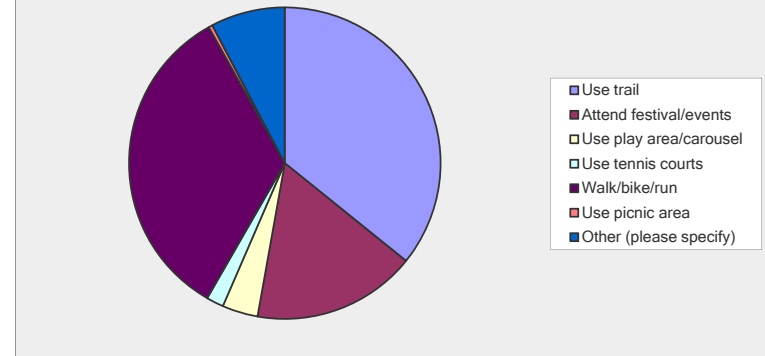
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If you visit regularly, what do you do most often?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Use trail	35.8%	97
Attend festival/events	17.0%	46
Use play area/carousel	3.7%	10
Use tennis courts	1.8%	5
Walk/bike/run	33.6%	91
Use picnic area	0.4%	1
Other (please specify)	7.7%	21
answered question		271
skipped question		31

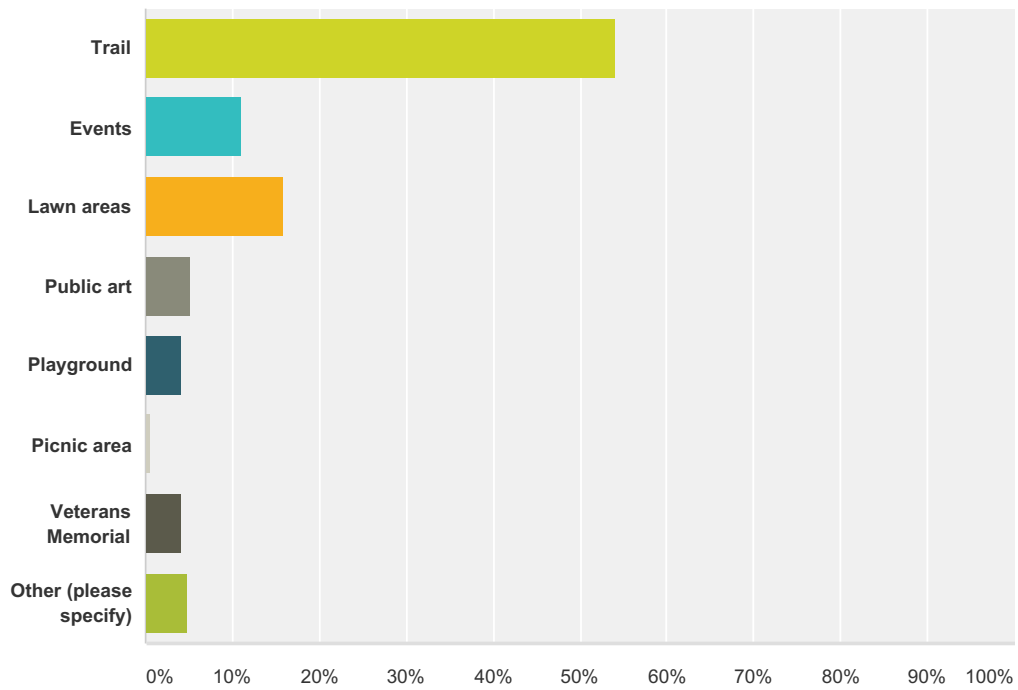
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1	Nov 14, 2015 8:22 PM	I am the ranger there	
2	Nov 4, 2015 7:37 AM	All of the above	
3	Nov 4, 2015 4:26 AM	Since I can't select more than 2 things, I would like to say that I visit to use the trail and attend festival/events.	
4	Nov 4, 2015 3:53 AM	All of above	
5	Nov 3, 2015 10:32 PM	Visit neighbors	
6	Nov 3, 2015 10:02 PM	walk, festivals, trail rarely carousel	
7	Nov 3, 2015 9:15 PM	Go to little Italy businesses and walk around the park	
8	Nov 1, 2015 4:54 PM	Not yet a regular user, but I would enjoy 1. Trail; 2. Walk/bike/run.	
9	Oct 31, 2015 5:01 AM	Visit Paesano's (restaurant)	
10	Oct 30, 2015 11:47 PM	walking dog	
11	Oct 30, 2015 6:48 PM	enjoy open space	
12	Oct 30, 2015 5:22 PM	play catch / hang out on the big lawn next to little italy	
13	Oct 16, 2015 3:37 AM	our house is on the trail - so we generally use the area daily for various activities like running, soccer, relaxing, after dinner walks, etc.	
14	Oct 13, 2015 8:53 PM	I played tennis until the nets went chronically missing a couple of years ago. I had to quit playing there.	
15	Oct 12, 2015 12:00 AM	appointments	
16	Oct 10, 2015 7:52 PM	birding	
17	Oct 10, 2015 3:51 AM	festivals	
18	Oct 10, 2015 2:46 AM	No a regular visitor	
19	Oct 9, 2015 11:15 PM	Passing through.	
20	Oct 9, 2015 9:03 PM	walk dogs	
21	Oct 9, 2015 8:01 PM	I don't visit regularly.	

If you visit regularly, what do you do most often?



Q5 What existing amenity do you like most about the Confluence Area?

Answered: 290 Skipped: 12



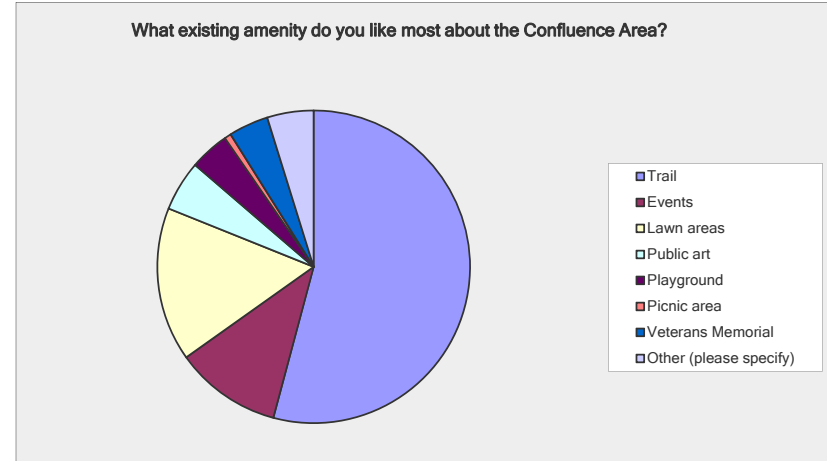
Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Trail	54.14%	157
Events	11.03%	32
Lawn areas	15.86%	46
Public art	5.17%	15
Playground	4.14%	12
Picnic area	0.69%	2
Veterans Memorial	4.14%	12
Other (please specify)	4.83%	14
Total		290

Guadalupe River Park - Confluence Area

What existing amenity do you like most about the Confluence Area?

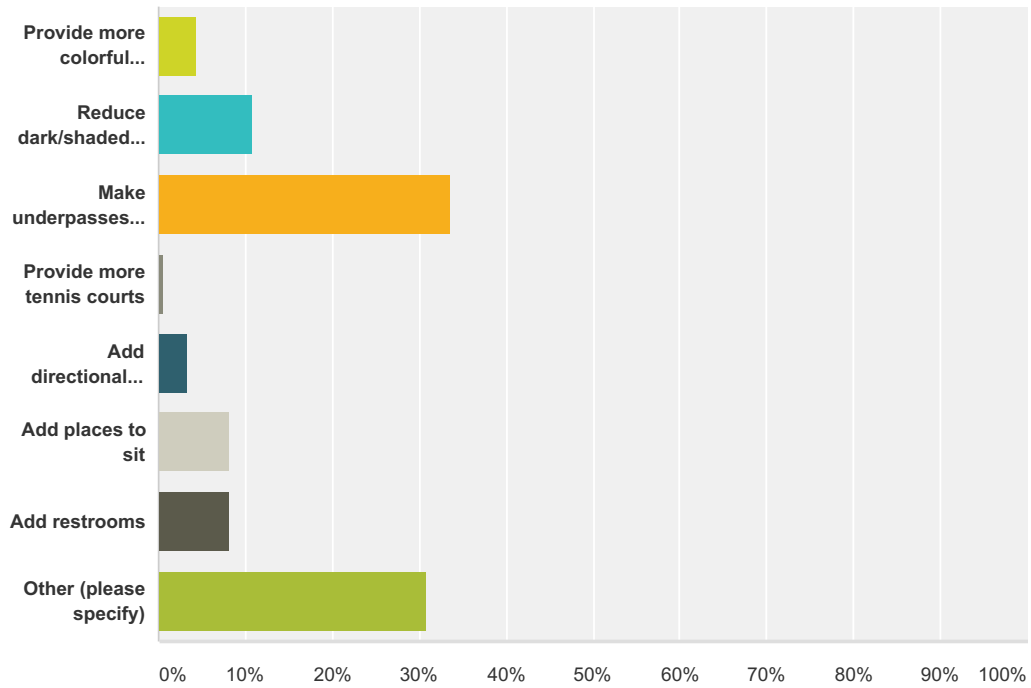
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Trail	54.1%	157
Events	11.0%	32
Lawn areas	15.9%	46
Public art	5.2%	15
Playground	4.1%	12
Picnic area	0.7%	2
Veterans Memorial	4.1%	12
Other (please specify)	4.8%	14
answered question		290
skipped question		12

Number	Response Date	Other (please specify)	Categories
1	Nov 8, 2015 3:11 AM	None...maybe the homeless	
2	Nov 4, 2015 11:22 PM	Tennis Courts	
3	Nov 4, 2015 7:37 AM	all of the above	
5	Nov 4, 2015 4:26 AM	The River. Please focus on the rivers.	
6	Nov 4, 2015 12:40 AM	The ranger station	
7	Oct 31, 2015 1:18 AM	Creek, wildlife	
8	Oct 30, 2015 4:18 PM	All the above	
9	Oct 30, 2015 3:54 PM	Carousel	
10	Oct 16, 2015 3:37 AM	i like the tennis courts and activity areas	
11	Oct 10, 2015 7:52 PM	Nature	
12	Oct 10, 2015 1:12 AM	natural areas with birds, native plants, fresh air	
13	Oct 10, 2015 1:04 AM	places to sit	
14	Oct 9, 2015 8:43 PM	trail and lawn areas	



Q6 If you could change one thing about the Confluence Area, what would it be?

Answered: 295 Skipped: 7

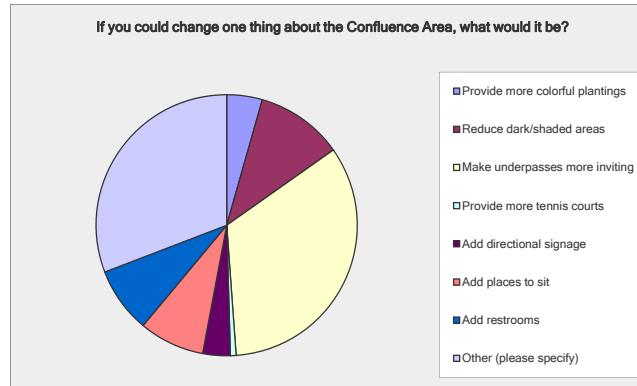


Answer Choices	Responses
Provide more colorful plantings	4.41% 13
Reduce dark/shaded areas	10.85% 32
Make underpasses more inviting	33.56% 99
Provide more tennis courts	0.68% 2
Add directional signage	3.39% 10
Add places to sit	8.14% 24
Add restrooms	8.14% 24
Other (please specify)	30.85% 91
Total	295

Guadalupe River Park - Confluence Area

If you could change one thing about the Confluence Area, what would it be?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Provide more colorful plantings	4.4%	13
Reduce dark/shaded areas	10.8%	32
Make underpasses more inviting	33.6%	99
Provide more tennis courts	0.7%	2
Add directional signage	3.4%	10
Add places to sit	8.1%	24
Add restrooms	8.1%	24
Other (please specify)	30.8%	91
<i>answered question</i>		295
<i>skipped question</i>		7



