

Annual Progress Report

August 2004

City of San Jose

City-Wide Trail Program

Department of Parks, Recreation

& Neighborhood Services



City-Wide Trail System

INTRODUCTION

What progress is being made in developing the City's trail system?

The Annual Progress Report is intended to answer general questions about the trail program. As a yearly document, it provides an overview of existing trails, records accomplishments, and sets the baseline for monitoring future progress.

Nearly half of the trail system is being studied and planned. Some projects will not be feasible, but most will move forward to design and construction in future years. Specific information can be found for several active projects at the Parks, Recreation & Neighborhood Services web site at www.ci.san-jose.ca.us.

I hope you'll find the Annual Progress Report informative and encourage you to enjoy the recreational and commuting opportunities that the trails offer.

Sincerely,

Sara L. Hensley, Director

Department of Parks, Recreation & Neighborhood Services

City-Wide Trail System

TWENTY-SEVEN TRAIL SYSTEMS

The City's trails are under various stages of development. Some trails have simply been identified as desired projects through reference in the Greenprint or suggested at community meetings or by an individual resident. Other trails are in the process of development or may be substantially completed and open to the public.

Albertson Parkway

Calero Creek

Fall Creek

Guadalupe Creek

Hwy 87 Bikeway

Penitencia Creek

Bay Trail

Canoas Creek

Fisher Creek

Guadalupe River

Los Alamitos Creek

River Oaks Pathway

Silver Creek Valley

Berryessa Creek

Coyote Alamitos

Five Wounds

Hetch Hetchy

Los Gatos Creek

Saratoga-San Tomas

Thompson Creek

Burbank Rail Trail

Coyote Creek

Fowler Creek

Hwy 237 Bikeway

Montgomery Hill

Silver Creek

Willow Glen Spur

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PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

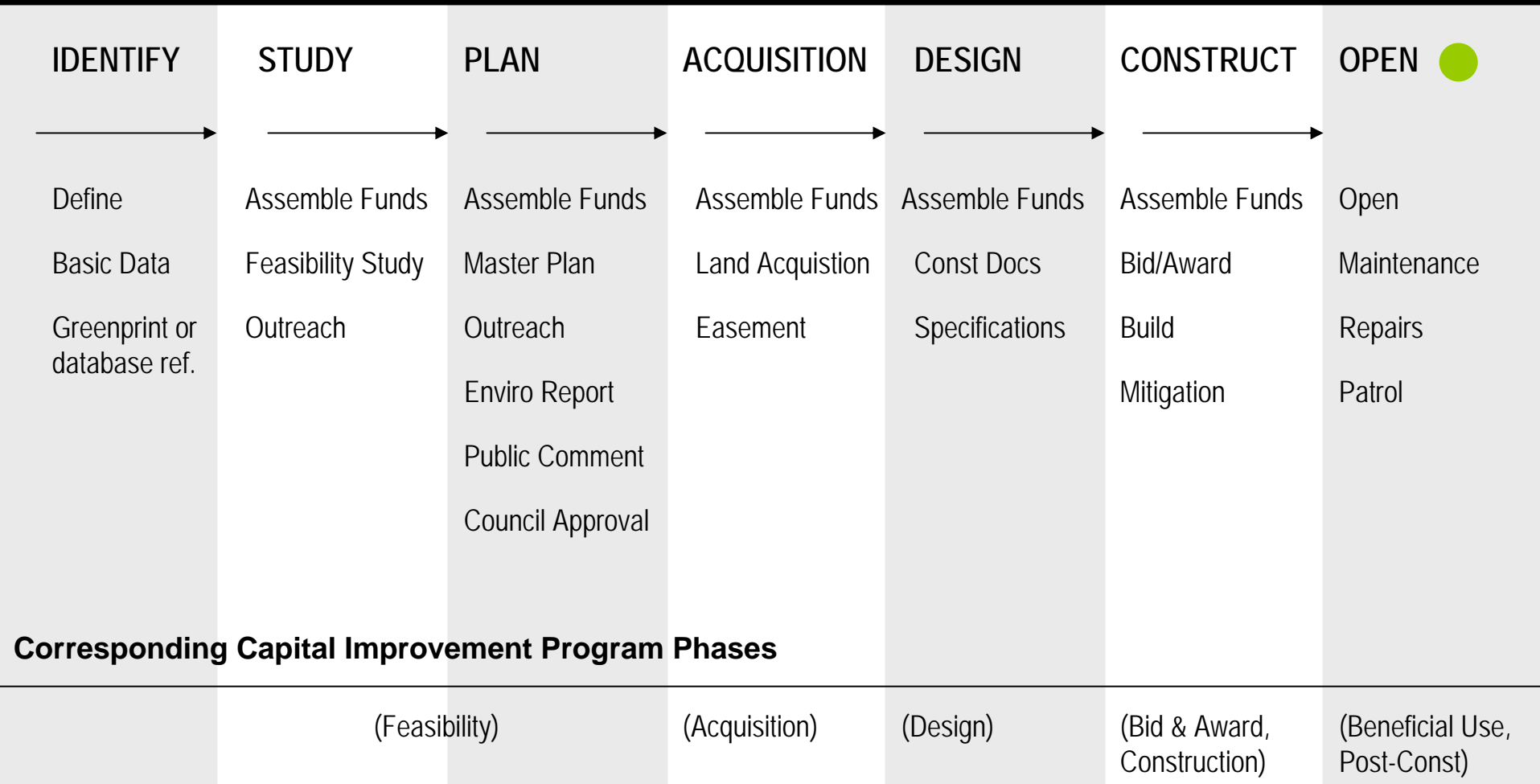
- Guadalupe River Reach 12 (Chynoweth to Blossom Hill, **0.8 miles**) open to the public: 3/04
- Coleman Road Pedestrian Bridge (west of Almaden Exp, **220 feet**) open to public: 5/04
- Gregory Street Bridge/ Los Gatos Creek and **0.25 miles** of trail open to public: 2/04.
- Coyote Creek Trail Feasibility Study (Highway 101 to Story Road, **2.85 miles**) completed: 6/04.
- Guadalupe River Trail Master Plan (I-880 to Alviso, **6.0 miles**) began: 3/04.
- Saratoga San Tomas Aquino Creek Trail (Bollinger to Prospect, **1.1 miles**) began 5/04.
- Penitencia Creek Reach 1 Feasibility Study (Alum Rock Park to Noble, **0.5 mile**) began 3/04.
- Over **\$3 million** secured for the Willow Glen Spur Trail project.