Number	Response Date	Other (please specify)	Categories
1	Nov 25, 2015 9:15 PM	Add centralized parking	
2	Nov 25, 2015 5:44 AM	Make it feel safer and have purpose	
3	Nov 16, 2015 11:33 PM	Reduce homeless population hanging out	
4	Nov 14, 2015 1:04 AM	Add a parking lot	
5	Nov 13, 2015 8:29 AM	Way too many homeless people. Doesn't feel safe at times.	
6	Nov 8, 2015 3:11 AM	All of the above....any of the above	
7	Nov 6, 2015 5:35 PM	More events and small scale vendors	
8	Nov 5, 2015 8:41 PM	all of the above	
9	Nov 4, 2015 11:22 PM	Less homeless :(
10	Nov 4, 2015 10:14 PM	Install a "tridge", foot bridge linking Arena Green, Confluence Point, and Little Italy Park	
11	Nov 4, 2015 6:04 PM	Get rid of the sketchy people hanging out there	
12	Nov 4, 2015 3:31 PM	homeless	
13	Nov 4, 2015 10:04 AM	Less homeless and graffiti	
14	Nov 4, 2015 7:59 AM		
15	Nov 4, 2015 7:37 AM	all of the above	
16	Nov 4, 2015 7:35 AM	Signature art piece	
17	Nov 4, 2015 6:12 AM	More shade	
18	Nov 4, 2015 4:33 AM	more dark safe areas	
19	Nov 4, 2015 4:26 AM	Have more ambitions. A large square, no homeless people, and an actual river would be great.	
20	Nov 4, 2015 2:04 AM	Get rid of the homeless people who camp along the trail	
21	Nov 4, 2015 12:45 AM	make water a more impactful feature. Can we create a small lake where the 2 creeks meet? An outdoor amphitheater for concerts?	
22	Nov 4, 2015 12:35 AM	fix up play area	
23	Nov 4, 2015 12:20 AM	programming	
24	Nov 3, 2015 10:32 PM	The photos surrounding carousel do not blend in, and are not inviting.	
25	Nov 3, 2015 10:24 PM	Activate the space - Food Trucks	
26	Nov 3, 2015 9:56 PM	Public art, statues, interactive art	
27	Nov 3, 2015 8:30 PM	refurbish playground	
28	Nov 3, 2015 4:03 PM	Make it less hospitable for the homeless	
29	Nov 3, 2015 2:42 PM	Reduce residents in the park and make it more friendly and safe. Blue Emergency lights	
30	Nov 3, 2015 2:23 PM	Add another pedestrian bridge to connect the playground side to the tennis side	
31	Nov 2, 2015 10:28 PM	Remove the scary people who sleep and do drugs at the park.	
32	Nov 2, 2015 8:59 PM	Bring more people by adding dense new development nearby	
33	Nov 2, 2015 6:15 PM	Reduce dark/ areas and increased feeling of safety. More neighborhood festivals or gathering would increase neighborhood pride. Park next to SAP is really dark.	

34 **Nov 2, 2015 5:35 PM** any improvement to make people feel it is comfortable & inviting would be wonderful

35 **Nov 1, 2015 11:38 PM** Plant and label more CA native plants

36 **Nov 1, 2015 4:35 AM** Develop the little Italian area - more interface with the area

37 **Oct 31, 2015 7:51 PM** More trees for shade

38 **Oct 31, 2015 5:57 PM** Make it more family friendly and safe, fix the park

39 **Oct 31, 2015 1:32 PM** Remove homelessness

40 **Oct 31, 2015 7:11 AM** Increase safety

41 **Oct 31, 2015 6:43 AM** Provide space for vegetable gardens for the 1000's of residents that live locally in condominiums and apartments. These would insure daily visits by these local r

42 **Oct 31, 2015 6:06 AM** Add Coffee shop in old visitor center

43 **Oct 31, 2015 3:30 AM** Get rid of the homeless

44 **Oct 31, 2015 1:59 AM** It's fine the way it is. Great cities need open space. The open area allows flexible uses.

45 **Oct 31, 2015 1:18 AM** Get rid of the homeless who are living there, enable people to walk down to the confluence and have a viewing area there. We aren't really trying to maximize cre

46 **Oct 30, 2015 11:47 PM** clean up dead vegetation, mainly in creek bed...very unattractive as is, could/should be showpiece

47 **Oct 30, 2015 10:12 PM** Have better connections between different areas of the Confluence Park. It would be nice to have a bridge from Arena Green towards the tennis courts so you dor

48 **Oct 30, 2015 7:57 PM** better divider on Julian. Park just seems like a lawn into traffic.

49 **Oct 30, 2015 6:56 PM** Make it safer. Clean up homeless population.

50 **Oct 30, 2015 6:48 PM** Reroute airplanes.

51 **Oct 30, 2015 6:37 PM** huge dog park

52 **Oct 30, 2015 4:34 PM** More art and cafes/beer gardens/coffee

53 **Oct 30, 2015 4:22 PM** Complete the trail path

54 **Oct 30, 2015 3:44 PM** The bridge is charming, but doesn't really go anywhere. Extend over to the main trail?

55 **Oct 30, 2015 3:32 PM** parking

56 **Oct 29, 2015 5:49 PM** Activation, public-private partnership to develop neighborhood serving retail, community use areas, creative office space

57 **Oct 22, 2015 3:51 AM** 1. trail connections are not good, signage needed; 2. Restrooms needed; 3) picnic tables/BBQ needed; 4) vendors (coffee/cafe, food, etc.)

58 **Oct 20, 2015 6:49 PM** Keep it up better. It hasn't always been clean. Also, I never see the carousel running. It might be more inviting if it did and there were more families there

59 **Oct 20, 2015 12:56 AM** have trail crossing under Julian St to avoid the traffic light

60 **Oct 16, 2015 3:37 AM** underpasses more inviting as well as removal of dark places. as i'm sure you know, the area is a haven for homeless and can be very suspect in the dark. lights, r

61 **Oct 16, 2015 2:49 AM** Work to alleviate homeless encampments on benches along the path

62 **Oct 14, 2015 2:32 PM** keep carousel open

63 **Oct 14, 2015 4:45 AM** connect the trail: Arena : Confluence Pt : Guad Trail & Little Italy

64 **Oct 13, 2015 8:53 PM** Get rid of homeless and vagrants

65 **Oct 12, 2015 9:44 AM** Reduce transient activity.

66 **Oct 12, 2015 4:44 AM** natural areas

67 **Oct 11, 2015 9:24 PM** Remove the drug addicts and the homeless. Tall order, I know, but that whole place scares me every day I walk there. I wish there was somewhere else for them

68 **Oct 11, 2015 5:00 AM** Create a California Native plant garden to spotlight low water use/wildlife habitat gardening

69 **Oct 11, 2015 12:35 AM** Plant more California native plants

70 **Oct 10, 2015 8:33 PM** The name. The area is not inviting.

71 **Oct 10, 2015 7:52 PM** enhance nature

72 **Oct 10, 2015 5:39 PM** Native California Wildlife Garden

73 **Oct 10, 2015 3:07 PM** Get rid of homeless camps so I feel safe going there.

74 **Oct 10, 2015 3:53 AM** Reduce trash/pollution

75 **Oct 10, 2015 3:51 AM** tot lot, kids area, exercise area

76 **Oct 10, 2015 2:50 AM** manage the homeless issue / associated rubbish better

77 **Oct 10, 2015 2:32 AM** Clean up homeless

78 **Oct 10, 2015 1:12 AM** bird-friendly, butterfly-friendly demonstration garden

79 **Oct 10, 2015 12:32 AM** increase shaded areas. plant more trees

80 **Oct 9, 2015 11:28 PM** Move the homeless.

81 **Oct 9, 2015 11:15 PM** Reduce homeless presence.

82 **Oct 9, 2015 10:35 PM** Make it safer--get rid of all the homeless and drug users

83 **Oct 9, 2015 9:24 PM** My wife feels threatened by the transient population

84 **Oct 9, 2015 9:23 PM** Dog park

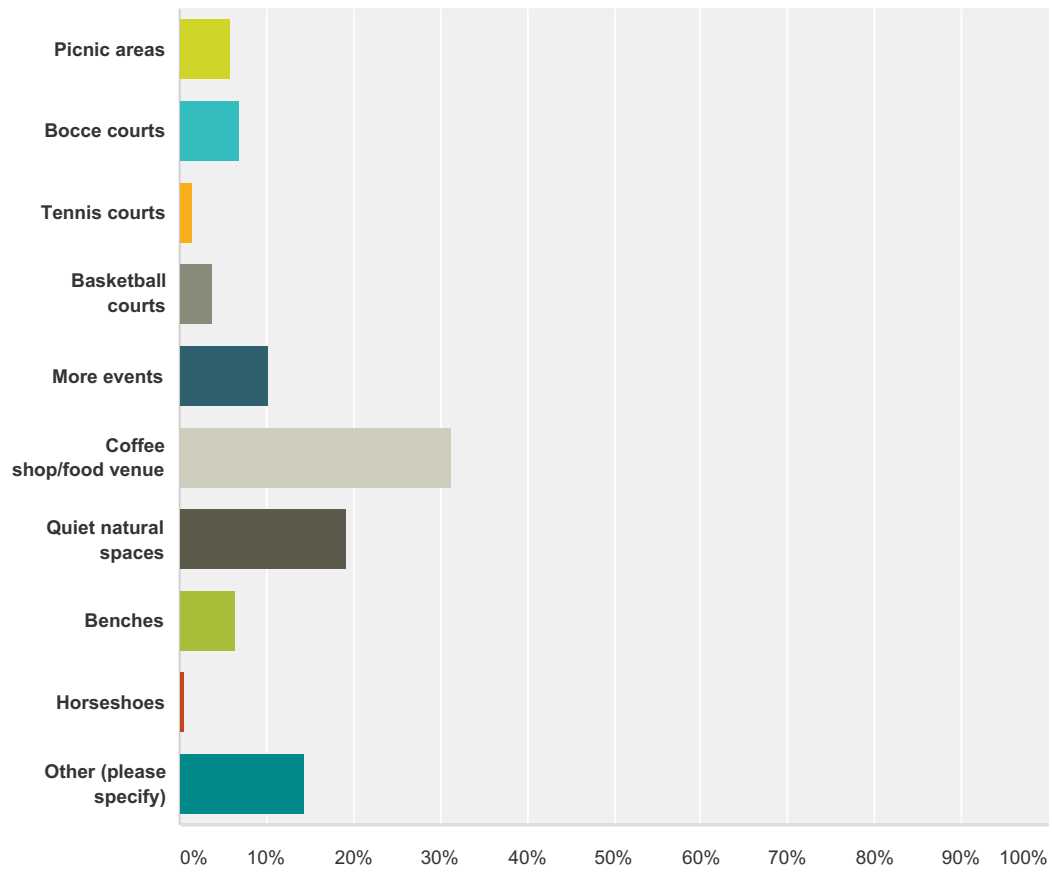
85 **Oct 9, 2015 9:22 PM** If you can't afford to operate the carousel, remove it. Having it closed and disused drags down the whole area. Same goes for the play area. It is sadly not maintai

86 **Oct 9, 2015 9:03 PM** Keep open space for nature!

87 **Oct 9, 2015 8:45 PM** Free parking

Q7 What amenities would you like to see added to the Confluence Area?

Answered: 293 Skipped: 9

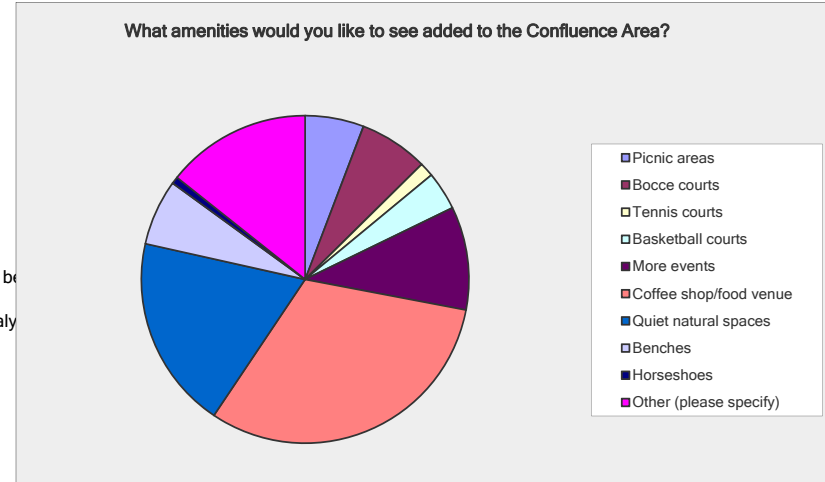


Answer Choices	Responses
Picnic areas	5.80% 17
Bocce courts	6.83% 20
Tennis courts	1.37% 4
Basketball courts	3.75% 11
More events	10.24% 30
Coffee shop/food venue	31.40% 92
Quiet natural spaces	19.11% 56
Benches	6.48% 19
Horseshoes	0.68% 2
Other (please specify)	14.33% 42
Total	293

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What amenities would you like to see added to the Confluence Area?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Picnic areas	5.8%	17
Bocce courts	6.8%	20
Tennis courts	1.4%	4
Basketball courts	3.8%	11
More events	10.2%	30
Coffee shop/food venue	31.4%	92
Quiet natural spaces	19.1%	56
Benches	6.5%	19
Horseshoes	0.7%	2
Other (please specify)	14.3%	42
<i>answered question</i>		293
<i>skipped question</i>		9

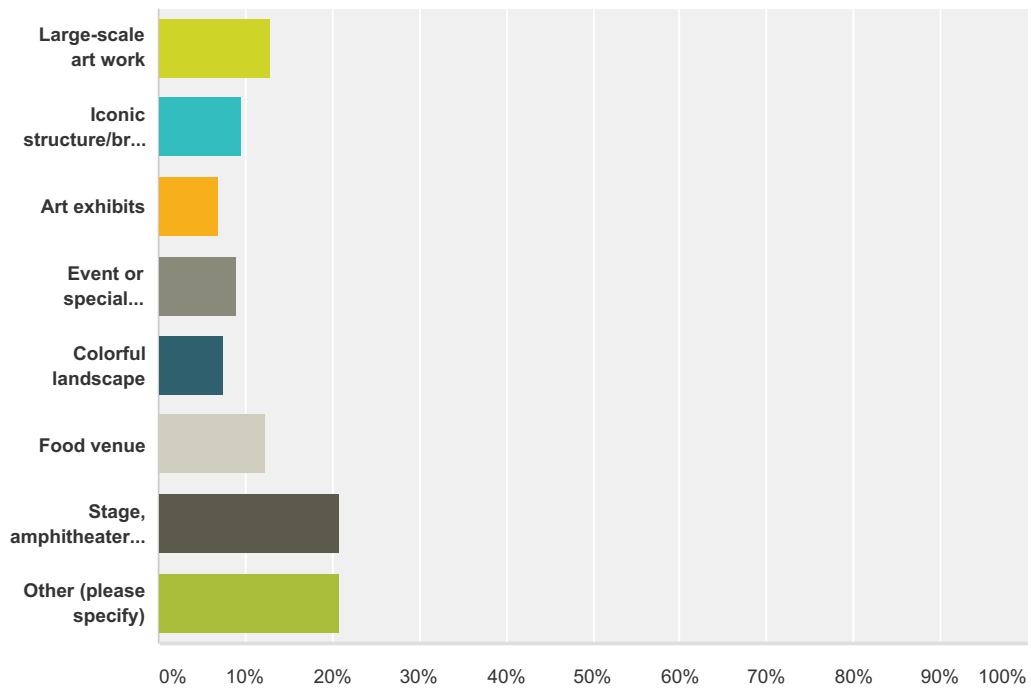
Number	Response Date	Other (please specify)	Categories
1	Nov 22, 2015 6:36 PM	This question only allows one choice. I mentioned this b	
2	Nov 17, 2015 10:36 PM	Night time lighting and security	
3	Nov 13, 2015 11:31 PM	Reminder that there is already a coffee shop in Little Italy	
4	Nov 8, 2015 3:11 AM	Safety to the rest of the trail instead of in 1 small area	
5	Nov 5, 2015 8:41 PM	all of the above	
6	Nov 4, 2015 7:37 AM	all of the above	
7	Nov 4, 2015 7:35 AM	Plaza	
8	Nov 4, 2015 4:09 AM	wider trail	
9	Nov 4, 2015 3:03 AM	Dog park	
10	Nov 4, 2015 12:22 AM	A safer environment	
11	Nov 3, 2015 10:32 PM	Art movement	
12	Nov 3, 2015 2:23 PM	Vegetable gardens or full time park ranger at the building on Santa Clara St overlooking the river	
13	Nov 2, 2015 5:35 PM	any or all of the above would benefit the space	
14	Oct 31, 2015 1:32 PM	Integrate little Italy, promote festivals and races (running), improve safety by removing long term loitering, push for more water features	
15	Oct 31, 2015 6:43 AM	A community vegetable garden	
16	Oct 31, 2015 1:59 AM	Please don't turn this into another rec area.	
17	Oct 31, 2015 1:18 AM	I want food, quiet spaces, and basketball. NO PARKING LOT NEXT TO TENNIS COURTS. THAT IS INSANE	
18	Oct 30, 2015 11:47 PM	? restrooms? But unfortunately, instead of using and appreciating them, some homeless trash them	
19	Oct 30, 2015 7:49 PM	I would like to see Bocce Courts and Coffee/food Shops!	
20	Oct 30, 2015 6:48 PM	Fewer events. Far too often when we visit, the area is over-run with some slick marathon or fair.	
21	Oct 30, 2015 6:04 PM	Both food and coffee venues, and picnic tables and grills.	
22	Oct 30, 2015 5:42 PM	Enclosed grass area for dogs	
23	Oct 30, 2015 4:18 PM	Unable to choose multiples!	
24	Oct 30, 2015 4:01 PM	Safety of this space. We live fairly close, but I would go different trail for the walk, bike with family because I do not feel safe.	
25	Oct 30, 2015 3:32 PM	Benches and Bocce Ct	
26	Oct 22, 2015 3:51 AM	What ever it takes to bring more people to the park. My wife would go daily if she felt safe (more people = safety)	
27	Oct 14, 2015 2:32 PM	more walking paths, bridge over river to connect to trail	
28	Oct 14, 2015 4:45 AM	trail bridge over the Guadalupe River	
29	Oct 14, 2015 2:51 AM	bicycle pump track	
30	Oct 13, 2015 8:53 PM	Garden areas	
31	Oct 12, 2015 5:42 AM	plantings that attract birds and butterflies	
32	Oct 12, 2015 4:44 AM	natural exhibits	
33	Oct 12, 2015 12:00 AM	walking trail	



34	Oct 10, 2015 5:39 PM	Native California Wildlife Garden
35	Oct 10, 2015 3:07 PM	Connect trail to north San Jose so my partner can bike to work safely
36	Oct 10, 2015 12:33 AM	No opinion
37	Oct 10, 2015 12:32 AM	bathroom
38	Oct 9, 2015 11:42 PM	Re-open the carousel!
39	Oct 9, 2015 11:28 PM	Something similar to river walk in San Antonio, Tx
40	Oct 9, 2015 11:15 PM	Parallel dirt trail for running (better for knees).
41	Oct 9, 2015 10:49 PM	not sure
42	Oct 9, 2015 9:22 PM	Anything as long as there is funds & plans to keep it well maintained.

Q8 What would make the Confluence Area a world-class park?

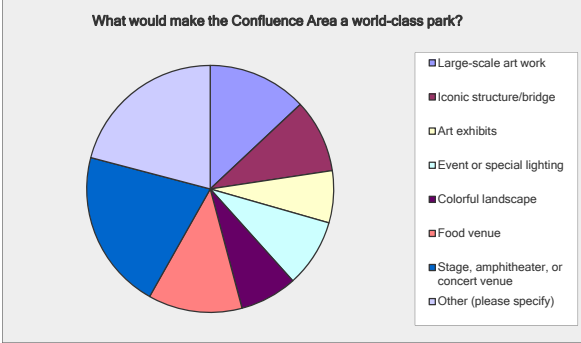
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Answer Choices	Responses
Large-scale art work	13.01% 38
Iconic structure/bridge	9.59% 28
Art exhibits	6.85% 20
Event or special lighting	8.90% 26
Colorful landscape	7.53% 22
Food venue	12.33% 36
Stage, amphitheater, or concert venue	20.89% 61
Other (please specify)	20.89% 61
Total	292

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What would make the Confluence Area a world-class park?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Large-scale art work	13.0%	38
Iconic structure/bridge	9.6%	28
Art exhibits	6.8%	20
Event or special lighting	8.9%	26
Colorful landscape	7.5%	22
Food venue	12.3%	36
Stage, amphitheater, or concert venue	20.9%	61
Other (please specify)	20.9%	61
answered question		292
skipped question		10



Number	Response Date	Other (please specify)	Categories
1	Nov 17, 2015 8:57 PM	better connection with Santa Clara Street	
2	Nov 13, 2015 8:29 AM	Emphasize the nature - it's an excellent location for a true public San Jose botanic garden. Add teahouse, restaurants, and other venues to bring in more visitors. Not enough	
3	Nov 8, 2015 3:11 AM	Less homeless towns setup along the trail leading up to the park	
4	Nov 7, 2015 12:09 AM	More of a community focus - try moving things from St. James/etc.	
5	Nov 5, 2015 8:41 PM	all of the above	
6	Nov 4, 2015 6:04 PM	Make it a safe place for families	
7	Nov 4, 2015 7:59 AM	beautiful scenery/garden/bocce or concrete ping pong tables	
8	Nov 4, 2015 4:52 AM	None of these	
9	Nov 4, 2015 4:33 AM	free condoms	
10	Nov 4, 2015 4:26 AM	I would like to make more than one selections. Large-scale art work, iconic structure/bridge, amphitheater would be my three choices. Think BIG!!	
11	Nov 4, 2015 4:09 AM	don't make it world-class, just make it good	
12	Nov 4, 2015 12:41 AM	A beautiful, model landscape for drought-affected areas	
13	Nov 4, 2015 12:35 AM	community gathering space	
14	Nov 3, 2015 8:30 PM	Shade structures to make events more pleasant	
15	Nov 3, 2015 2:23 PM	Undergrounding Highway 87 to truly connect downtown with it's central park	
16	Nov 2, 2015 5:35 PM	make it clean and inviting - then any and all of the above	
17	Nov 1, 2015 11:38 PM	state of the art Native Plant botanical garden	
18	Oct 31, 2015 3:40 PM	don't try to make it world class	
19	Oct 31, 2015 1:32 PM	Outdoor amphitheater hampered by airport, but integrating park into little Italy and hosting frequent small art, wine, cultural events would be great. Make area an entrance gat	
20	Oct 31, 2015 7:11 AM	Safer gathering places and play areas	
21	Oct 31, 2015 6:43 AM	A community vegetable garden	
22	Oct 31, 2015 1:59 AM	It's beautiful now.	
23	Oct 30, 2015 11:47 PM	as above, clean up vegetation...ordered, natural vegetation. Not dead trees with trash hanging in them in creek bed	
24	Oct 30, 2015 9:03 PM	Keep it natural but tidy	
25	Oct 30, 2015 6:56 PM	I think it is a combination of things but it requires things that will keep the community coming on a daily basis.	
26	Oct 30, 2015 6:48 PM	Surround it with a world-class city	
27	Oct 30, 2015 6:03 PM	Wonderful, well kept, trails, park and water	
28	Oct 30, 2015 4:51 PM	It would need to be a combination. Start with food venue with outdoor seating and large-scale art work.	
29	Oct 30, 2015 4:01 PM	Somehow feel safe. More light at night?	
30	Oct 30, 2015 3:54 PM	Moving the carousel to better location And adding food/drink vendors like European cities	
31	Oct 22, 2015 3:51 AM	Art, food venues (like in Mexico and Europe), concert venue such as the bandshell in SF.	
32	Oct 20, 2015 6:49 PM	Clean, inviting, family-friendly events, families spending time there will bring more families. Food would help, but it has to be good. Not chips and soda. Also, better resources	
33	Oct 18, 2015 6:09 PM	Making the River walk the focus- think San Antonio, downtown San Luis Obispo, people love to walk/bike near water of any sort, even when water source is dry.	
34	Oct 16, 2015 3:37 AM	specific activity areas; soccer field, "locked & patrolled" community garden, bocce courts, more seating, game tables, etc.	
35	Oct 14, 2015 5:00 PM	monarch gardens/native plants	

36	Oct 14, 2015 2:32 PM	Sculpture garden
37	Oct 14, 2015 4:45 AM	connectivity: N-S but also E-W
38	Oct 14, 2015 2:51 AM	bicycle pump track
39	Oct 12, 2015 5:42 AM	well designed and maintained locally native plant arboretum style garden
40	Oct 11, 2015 9:24 PM	No idea.
41	Oct 11, 2015 5:00 AM	Better publicity for it/more people using it
42	Oct 10, 2015 8:33 PM	All of the above
43	Oct 10, 2015 7:52 PM	nature
44	Oct 10, 2015 5:39 PM	Garden that shows off our local flora and fauna
45	Oct 10, 2015 2:18 PM	Extensive native plants area, bird&butterfly gardens
46	Oct 10, 2015 5:01 AM	Maintenece of trail.
47	Oct 10, 2015 4:18 AM	outdoor cafes
48	Oct 10, 2015 3:53 AM	lots of people in apts nearby looking for open space
49	Oct 10, 2015 1:12 AM	landscape that shows off our rivers and creeks
50	Oct 10, 2015 1:04 AM	All of the above
51	Oct 9, 2015 11:15 PM	Less homeless presence.
52	Oct 9, 2015 10:21 PM	Less car traffic
53	Oct 9, 2015 9:24 PM	The feeling of safety as you're walking the trails
54	Oct 9, 2015 9:22 PM	I think as the surrounding area improves, the park itself will improve
55	Oct 9, 2015 9:03 PM	quiet natural areas!!!!
56	Oct 9, 2015 8:43 PM	event, special lighting and food
57	Oct 9, 2015 8:06 PM	LEAVE IT THE WAY IT IS.
58	Oct 9, 2015 8:04 PM	People. It is a good park, but it lacks crowds to make it feel safe and inviting.
59	Oct 9, 2015 8:03 PM	Get rid of the homeless and do a large scale remodel of the area to make the environment more inviting.
60	Oct 9, 2015 8:01 PM	More natural areas that will attract wildlife (not the human kind). Bring back the beavers and whatever other wild animals might be able to survive in what used to be a beaut
61	Oct 9, 2015 7:55 PM	connecting well lighted trails with outdoor eating, resting, stage areas, water walk

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Q1 What features of the park do you enjoy the most? How can these features be further improved?

Answered: 53 Skipped: 3

#	Responses	Date
1	Open green lawn spaces. NEED people there consistently (too many homeless campers)	11/30/2015 8:16 AM
2	just having public open gathering space is a city asset! festivals and special public events like Pumpkins in the Park are great for the community	11/23/2015 4:58 PM
3	The trails. I really enjoy running, however the dark shaded areas allow for illegal activity to take place. There isn't much regulation over the park.	11/16/2015 10:00 AM
4	tennis courts. They could have a sign up system maybe? Or maybe add more courts?	11/14/2015 10:52 PM
5	love the large big areas but would like more seating as one walk around the park.	11/14/2015 6:56 PM
6	The picnic area near the Việt Nam Memorial and the wooden bridges to the Merry Go Round	11/13/2015 8:57 PM
7	The natural elements and history of the area are great, but at the moment a lot of it is boring grass. Consider water-wise example gardens, botanic gardens and community farms to better emphasize and utilize the natural environment.	11/13/2015 1:14 AM
8	open grass for the dogs, bike path, educational signs, festivals and running events	11/9/2015 10:23 PM
9	I enjoy the Confluence Park East most, but think the Arena Green area is great, except the Homeless population has made it impossible to truly enjoy	11/9/2015 10:15 AM
10	The grass, the neighborhood feel and so close to Axis	11/7/2015 11:27 AM
11	The trail. Connecting the trail so you dont have to cross to the other side. My biggest impediment to using the trail is not feeling safe. Its deserted and there are lots of homeless people around.	11/7/2015 7:23 AM
12	Seating areas, lawn area, events, trail. These all work well but there is little to activate this area. The surroundings have their back to the area and it can feel isolated. Need more activity and small scale vendors.	11/6/2015 9:45 AM
13	Enjoy Lawn/open space Connection to river View of downtown Improve Not too colorful Playground not necessary No real interaction between the SAP and the park - lost opportunity Daylight bridge over Coyote Creek More seating closer to streets needed	11/5/2015 1:37 PM
14	Music in the park, festivals. Maybe condensing the Jazz festival so that it becomes more family friendly.	11/5/2015 11:23 AM
15	Tennis, walking, bike riding	11/4/2015 9:17 PM
16	I like taking my grand kids to the park playground and they run in the grassy area of confluence park east. We can't visit if my husband isn't with us because it's unsafe with mentally disturbed men and women cursing and scaring the kids.	11/4/2015 6:17 PM
17	Greenbelts. Walking trails	11/4/2015 5:41 PM
18	walking along the path	11/4/2015 4:59 PM
19	Really enjoy walking the dogs on the path and attending events in the park. Really dislike dealing with sometimes aggressive homeless people.	11/4/2015 4:42 PM
20	Tennis courts and the park and the Guadalupe park trail are the things I use the most.	11/4/2015 2:40 PM
21	Bike and hiking trails. Finish entire trails on both sides of Guadalupe	11/4/2015 2:39 PM
22	I use the trails for running/walking. Perhaps some of the smaller races could use them? I also enjoy when there are events such as the Italian festival	11/4/2015 2:29 PM
23	The "great lawn." Possibly a large-scale art piece, in good taste.	11/4/2015 1:37 PM
24	Tennis court, grass area.	11/4/2015 1:14 PM
25	walkways & bike paths, events in the park, grassy areas, tennis courts. free these areas from homeless & their things	11/4/2015 1:10 PM
26	The ability to take a walk in downtown. It can be improved by ensuring that it is safe (no homeless or criminals)	11/4/2015 12:28 PM

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27	grass, children's playarea	11/4/2015 12:22 PM
28	running path, biking path	11/4/2015 12:19 PM
29	The green space on the east side of park.	11/4/2015 12:15 PM
30	Basketball courts, mini soccer court	11/4/2015 12:03 PM
31	My favorite part is the focus on the natural and historical parts of San Jose -- the parts most overlooked by those who think the whole area is just "Silicon Valley"	11/4/2015 12:01 PM
32	Love the winding paths and grass areas. Downside is the amount of homeless living in the creek and sleeping in the parks	11/4/2015 11:54 AM
33	I frequently use the park to run. The trails are in nice condition, but there are too many areas without any tree cover. This makes running on a sunny day less appealing than using the Los Gatos Creek Trail, which provides large sections of tree shade.	11/4/2015 11:49 AM
34	None of them as I feel that it is an isolated area and thus don't want to go there.	11/4/2015 11:49 AM
35	Bike paths. They can be improved by keeping them clean of debris and clear of loitering homeless, construction crews, and maintenance vehicles. Stop closing the park/paths for events.	11/4/2015 11:48 AM
36	Tennis courts - they are reasonably well maintained. It would be great if we could have the third court from the north side also get a net, and try and build a maintenance schedule for them, so things like cracks could be fixed, and they cleaned regularly.	11/4/2015 11:45 AM
37	I mainly use the trail for biking. Would like to see the landscaping repaired/improved, keep garbage cleaned up, homeless encampments in check.	11/4/2015 11:22 AM
38	The trail. The trail could be completed on at least one side, especially on the Northern side (near SAP center to Target).	11/3/2015 6:54 PM
39	The path - I walk through it on my way to other places. Area does not feel safe - better lighting. Could be a great place for picnicking before SAP Center events. More benches and places to sit. Dog park or dog area. Water fountain (including dog fountain at the bottom). Think of: Creating spaces where people can sit, read work on laptops, hang out with friends - small and large tables. Think of a mix of sunny and shady places that make want people to be outside in different weather. How about some food or coffee someplace?!	11/2/2015 10:50 PM
40	Love the multi use courts but wish the lights were fixed and stayed on later into the evening. There should be more garbage cans, working water fountains, benches/bleachers bike racks and pathway lighting.	11/2/2015 4:59 PM
41	The trail, the artwork, the events that are held there like the Italian-American Festival. These could be improved by getting rid of the homeless from the area so that it feels safe.	11/2/2015 1:24 PM
42	The bike/walking path through downtown. Improve it by connecting the east side path from the hwy 280 under-way, under Woz(complete) under W. San Carlos(complete) and under Park (complete). These path segments should be connected, instead of abandoned as they are now. :-).	10/31/2015 7:47 PM
43	Location. Central to mass transit and downtown.	10/31/2015 2:00 PM
44	walking trails, could be extended	10/31/2015 12:46 PM
45	I walk from near the visitors' center to Highway 880. Sometimes we walk to the area near Little Italy. Past Target is a dumping ground and needs attention. Also near Hedding the landscaping business dumps extra dirt and someone else stores their recycling bundles, but infrequently. Check the watering sprinkler heads along the main trail; they don't work & plants die out. I would also like to see a huge mural of critters that live here painted beneath the Taylor overpass.	10/31/2015 10:45 AM
46	Bike trail. Open carousel and get rid of unnecessary grassy areas that attract transients.	10/31/2015 7:58 AM
47	Carousel and playground.	10/31/2015 7:38 AM
48	The multipurpose courts at the end, we need to include more trashcans, and repair the burned light bulbs in the court.	10/31/2015 12:35 AM
49	Bike polo courts, grassy areas for sports, multi use path	10/31/2015 12:29 AM
50	Multipurpose/tennis courts lights. Would be nice to have the bottom 2 or 3 feet of multipurpose court covered with boards or something. This would allow for sports balls to bounce off of fence instead of getting caught in the fence.	10/31/2015 12:08 AM
51	Ranger Station. Very cool architecture. Seems underutilized.	10/30/2015 11:32 PM
52	Playground- upkeep and safety. Confluence point, upkeep, trash removal and safety. Would like to see the carousel and visitor center open, they never are when we visit. Use the path to go to SAP events, keeping it open and safe. Would like to visit the historic district, but never have.	10/30/2015 5:09 PM

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53	Bike trail. Park by SAP.	10/30/2015 4:09 PM
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Q2 What facilities or programming could better improve the park (such as history walks, guided meditation, or exercise classes)?

Answered: 50 Skipped: 6

#	Responses	Date
1	ALL OF THE ABOVE. I would go there if other people went there.	11/30/2015 8:16 AM
2	security and safety is probably the biggest deterrent for people going to and utilizing this area	11/23/2015 4:58 PM
3	Restaurants, beer gardens, shops, places for people to spend money would definitely give people incentive to enter the park. More recreational activities, such as yoga or tai chi would be nice.	11/16/2015 10:00 AM
4	I love the idea of history walks and meditation classes!	11/14/2015 10:52 PM
5	having family events at the park such as soccer games, baseball/softball. this way more families will notice the park itself.	11/14/2015 6:56 PM
6	With all the new housing expected exercise and boot camp classes. Great area to put in bike stands for cycling, jogging trail for laps, etc.	11/13/2015 8:57 PM
7	Creating a vibrant community of gardens, cafes, and regular events throughout the year such as farmer's markets, free outdoor movies and concerts would help bring people in. Lighting at night is important, but it really needs more people to truly be safe.	11/13/2015 1:14 AM
8	handling the homeless problem and the drug dealers which is a deterrent for women trying to enjoy the park	11/9/2015 10:23 PM
9	exercise classes would be fantastic, but a general clean and cleaning out the population that lives within the park would help draw more residents to utilize the park.	11/9/2015 10:15 AM
10	Fix the lighting and prevent it from being stripped again	11/7/2015 11:27 AM
11	All of the above. I think exercise classes would get the biggest draw. More special events. A visitor center with a park staff presence. A running club. A dog park area (so many nearby residents have dogs and they are consistently using parks so they would bring in a lot of users). Another idea is an exercise/fitness station like they have at SF marina Green.	11/7/2015 7:23 AM
12	History walks, morning/afternoon bootcamps (some happen already but I don't know how to join or when they offer!), small scale vendors, more interactive features and photo worthy features.	11/6/2015 9:45 AM
13	Rotating public art Cafe/beer garden Music and dancing More adult-oriented activities	11/5/2015 1:37 PM
14	all of the above plus tai chi, nature walks, bocce ball, volleyball, music events, show (e.g. SF Mime Troupe), set aside an area for a dog park	11/4/2015 9:17 PM
15	Would love exercise classes: Aikido or Tai Chi	11/4/2015 6:17 PM
16	Connecting points/bridges, so you don't have to cross busy streets to access the other side.	11/4/2015 5:41 PM
17	would love to see live music or outdoor exercise/yoga/meditation	11/4/2015 4:59 PM
18	Would love to see a fenced in, off leash dog area created. Would also like to see more of a security/police presence.	11/4/2015 4:42 PM
19	Putting in a gym would be in line with the area's fitness theme. It would also bring more people to the area. A sky mall like they're building for Vallco would be amazing for business. We don't have enough shopping in downtown San Jose.	11/4/2015 2:40 PM
20	It would be great to have outdoor exercise classes (such as yoga on the row). Having some picnic benches could also encourage more visitors	11/4/2015 2:29 PM
21	History walk would be nice, bike trails and morning classes would also be great ideas	11/4/2015 1:39 PM
22	More events promoting the unique DTSJ culture.	11/4/2015 1:37 PM
23	Get rid of the homeless people.	11/4/2015 1:14 PM
24	exercise classes would be awesome! promote wellness, being outdoors, and encourage others who see this happening to participate.	11/4/2015 1:10 PM

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25	The only way to improve facilities is to make the area safer	11/4/2015 12:28 PM
26	Safety in and around the Park / Guadalupe trail	11/4/2015 12:22 PM
27	no suggestions.	11/4/2015 12:19 PM
28	Proper upkeep and cleaning. There is a lot of bike hockey which occurs at the tennis courts. Add any specific equipment for that activity to one court. Keep up the landscaping between the green space and River Street historic district. It gets very weedy.	11/4/2015 12:15 PM
29	Homeless help	11/4/2015 12:01 PM
30	Restaurants with outdoor seating would be fantastic	11/4/2015 11:54 AM
31	Some organized classes would be great. The park is so under-utilized!	11/4/2015 11:49 AM
32	Exercise classes; grilling facilities; tables at which to eat.	11/4/2015 11:49 AM
33	Bike paths.	11/4/2015 11:48 AM
34	Classes would be great.	11/4/2015 11:45 AM
35	Get interest groups to activate the park -- dog walkers, kite fliers, etc., who would then picnic and hang out. Need some (more) breakfast or light food options in Little Italy.	11/4/2015 11:22 AM
36	History walks, exercise classes, gardening classes, better urban garden presentation (rose bushes, different trees, flowers) a single full size soccer/mixed-use field.	11/3/2015 6:54 PM
37	Exercise classes - yes! But there's so much litter and the ground is kind of gross. Homeless people urinate in corners of the park everywhere - you can smell it when you walk by. You would need to clean that up before anyone wants to do yoga and deep breathing. Other ideas: outdoor movie night, dog meet-ups. How about a small art gallery - like the Serpentine Gallery in London's Kensington Park?	11/2/2015 10:50 PM
38	Bathroom & water fountain facilities.	11/2/2015 4:59 PM
39	Improve access and connection to all the surrounding neighborhoods. Make the access inviting. Now it's a battle of poor connections from all directions.	10/31/2015 7:47 PM
40	More diverse uses of space.	10/31/2015 2:00 PM
41	more history lectures	10/31/2015 12:46 PM
42	Natural history would be good. Regular trash clean up farther away from the Visitors' Center, like drop in and pick up.	10/31/2015 10:45 AM
43	More law enforcement, more educational talks or kid activities	10/31/2015 7:58 AM
44	History walks would be good.	10/31/2015 7:38 AM
45	What we aspire to make the park into is something like Dolores in San Francisco , bathrooms and more sports courts aswell as consistent law enforcemnt to keep the local homeless out.	10/31/2015 12:35 AM
46	Yoga in the park would be nice	10/31/2015 12:29 AM
47	Frisbe golf, basketball hoop, bike repair stand, safety call box near tennis courts. Hand ball court,	10/31/2015 12:08 AM
48	Places to buy food or a beer before a game or event at the SAP center. During the day having a place for coffee or a snack in an inviting atmosphere would be nice.	10/30/2015 11:32 PM
49	Drop in activities that you can join in on. Weekend events for kids. Yoga.	10/30/2015 5:09 PM
50	You know what would be cool, a annual Bike Race put on by San Jose that races the whole length of the trail (and through the park> A local race, not for Pros. A sprint from the start Alviso. Family bike days Lik ethe Calle event that was heald recently.	10/30/2015 4:09 PM

Q3 What areas of the park are underutilized?

Answered: 45 Skipped: 11

#	Responses	Date
1	Almost all of it. I have walked through the park area on weekdays, weekends, mornings, afternoons, and even late evenings. Very frequently dead.	11/30/2015 8:16 AM
2	The entire park. I mostly see people on the trails or at the tennis courts but that is it.	11/16/2015 10:00 AM
3	The grassy patches. I mainly see people walking through on the trail.	11/14/2015 10:52 PM
4	carousel, green areas, would be great to see tables near the tennis courts.	11/14/2015 6:56 PM
5	Probably where the children's area is since the merry go round isn't working and it looks unkept. It use to be used a lot more. It's not inviting and there are so many tables there. Tennis also use to be busy and it could still be if it was cleaned up and nets replaced.	11/13/2015 8:57 PM
6	It has a lot of potential to be beautiful, but right now it feels like a strip of land next to a freeway and a dried up river. Central Park in NYC has a huge range of activities available in the park – restaurants, cafes, boating, a zoo, free concerts and free Shakespeare in the summer, horse rides and a culture of picnicking and hanging out in the summer.	11/13/2015 1:14 AM
7	AS the residential properties continue to grow, Centerra, Silvery Towers, etc., the need for this park and others is huge, but the homeless impact is deteriorating the feeling.	11/9/2015 10:15 AM
8	Tennis courts	11/7/2015 11:27 AM
9	The area next east of the SAP center. It looks dark and uninviting and the bridge leads to nothing.	11/7/2015 7:23 AM
10	The whole thing. People use the trail to get through and mostly homeless people hang out. The area near the carousel is too dark and hidden and not safe with the few people there. The other areas are stark and nothing to do. The whole area feels isolated since the backs of buildings and freeway surround.	11/6/2015 9:45 AM
11	Playground Lawn space next to playground	11/5/2015 1:37 PM
12	The park is used for events but most of the time it is underutilized except the tennis courts which are very well used.	11/4/2015 9:17 PM
13	See number one	11/4/2015 6:17 PM
14	All of it.	11/4/2015 5:41 PM
15	the entire path. I know it get's used for 5 K but nothing much for local residents live music would be great	11/4/2015 4:59 PM
16	The arena green side of the park just has too many homeless folks camped out at the moment to be usable	11/4/2015 4:42 PM
17	The parts near the water and trees are dominated by the homeless people. Others are scared to approach those areas for fear of interactions. Even the bathrooms next to the tennis courts are inhabited by them.	11/4/2015 2:40 PM
18	The sense I get is that most of it is underutilized	11/4/2015 2:29 PM
19	The river..?	11/4/2015 1:39 PM
20	The river bank! Possibly open the concrete slab shoulders/beaches to river side cafes, retail, etc.	11/4/2015 1:37 PM
21	The areas where the homeless people are.	11/4/2015 1:14 PM
22	the grassy areas - you rarely see any pick-up games of frisbee or soccer here. picnic areas - sketchy area the park benches - they are dominated by homeless the actual children's playground area - feels dirty/it's too dark over there/graffiti	11/4/2015 1:10 PM
23	All of them	11/4/2015 12:28 PM
24	most areas underutilized unless you count vagrancy.	11/4/2015 12:19 PM
25	Confluence point and weaver's gift plaza are mainly used as sitting areas for homeless during the day and sleeping areas at night. Former ranger station also used primarily by homeless for sitting/sleeping.	11/4/2015 12:15 PM
26	All areas, because it is a camp for the homeless	11/4/2015 12:01 PM
27	Really all of it. It seems the most use occurs with bike commuters during the work week.	11/4/2015 11:49 AM

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28	All of the area. When I jog by there on the weekend there is no one there.	11/4/2015 11:49 AM
29	None/don't care	11/4/2015 11:48 AM
30	Not sure	11/4/2015 11:45 AM
31	The whole thing.	11/4/2015 11:22 AM
32	the parts where the lights are off at night and homeless people live there and people deal drugs.	11/3/2015 6:54 PM
33	All of it! The part between Santa Clara St. and St. John looks like a faded version of someplace that used to be nice. Needs more places to sit or picnic, a space for dogs. The homeless element would need to be addressed - there is a lot of litter, shopping carts, urine... The part between St. John and Julian is nice but needs more places for people to "be". You can walk through it or sit on one of the few benches, but there is no place to hang out. How about some picnic tables or tables where people could get coffee in Little Italy and then work on laptops outside? The green grass is lovely but what can you DO on it?	11/2/2015 10:50 PM
34	The west side of the park by the Sons of San Jose memorial seems to be unused by everyone except The homeless that camp there.	11/2/2015 4:59 PM
35	Tennis courts	11/2/2015 1:24 PM
36	The River itself. Open access and provide hiking paths down by the creeks. Keeping the public out of the River area allows the urban campers to live freely in the SCVWD controlled area.	10/31/2015 7:47 PM
37	Wherever the homeless are camping.	10/31/2015 2:00 PM
38	I see the undeveloped lands, as well as other areas, teeming with "trees of heaven" and wonder why not have these spaces more welcoming.	10/31/2015 10:45 AM
39	the carousel-it's embarrassing a city this size can't find a way to keep it open	10/31/2015 7:58 AM
40	The big lawn area is great during the Italia fest and could be used for more such events.	10/31/2015 7:38 AM
41	The center dirt, and tanbark lot is a large space without any purpose other than parking if we replace it with concrete it can be used for parking or basketball courts.	10/31/2015 12:35 AM
42	I didn't know there was a playground/carousel/picnic area, the west side of this park has never been a destination for me	10/31/2015 12:29 AM
43	Merry go round and old ranger station.	10/31/2015 12:08 AM
44	Ranger station	10/30/2015 11:32 PM
45	Confluence park east, arena green	10/30/2015 5:09 PM

Q4 What could improve circulation in the Confluence Area?

Answered: 48 Skipped: 8

#	Responses	Date
1	Development, development, development. I am not talking Santana Row on the river, but developers would be ALL over that area for a PPP. Have the funding from the retail/events be put directly into park operations. It would be a symbiotic relationship. Some sort of mixed use type development would be "sexy" for the area too.	11/30/2015 8:16 AM
2	more access points into the park and maybe circulation to downtown, the underpass is out of the way. A direct circulation path to the san pedro square market.	11/16/2015 10:00 AM
3	Partnerships with local businesses, community classes.	11/14/2015 10:52 PM
4	a bridge that connects the tennis court side to the gift plaza	11/14/2015 6:56 PM
5	It needs to be inviting from Santa Clara St as well as Julian. Walkers to SAP probably don't even notice the park. Something needs to pull them in.	11/13/2015 8:57 PM
6	There's not a lot in the way of commercial activity – consider allowing cafes and restaurants to operate in the same way they do in Central Park. Encourage dog parks and other meeting places where people can congregate. Create more walkable sections, things are quite far apart now and unless you're coming to run or exercise there's really not a lot to experience. Invite world class chefs to do popup and permanent restaurants and cafes.	11/13/2015 1:14 AM
7	the former ranger station has become a home for the homeless and drug dealers and which makes it scary to be around.	11/9/2015 10:23 PM
8	I the confluence areas are great the bridges between east and west could be more inviting.	11/9/2015 10:15 AM
9	Less homelessness, cleaner areas	11/7/2015 11:27 AM
10	A trail loop system. People love to do loops. So you go up one side and down the other. A destination. Maybe an ice cream truck or food truck and a nice seating area? A dog park so you walk along the trail to a dog park? A nice, inviting playground? A beautiful art piece? Also, physical connections from the local community through design. It may be too late, but have businesses and housing face the park, rather than away from it.	11/7/2015 7:23 AM
11	Add crosswalk at Santa Clara Street (people do this all the time and the City ignoring the issue does not help), Create a fully raised crossing along St John to slow cars here, better wayfinding to guide people to destinations, encourage activation with Little Italy improvements.	11/6/2015 9:45 AM
12	Pedestrian bridge over Guadalupe Then out trees	11/5/2015 1:37 PM
13	Keep it clean, better lighting, keep the tennis courts and paths in good shape. Also there are a lot of homeless people living there. Organize events before games at SAP, have food trucks available so people can picnic in the park, partner with Whole Foods to supply picnic dinners.	11/4/2015 9:17 PM
14	Stone or crushed granite pathways cutting through the area.	11/4/2015 6:17 PM
15	Give people a reason to come.	11/4/2015 5:41 PM
16	Don't really understand the question	11/4/2015 4:42 PM
17	Less homeless people, more shopping malls/stores. I think we've got enough eateries here but more shops that would be complimentary to the Shark tank would be efficient use of the land.	11/4/2015 2:40 PM
18	Less crime. More lighting.	11/4/2015 2:39 PM
19	Maybe a map or signage at each entrance area?	11/4/2015 2:29 PM
20	Removal of trash. Improved channeling of water?	11/4/2015 1:37 PM
21	Get rid of the homeless.	11/4/2015 1:14 PM
22	clean it up, help the homeless with low-income housing, have regular security on-site	11/4/2015 1:10 PM
23	Safety. I don't feel secure in the area because most of the people I encounter there are homeless	11/4/2015 12:28 PM
24	address homeless situation in and around the park.	11/4/2015 12:22 PM

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25	reduce, eliminate vagrancy.	11/4/2015 12:19 PM
26	Footbridge over the Guadalupe River. This would encourage people to transit from one side of the park to the other (between confluence park east and arena green). Plus it would be a nice vantage point to observe waterfowl when there is water in the river.	11/4/2015 12:15 PM
27	Evacuation of the homeless population. The area is overrun by homeless.	11/4/2015 12:03 PM
28	Help the homeless	11/4/2015 12:01 PM
29	GET CONTROL OF THE HOMELESS ISSUE! It's really creepy in so many parts.	11/4/2015 11:49 AM
30	The lack of water in the Los Gatos Creek is unsightly. I don't know how this can be improved without knowing that it will be permanently dry.	11/4/2015 11:49 AM
31	None/don't care	11/4/2015 11:48 AM
32	Not sure here either.	11/4/2015 11:45 AM
33	Advertise it -- I didn't know St. John was back there even. I only ever drive on Santa Clara and Julian. Most people driving don't think of the park because traffic is a "distraction". There is also limited on-street parking.	11/4/2015 11:22 AM
34	better access (clearer/nicer paths from Diridon), events (movies at night on the field)	11/3/2015 6:54 PM
35	Signage. Bicycle streetlights - so cyclists do not have to dismount. Visually dramatic pedestrian crossings at Julian and St. John. A large nice sign on Santa Clara St that makes the area look like a destination.	11/2/2015 10:50 PM
36	Better lighting, bathrooms, and fewer homeless people.	11/2/2015 4:59 PM
37	Maps showing what is in the area and the pathways.	11/2/2015 1:24 PM
38	Make it more inviting from all directions. Improve the maintenance of the engineered area south of Santa Clara. It seems abandoned with weeds, overgrown vines into the path, ivy chocking the bank on the CPA property. Make it more inviting for the kids and parents, not just the homeless and hearty.	10/31/2015 7:47 PM
39	Bringing in more activities as made available by further recreational features: sports, picnicking, playground, etc.	10/31/2015 2:00 PM
40	Not having to cross busy streets, bridge over Julian.	10/31/2015 12:46 PM
41	Why walk here? Maybe additions to Little Italy will help. Where's the shade near the paths? I like the sculptured chairs so maybe more art would help. Perhaps, a rotating system of murals, like the downtown doors, involving more of the community	10/31/2015 10:45 AM
42	connection to Los Gatos Creek bike trail	10/31/2015 7:58 AM
43	?	10/31/2015 7:38 AM
44	Better lighting at night and a food truck parking area to encourage events like foodtruck party or a stage for guerrilla music bands.	10/31/2015 12:35 AM
45	For all intents and purposes they're two separate parks. Maybe a pedestrian bridge and some tree clearing across the Guadalupe River would help connect them.	10/31/2015 12:29 AM
46	Food truck event?	10/31/2015 12:08 AM
47	Benches, tables, hanging lights, places for people to sit	10/30/2015 11:32 PM
48	A walking circuit	10/30/2015 5:09 PM

Q5 We have heard that the Confluence Area lacks identity. What would you do to change that? How would you brand the park?

Answered: 49 Skipped: 7

#	Responses	Date
1	This area is the heart and the bloodline of the City of San Jose. It doesn't need to have its own identity per say... what if it connected the identity of the entire city? History, technology, farming, melting pot of cultures... we could have artwork that helps the describe the aforementioned	11/30/2015 8:16 AM
2	larger signature signage would help - something saying both GRPC and City of San Jose's Central Park	11/23/2015 4:58 PM
3	I would brand the park by showcasing san jose's roots. we are rich with historical identity, but the park does not show that. I would research what San Jose was founded on. Farming and Innovation. Then, I would brand.	11/16/2015 10:00 AM
4	I love the historical signs up there. Maybe add some events to highlight the history of the river and area? A guided historical walk might bring that to light.	11/14/2015 10:52 PM
5	would make it more visible maybe with colored art or some type of visual attraction.	11/14/2015 6:56 PM
6	There has been no branding and it starts with the name. The new park at Del Monte draws lot of people because of two dog parks but also a third park area to run and play. Start with a great pet park, seating, coffee carts, reading area and wi-fi.	11/13/2015 8:57 PM
7	The purpose of Central Park, and parks in general, is giving people somewhere beautiful to go to escape the city – emphasize this. At the same time, think about ways to make the park more "romantic" – palm trees, historic brick buildings, lighting, things with character and interest. Also keep in mind the type of people who are moving into the area – young, affluent, urban and worldly. They've seen the Seine in France and this isn't it. Think about ways to achieve the beauty and impact of the great river cities of the world. Downtown Napa and NYC have both done a great job of this over the past few years.	11/13/2015 1:14 AM
8	the identity is based on the homeless population that lives at the park. If we can help them find help or services it would improve the park	11/9/2015 10:23 PM
9	not a problem for me	11/9/2015 10:15 AM
10	Give it a name, easy to remember and have area residents become stake holders. Also a facebook and instagram page	11/7/2015 11:27 AM
11	Highlight the confluence. I never knew what creeks were meeting there. Use that as a brand with themes about uniting, meeting, celebrating the creek and nature, with a tech silicon valley component.	11/7/2015 7:23 AM
12	There needs to be an iconic interactive element (think of the Bean in Chicago or Lupe on the Guadalupe), more small scale vendors, and create the identity that ties in the important elements of this area: the Ohlone, the river/creek, Little Italy, farming/agriculture, railroad, etc. So many opportunities to thrive!	11/6/2015 9:45 AM
13	Potential to be main event space due to proximity to SAP and downtown Tailgate parties Pre-show concerts Protests Lecture series Movie screenings	11/5/2015 1:37 PM
14	Public awareness campaigns, encourage people to walk to the nearby stores rather than drive (Target, Traders Joe, etc), regular events, organizing people in the all the nearby apartment buildings, setting up a park advisory committee for residents who live within a certain radius from the park. Partner with local builders.	11/4/2015 9:17 PM
15	Use a design that describes the city like historic home, Sharks logo, or Peach orchard and draw it on the Confluence area with drought resistant plants and grasses.	11/4/2015 6:17 PM
16	A brand won't fix it. An identity would. It should be the High-Line of San Jose. (The whole park, not just Confluence.) Make it cool, worth coming to.	11/4/2015 5:41 PM
17	gathering place - place to meet	11/4/2015 4:59 PM
18	With a really nice leash free area for dogs you could brand it as the downtown dog park	11/4/2015 4:42 PM
19	Valley Fair, Oakridge, Eastridge, we can name the area FitnessRidge or something better to get the area associated with a Fitness mall.	11/4/2015 2:40 PM

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20	One possibility would be to redo the paths themselves or put a boarder along the paths to better distinguish it from other areas	11/4/2015 2:29 PM
21	Agree. It should have a name and a recognizable landmark so that people can come visit and "check in" for it to promote itself online.	11/4/2015 1:39 PM
22	A large scale art piece. Bring back the electric light tower! This ties SJ's history to the present/future.	11/4/2015 1:37 PM
23	wow, great questions. it really does lack identity. i can't says that the addition of images of Italian notable figures along the lampposts has really helped any. i really don't ever see Little Italy taking off...think we've got to go for something else honestly.	11/4/2015 1:10 PM
24	My only concern is lack of safety	11/4/2015 12:28 PM
25	no suggestions	11/4/2015 12:19 PM
26	Add a thematic symbol to the area. There is a nice wave pattern on the wall of the Guadalupe river water flow area just the other side of the Santa Clara Street bridge. Take that graphic motif and apply it in the confluence area too. Replace the leaf motif at the visitor's center with the wave pattern. Apply the wave pattern throughout the confluence area including to the side railings of a new footbridge.	11/4/2015 12:15 PM
27	"No longer a park for the homeless"	11/4/2015 12:01 PM
28	Clean up the river, add landscaping and create a true river walk similar to other Cities	11/4/2015 11:54 AM
29	I don't know, but I work two blocks away in downtown and I guarantee that most of my colleagues have no idea what the park has to offer. Tie it into or build an entrance from Santa Clara Street?	11/4/2015 11:49 AM
30	If there were a place to get drinks/food this may stimulate more activity in the park; also if there were barbeque pits and tables to eat at this would help.	11/4/2015 11:49 AM
31	None/don't care	11/4/2015 11:48 AM
32	I would use San Jose Historic artifacts, to help bring out the best in that.	11/4/2015 11:45 AM
33	I'd like to see more large and/or ethnic events rotate through the park to give it exposure and life. After all, it is supposedly our Central Park, but few people use it.	11/4/2015 11:22 AM
34	If you want it to be a 'central' park it better have nicer amenities than the other parks in the surrounding areas. It should feel safe, be easy to access, be beautiful, and have many different events going on outside of just races	11/3/2015 6:54 PM
35	San Jose's heritage is the most compelling branding that we have. Look at Little Italy and the area around San Pedro Square - that immigrant and Native American/Mission conquerer history is as compelling as our agricultural heritage. Highlight that. Downtown could really use something that addresses the agricultural heritage, in particular. Signage goes a long way. How about an app where people can dial in at various places along the walkway and hear about history?	11/2/2015 10:50 PM
36	Rename the area Shark Park.	11/2/2015 4:59 PM
37	Give it a name like Confluence Park - feature that name when promoting events that are held there like 10k runs and the Italian-American Festival.	11/2/2015 1:24 PM
38	Don't "brand" it. "The Capitol of S.V." Is a Joke. Just make it nice to get to. Keep it clean. Foster a culture of care. Now I see homeless sleeping in the area every night. The bathroom is a nightmare. The access is terra me. Complete the east bank from Palm Street to the confluence. Ease of access will bring the community from nearby.	10/31/2015 7:47 PM
39	Under-realized use of space versus more densely urban uses of same space.	10/31/2015 2:00 PM
40	Urban oasis	10/31/2015 12:46 PM
41	Why go there? Maybe a coffee cart like St James Park. Perhaps small pop ups or fairs or food trucks on a regular basis And parking...	10/31/2015 10:45 AM
42	make it a place parents want to take kids rather than a transient hangout people try to ride/walk through as quickly as possible	10/31/2015 7:58 AM
43	The tie to arena is good but private businesses should be recruited to add life like public squares in Europe.	10/31/2015 7:38 AM
44	San Jose is shark ciyy this area lacks a real proper name. Giving it a name like the sharkpark or naming it after former San Jose influential persons.	10/31/2015 12:35 AM
45	Call it Shark Park, do a licensing deal and add some distinctive elements from the team. From my discussions with people who use that park, no one knows what is called, or which part of the park people are referring to when terms like "arena green" are used.	10/31/2015 12:29 AM

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46	SJ Shark Park	10/31/2015 12:08 AM
47	Awesome hangout area before and after events at SAP	10/30/2015 11:32 PM
48	I don't think most people know what a confluence is, why not re-brand as "the meeting spot". It might attract people as a meeting spot and describes the confluence.	10/30/2015 5:09 PM
49	You need soething there that is uniquely San jose, that draws people there,like a Shark head that people can take pictures in/with, Like the one the Sharks Skate out of.. Its a big area what about some concerts or festivals there. Also Sometimes there are some weird homeless people there and along a lot of the Guadalupe trail...ya gotta make people feel safe and secure down there if you ever want them to come. Now there is a feeling of desolation and it makes it weirder if your tense beacuse people are sleeping or pushing junk around...	10/30/2015 4:09 PM

Q6 How can the Confluence Area better serve residential park needs?

Answered: 39 Skipped: 17

#	Responses	Date
1	People NEED a reason to show up. Right now the negatives outweigh the attractiveness of the park.	11/30/2015 8:16 AM
2	Make it more inviting, so people may use the parks many features. The park is scary and overwhelming. No one wants to go in because the lack safety or activities available.	11/16/2015 10:00 AM
3	child friendlier, meaning limit the passage for kids that way parents feel safe to let their children run and play in the area.	11/14/2015 6:56 PM
4	Have rec equipment for volleyball, badminton, kick ball, krockay, anything with physical activity. There's also art in parks.....artists teaching people to draw a subject so check out Paint Nite.	11/13/2015 8:57 PM
5	The Guadalupe Park should be an oasis in the city. At the moment it feels like a strip of grass next to a freeway. Add more palm trees to emphasize Californian aesthetic, add water-conscious botanic gardens to emphasize Californian environmental values, and get tech companies to sponsor various installations and events to emphasize our industry.	11/13/2015 1:14 AM
6	scary people hang out around the carousel (homeless and drug dealers) so it's rare to see a child playing at the park and the carousel is never open and looks bad with the graffiti. It feels like a ghost town eye sore so close to the SAP center. It looks like we live in Oakland with high crime	11/9/2015 10:23 PM
7	more activities to span activation	11/9/2015 10:15 AM
8	Safety is the biggest factor. More inviting. Add a dog park.	11/7/2015 7:23 AM
9	Add a dog park (a nice one like Buena Vista park, not the terrible ones that no one uses like along Hwy 87 or under Coleman). This WILL get residents out there and will make it feel safer for everyone. Improve connections through Little Italy to Downtown to encourage people to walk to grab coffee in little Italy and enjoy a new dog park!! Win - Win-Win!	11/6/2015 9:45 AM
10	Improve meandering opportunities - trails, rotating public art Address perception of park and safety Add a dog park	11/5/2015 1:37 PM
11	I think there is a lot of potential. In the summer, every time I tried to play tennis the courts were filled. And there was always people playing bike hockey on the far court. Also, as more apartment buildings open up, there will be more people in the area who want to take advantage of a park right in the middle of downtown. There should be a way to organize apartment residents.	11/4/2015 9:17 PM
12	Shaded seating and a small designated area where people can take their pets to urinate or defecate instead of in the whole area.	11/4/2015 6:17 PM
13	Keep homeless people out.	11/4/2015 5:41 PM
14	N/A	11/4/2015 4:42 PM
15	Get rid of the homeless population is a top priority. Maybe a camp site? Maybe a rock climbing wall outdoors? Maybe more of those pull up, exercise playground stuff. Outdoor computer/monitors that display stuff people might want to view regarding to fitness? Fountains for picnics?	11/4/2015 2:40 PM
16	I don't know if this is possible but a garden with a meditation path would be great. I love walking in the SJ rose garden	11/4/2015 2:29 PM
17	More family programs?	11/4/2015 1:37 PM
18	Get rid of the homeless.	11/4/2015 1:14 PM
19	water fountains that work, tennis courts that are better maintained, benches that don't feel gross	11/4/2015 1:10 PM
20	People need to feel safe there	11/4/2015 12:28 PM
21	no idea	11/4/2015 12:19 PM
22	Control the number of homeless in the park. Better maintenance of existing facilities.	11/4/2015 12:15 PM
23	Help the homeless	11/4/2015 12:01 PM
24	We need a dog park - and more opportunities for organized activities.	11/4/2015 11:49 AM

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25	If there were a place to get drinks/food this may stimulate more activity in the park; also if there were barbeque pits and tables to eat at this would help.	11/4/2015 11:49 AM
26	None/don't care	11/4/2015 11:48 AM
27	Maybe offer free coffee/tea for a while or something to lure people into new habits of using the park for dog walking, jogging/walking. My closest park is Backesto, which is hugely active compared to GRPG. GRPG needs to draw from all the surrounding neighborhoods, but is the local park for downtowners. It needs more child and adult "play groups", which is hugely common in SF.	11/4/2015 11:22 AM
28	city league sports on fields, add a full size field.	11/3/2015 6:54 PM
29	Clean up the tennis courts. Add a dog park. The reason I think more people don't run here is because I think it does not feel safe. Better lighting. BBQ/picnic space.	11/2/2015 10:50 PM
30	Add more garbage cans, water fountains, Bike racks, benches/bleachers and pathway lighting. There aren't a lot of reasons to stop when passing through.	11/2/2015 4:59 PM
31	Get rid of homeless people so that it feels safe to go for a walk there in the evening. It is not just a feeling of safety, but also a feeling that you won't be confronted by people performing bodily functions or who are deranged and in your face.	11/2/2015 1:24 PM
32	Be clean and comfortable. An interesting place to be. Not a dump filled with trash and urban blight as it is now.	10/31/2015 7:47 PM
33	Needs further sports facility development (brings in various sports enthusiasts), better picnicking features (brings families in), a restroom, and working water fountains.	10/31/2015 2:00 PM
34	see above	10/31/2015 7:58 AM
35	Tennis courts don't seem to be much used. Since baseball diamonds and soccer fields are in short supply, conversion would be good.	10/31/2015 7:38 AM
36	Water fountains and bathrooms to keep people in the area to enjoy the park better.	10/31/2015 12:35 AM
37	Fix the water fountain next to the multipurpose & tennis courts. A bathroom is needed also near courts that is open and not always locked. Lights in some of the courts need replacement. Outlet plugs on light post fixed.	10/31/2015 12:08 AM
38	Place to hang out	10/30/2015 11:32 PM
39	More safety and cleanliness. Maybe a dog park? More carousel hours, discount for residents.	10/30/2015 5:09 PM

Q7 How can the Confluence Area better serve event needs?

Answered: 35 Skipped: 21

#	Responses	Date
1	Let's turn this park around. The right combination of community involvement, development, public private partnerships, sponsorship, etc will transform this area and convert the "negatives" into the unique attributes of the park that defines the very reason people show up.	11/30/2015 8:16 AM
2	Not Sure.	11/16/2015 10:00 AM
3	Have better press for events like an online page or physical announcement billboard. I like to attend the Italian festival, but I miss the event's first day almost every year!	11/14/2015 10:52 PM
4	provide picnic tables.	11/14/2015 6:56 PM
5	A little festival before....if a singer, play the CD	11/13/2015 8:57 PM
6	Have regular farmer's markets, show free movies on a regular basis, encourage people to picnic in the park, partner with local ballet and opera troops to have outdoor performances. Bringing the art and culture of San Jose can help to bring people to the park too.	11/13/2015 1:14 AM
7	better safety and security	11/9/2015 10:23 PM
8	Parking. I would look at parks around the Bay Area that are successful and see what features can be incorporated into this park (true for all the survey questions)	11/7/2015 7:23 AM
9	SMALL SCALE VENDORS!!!! St John is a heavily traveled way for Sharks patrons and the most direct for people going from San Pedro Square Market to the Arena. It's currently dark, underutilized, and scary for many.	11/6/2015 9:45 AM
10	Amphitheater and stage Better relationship with SAP Beer garden/cafe/retail associated with events in the arena bollards to block Autumn Street for parties	11/5/2015 1:37 PM
11	Same.	11/4/2015 5:41 PM
12	I think the park is already used nicely for events	11/4/2015 4:42 PM
13	Benches and shade for people to hang out. There are plenty of countries that offer like an outdoor gazebo like structure that looks super futuristic. Long benches, and overhangs made of wood. Elevated platforms that lets people be outdoors but are shielded from the sun. Just type outdoor lounge into Google and you'll see pictures of what I mean. But for public use.	11/4/2015 2:40 PM
14	I know a lot of local residents use part of it for a dog park. Maybe make that a specific, sectioned off area?	11/4/2015 2:29 PM
15	Permanent lighting & sound for staged events. Accommodations for quick stage-platform erection. No permanent bathrooms to discourage homeless encampment.	11/4/2015 1:37 PM
16	one thing would be to do a better job in that area of advertising for all the events. we never know when something is going to happen. no signs, flyers, etc around the park to say what is going to take place the coming weekend.	11/4/2015 1:10 PM
17	eliminate vagrancy	11/4/2015 12:19 PM
18	Make confluence point/weaver's gift plaza a foodcart/vender/artists area during SAP or park events. With a footbridge over the Guadalupe river, the confluence point area could be used for registration and as an entry point to the east side of the park.	11/4/2015 12:15 PM
19	Help the homeless	11/4/2015 12:01 PM
20	I don't know. I try top avoid events in that area.	11/4/2015 11:49 AM
21	If there were a place to get drinks/food this may stimulate more activity in the park; also if there were barbeque pits and tables to eat at this would help.	11/4/2015 11:49 AM
22	None/don't care	11/4/2015 11:48 AM
23	Make sure people know where to park.	11/4/2015 11:22 AM
24	I think this seems to serve well.	11/2/2015 10:50 PM

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25	Bathrooms, garbage can, water fountains, bike racks, benches/bleachers and pathway lighting.	11/2/2015 4:59 PM
26	I don't know. Interesting events? Get creative.	10/31/2015 7:47 PM
27	Pave the dirt road access along the tennis courts to mitigate dust.	10/31/2015 2:00 PM
28	good security, traffic control	10/31/2015 7:58 AM
29	More coordination with businesses.	10/31/2015 7:38 AM
30	Get rid of all the homeless drug addicts !	10/31/2015 6:38 AM
31	After dark lighting improvements and light extstentions.	10/31/2015 12:35 AM
32	?	10/31/2015 12:08 AM
33	Place to hang out	10/30/2015 11:32 PM
34	It does.	10/30/2015 5:09 PM
35	Make sure its always secure and safe.	10/30/2015 4:09 PM

Q8 We have heard that safety is a community concern. What would you do to ensure a safer environment in the Confluence Area?

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1	People need to be there. Being surrounded by people brings a sense of safety to others. Whatever we can do to get people there. Attractive modern/integrated development that serves the community is essential in my opinion	11/30/2015 8:16 AM
2	there is a critical need for park rangers! that sort of presence would be visually helpful as well as serving and educating the community	11/23/2015 4:58 PM
3	Make sure the park is under surveillance during the day and night, And that illegal activity is reprimanded and discouraged. When I spent time there, a park ranger walked right past a couple of men who were clearly drinking and using drugs. This is NOT an inviting environment for people or families.	11/16/2015 10:00 AM
4	Better lighting. When I play tennis there, I feel like I need to stop playing before it gets dark as there aren't a lot of lights. Also maybe better visibility of the nearby bus stops and bike lanes. That way I know how to get home safely even if something comes up.	11/14/2015 10:52 PM
5	more light sources during night. many lights are not bright enough or are broken. improve maintenance.	11/14/2015 6:56 PM
6	More lighting, safety call buttons, light button in sidewalks, bright colors....maybe artist flags	11/13/2015 8:57 PM
7	Chicago plays loud music at night on it's thoroughfares to prevent people from sleeping there overnight. Consider setting up speakers throughout the park to play music for residents enjoying the park, but that discourage homeless from sleeping wherever they please. Allow businesses to operate in the park at night to draw in people – more people means more safety.	11/13/2015 1:14 AM
8	hire a park ranger to patrol and push out the drug dealers and people using the park for negative/illegal behaviors	11/9/2015 10:23 PM
9	patrol to remove the homeless especially out from the river. They bathe in the fountain.	11/9/2015 10:15 AM
10	patrolling, more police presence, cleaning up the areas under the bridge	11/7/2015 11:27 AM
11	Have a ranger assigned to it like other parks. More patrol. Simultaneously get more users to be out there.	11/7/2015 7:23 AM
12	More people legitimately using the space is the best form of security. You need to plan for them and everything will get better. More activities, small scale vendors, encourage the surrounding businesses to better address the area, etc.	11/6/2015 9:45 AM
13	I think continual general use will mediate the concern. The development across the street would help, too.	11/5/2015 1:37 PM
14	More police presence, better lighting,	11/4/2015 9:17 PM
15	Police bike patrols and by limiting the ability of the mentally ill to roam the streets through treatment. Not allowing anyone to use the parks if they are unwilling to pick up after themselves. I see city parks people picking up trash and the litter bug is literally feet away from a trash can but throws it on the ground anyway.	11/4/2015 6:17 PM
16	Same.	11/4/2015 5:41 PM
17	More of a police or park ranger presence - especially after dark	11/4/2015 4:42 PM
18	Cameras, dedicated police, More lighting to prevent people sleeping, gates and fences, flowers in areas that are campable.	11/4/2015 2:40 PM
19	Cops on bikes. Emergency call phones. Better lighting	11/4/2015 2:39 PM
20	I only run on the trails during the day. Perhaps better lighting in the evening?	11/4/2015 2:29 PM
21	Better directional lighting? Bring back the electric light tower.	11/4/2015 1:37 PM
22	Get rid of the homeless.	11/4/2015 1:14 PM
23	city of san jose needs to be willing to dedicate funds to helping the homeless get on their feet, paid positions cleaning the rivers, low-income housing options, etc. incentives for them to NOT want to be there...	11/4/2015 1:10 PM
24	Impose control over how the area is utilized by the homeless	11/4/2015 12:28 PM

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25	Have some personnel monitor the area consantly.	11/4/2015 12:22 PM
26	eliminate vagrancy	11/4/2015 12:19 PM
27	Clear out the homeless. There is often a large encampment behind the tennis courts as well as around the arena green area. Also there are nightly squatters at the visitors' center.	11/4/2015 12:15 PM
28	Help the homeless	11/4/2015 12:01 PM
29	The creek is filthy with all the homeless activity. Often I see people creeping in and out of the creek. This has to be addressed.	11/4/2015 11:54 AM
30	I rarely see patrols in the area. Again, while getting control of the homeless issue might be complex, it's not rocket science. Act!	11/4/2015 11:49 AM
31	If it were visually more appealing more people would congregate and thus it was be safer.	11/4/2015 11:49 AM
32	By keeping them clear of loitering homeless.	11/4/2015 11:48 AM
33	Regular patrols?	11/4/2015 11:45 AM
34	Get more people to use it. It think it is more about perception than reality. SJ is a very safe city, in reality, but the presence of graffiti, garbage, and homeless people make many people *feel* unsafe. I'm not saying to drive the homeless out, but there needs to be more balance to avoid the St. James Park effect.	11/4/2015 11:22 AM
35	keep lights on at night, even when the park is closed (especially north side between St Johns and Coleman	11/3/2015 6:54 PM
36	Better lighting. I can't tell you how many times I walk through the area and lament it's not lighted and safe to go for an evening walk after dinner. Tables and benches that create more places to be would make the area more populated - and less scary. The mentally ill homeless people urinating and defecating is of concern, as are the drug deals -- which seem to involve said mentally ill homeless people from what I have witnessed. Also, if dedicated bicycling lanes were created that would create a safe space for cyclists as well as runners, pedestrians -- all creating more reasons for people to be here.	11/2/2015 10:50 PM
37	Better/more pathway lighting and making the area less hospitable for homeless encampments.	11/2/2015 4:59 PM
38	Get rid of homeless people who live near there and hand out in the area. This would help increase pedestrian traffic which in turn would help it feel safer.	11/2/2015 1:24 PM
39	Complete the East Side bike path from Palm Street to the Confluence. The path segments are complete under all 3 street bridges. Being incomplete, the public stays away and the homeless continue to camp. The W San Carlos path segment is under the bridge is a bathroom. It is disgusting, but a complete segment of pathway.	10/31/2015 7:47 PM
40	Bring in more features that brings in more people, which in turn would help rid the area of trouble based on continuous activity.	10/31/2015 2:00 PM
41	work with city/county to provide options for homeless besides sleeping in park	10/31/2015 12:46 PM
42	Think about lines of sight and visibility	10/31/2015 10:45 AM
43	more law enforcement/ranger presence. Cameras to keep returning criminal activity documented and enforced. Emergency call boxes	10/31/2015 7:58 AM
44	Too many homeless congregate there. I have been personally harassed on the river trail.	10/31/2015 7:38 AM
45	Reduce the number of homeless people in the park with increased police peesence.	10/31/2015 12:35 AM
46	West side of the park seems creepy and secluded. Park benches are regularly occupied by the homeless, who are living near the overpasses in the woods.	10/31/2015 12:29 AM
47	Clear out all the trash and overgrown bushes between 87 & the tennis courts where encampments have moved in. Safety call box near tennis courts	10/31/2015 12:08 AM
48	Do something that actually brings people there. People attract other people, making things safe.	10/30/2015 11:32 PM
49	Continue to work with other agencies on housing the homeless. Provide trash cleanup. Citizen park patrol. Good lighting, well trimmed vegetation/ line of sight.	10/30/2015 5:09 PM
50	Have some cops on Mountain bikes riding around. Don't let people loiter around with their junk.	10/30/2015 4:09 PM
51	Return FULL TIME park ranger coverage to the entire length of the River Park.	10/30/2015 3:45 PM

Q9 What types of improvements are important to you? Rank your top five.

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1	1. Integrated development 2. Community oriented development 3. Community awareness and involvement (Does the community really need 3 run down tennis courts in prime development location?) 4. Enhancement of existing areas (dark and gloomy particularly in the playground area) 5. Incentive development immediately surrounding the park. Lots of rundown areas immediately bordering. Look... ultimately, getting the balance between community programming, development, park enhancement, etc. is going to hit the nail on the head. Finance is going to be a key component for this. How is this getting financed? What can we do that will make the city money, make the park money? In order to make high capital intensive improvements happen. Balance, balance, balance	11/30/2015 8:16 AM
2	More Sops/dining less shaded areas carousel should be running better circulation less illegal activity	11/16/2015 10:00 AM
3	Add events, better partnership with Little Italy, add lighting, more opportunity for community-led events.	11/14/2015 10:52 PM
4	1. light in the playground 2. activate carousel 3. activate green areas with family events 4. picnic table in tennis court side and near Little Italy. 5. maintenance	11/14/2015 6:56 PM
5	Lighting and clean up No homeless I want jogging trails and install mile markers Gazebo and coffee cart Recreational games	11/13/2015 8:57 PM
6	1. Safety 2. Better landscaping, like a Californian botanic garden 3. Movies in the park, and other cultural events 4. World class restaurants in the park by celebrity chefs 5. More people.	11/13/2015 1:14 AM
7	safety, cleaning up the graffiti and trash along the river, bringing bag the poop bags so there is not so much to step in on the grass, re-open the carousel	11/9/2015 10:23 PM
8	first and foremost, deal with the vagrancy issue	11/9/2015 10:15 AM
9	lighting	11/7/2015 11:27 AM
10	1. Safety. 2. Trail connectivity/loop system 3. Dog park 4. Destination. 5. Programming/events.	11/7/2015 7:23 AM
11	Small scale vendors, dog park, better crossings at St John and Santa Clara, more activities, more legitimate park users!	11/6/2015 9:45 AM
12	Space activation through retail and food Rotating public art BBQ grills Seating in plazas Pedestrian bridge Truthfully, there isn't much of a culture of using parks in San Jose. People like the idea of using parks, but without something active and strong to encourage people to go, most people actually don't use parks. We should design for the large number of people that go to Diridon or the SAP arena - as these are the people most likely to activate the space as a stop along the way.	11/5/2015 1:37 PM
13	1. Improved safety 2. Improved social services for homeless people so they don't sleep in the park 3. Additional tennis courts or other areas for recreational activities 4. Evening events in the summer and on weekends	11/4/2015 9:17 PM
14	1. Safety first 2. low budget durable materials 3. Clean 4. lots of drought resistant plants and trees. 5. Attractive to children.	11/4/2015 6:17 PM
15	1. Connecting points. 2. Cool things to see and so (the art is nice, but stagnant. 3. Enforce the vagrancy laws we have in place.	11/4/2015 5:41 PM
16	activities, events, safety, gatherings, music	11/4/2015 4:59 PM
17	Safety; dog-friendly; continued space for events	11/4/2015 4:42 PM
18	As a downtown resident, I don't feel like I can walk to any places to shop for clothes/gear/equipment/home furniture/kitchen appliances. All the places I can walk to are restaurant and bars. I want it to feel more homey. Like an IKEA makes a lot of sense with the explosion of all these high rises with new people moving in. San Jose State would also benefit from something like an IKEA.	11/4/2015 2:40 PM
19	1. encouraging native plant growth/development 2. trail maintenance 3. shade 4. event space 5. community exercise classes	11/4/2015 2:29 PM
20	Safety Cleanliness More identity (anchor art piece / electric light tower) More programs? Maintenance	11/4/2015 1:37 PM
21	1 - 5: Get rid of the homeless.	11/4/2015 1:14 PM

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22	1. Homeless issue 2. Cleanliness 3. Safety 4. Event Advertising/Notifications 5. Identity of the space	11/4/2015 1:10 PM
23	Safety, cleanliness	11/4/2015 12:28 PM
24	Safety, Cleanliness,	11/4/2015 12:22 PM
25	eliminate vagrancy	11/4/2015 12:19 PM
26	Control the number of homeless. They have a right to use the park too, but not the right to monopolize it. Unify the confluence area with a single visual motif. Install a footbridge over the Guadalupe river to encourage people passing from one side of the park area to the other. Better maintenance of existing infrastructure. Keep the waterways clear of trash. It gets pretty trashy during the dry months.	11/4/2015 12:15 PM
27	Helping the homeless Cleaning up the trash	11/4/2015 12:01 PM
28	Restaurants and outdoor seating Landscaping (flowers) River Clean up	11/4/2015 11:54 AM
29	1. Safety 2. Maintenance 3. Signage (some maps would be helpful)	11/4/2015 11:49 AM
30	1. Drinks and food stand 2. Clean up the Creek.	11/4/2015 11:49 AM
31	1. Maintenance of bike paths 2. Removal of loitering homeless 3. Keeping maintenance vehicles off of bike paths 4. Keeping park & paths open for bicycle traffic 5. Maintenance of bike paths	11/4/2015 11:48 AM
32	Tennis courts - nets for all courts Tennis courts - regular cleaning maintenance Better maintenance of the park trail paths (cleaning, ensuring safety). Tennis courts - fixing of damage (cracks, etc)	11/4/2015 11:45 AM
33	Small, regular event/activation like clubs or "days" (e.g. kite day, roller blade day, picnic day, etc.), similar to St. James Park recently. Clean-up/maintenance. Rotating events during the summer. Especially highlight SJ diversity (Viet, Mexican, Italian, etc.). Weekend food destination, esp. breakfast/lunch. If not permanent restaurants, then food carts/trucks. Outdoor art, especially brighten up the underpasses. Highlight nature.	11/4/2015 11:22 AM
34	Completing the trail Adding a full-sized mix use field More community events Making the park easier to access Improving the aesthetics of the park	11/3/2015 6:54 PM
35	Paths delineating cyclists and pedestrians. Better lighting. More tables (small and large) and benches and outdoor sculpture that people can sit on -- like a large dimensional fountain or something. Dog area. Food/drink.	11/2/2015 10:50 PM
36	Fix the lights on the courts. Add bathrooms, garbage cans, water fountains, bike racks, benches/bleachers and pathway lighting.	11/2/2015 4:59 PM
37	1-5)Get rid of homeless who live in the area	11/2/2015 1:24 PM
38	1.Complete the east side path from Palm Street to Park Ave. 2. Allow access to the water via the homeless paths. 3. Improve access from all the neighborhoods. 4. Improve maintenance of landscaping. 5. Clean the bathrooms and add more drinking fountains.	10/31/2015 7:47 PM
39	Bike polo court conversion of tennis court #4 was a great start. Maybe install a full sized concrete slabbed outdoor-hockey arena (like Roosevelt Park), which would draw in multi-use sports enthusiasts such as bike polo, roller hockey, outdoor soccer, cricket, pickle-ball, yoga/fitness, etc. The more this facility is used, the more you would have a constant presence of sports enthusiasts, which has curb appeal to those walking around the Little Italy/SAP area. This would also give San Jose bragging rights about such a feature in a great location.	10/31/2015 2:00 PM
40	could be easier to cross river from one trail to another	10/31/2015 12:46 PM
41	Trees for shade near paths Some attraction, maybe even labeling native plants and trees Art	10/31/2015 10:45 AM
42	open carousel, connect bike path to LG, get transients out, provide more personnel in park, more family friendly activities	10/31/2015 7:58 AM
43	Removal of homeless encampments. Soccer or baseball facilities. Coordination with river street business for outdoor seating. More festivals. Improve river trail connections	10/31/2015 7:38 AM
44	Lihht extensions , bathrooms , running waterfountains , trashcans, more multipurposr courts.	10/31/2015 12:35 AM
45	When some large events utilize the east side of the park, the Guadalupe River Trail is blocked/impassible. It would be nice if it were left open by permit rules, or notice/detour information was available on such days.	10/31/2015 12:29 AM
46	Water fountain at tennis courts FIXED. Lights that have been burnt out in courts replaced. A trash can added closer court #4 Bathroom is needed Another bench to sit on near tennis courts.	10/31/2015 12:08 AM
47	- bar/coffee shop/restaurant - tables - overhead light (sense of enclosure) - well-executed lighting and landscape design - table games and other social activities	10/30/2015 11:32 PM
48	1) Safety 2) Cleanliness 3) Access to all 4) open the visitor center or re-purpose 5) more carousel hours	10/30/2015 5:09 PM

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49	1. Security How about some Bocce courts Sharks Theme	10/30/2015 4:09 PM
50	Move the carousel from its current location (it's been closed for years anyway) to the area off Coleman Ave near the new Rotary Play Garden. The carousel, play garden, planes flying overhead as they approach SJC, park like surroundings and access to programming, would combine to create a more child/family friendly environment.	10/30/2015 3:45 PM