11.5 miles

PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **Six agreements** for construction or interim use approved.
- **Web Site** now includes plans, studies, community input, photos, and inventory:
- **“Gateway” concept** incorporated in all current studies to increase trail visibility.
- Integrate Airport and Guadalupe Trail master plans to enhance **pedestrian/ bike access to San Jose Mineta International Airport.**
- Coordinate with Transportation to **integrate trail system with Bicycle Master Plan.**
- Coordinate with Santa Clara Valley Water District to create **unified river trail inventory.**
- Coordinate with San Jose Redevelopment Agency to develop a unique signage system for the Guadalupe River Park and serve as a **model for system-wide signage.**
- Coordinate with Police and Transportation to develop concept for Milestone project; a system-wide signage project to **enhance safety and incident tracking.**
- **Create Development Flowchart** to improve understanding of project delivery process and define steps for moving projects forward.

DEVELOPMENT FLOWCHART



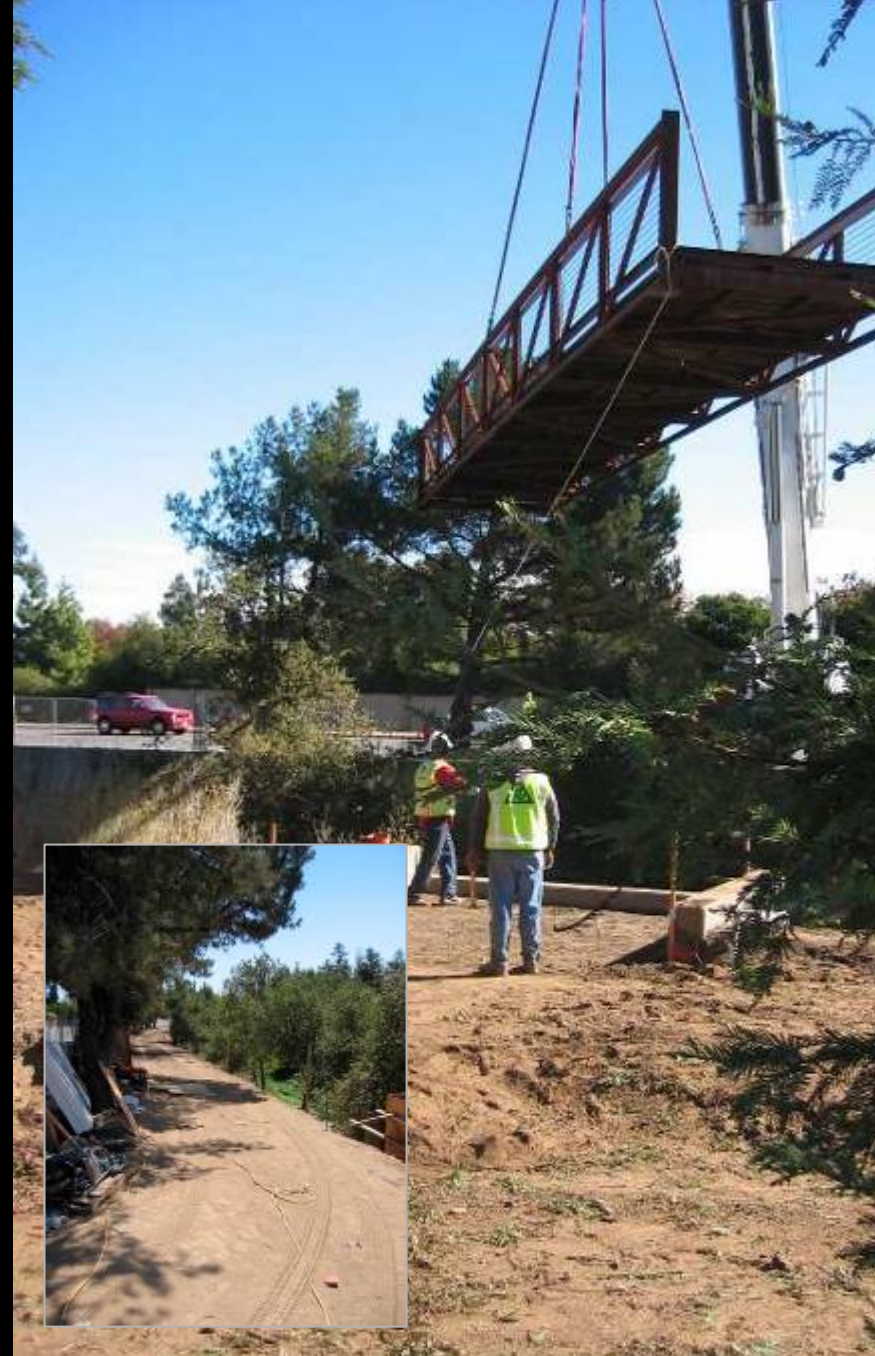
DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

- **Seven Phases of Trail Development**
(the figures provide a snapshot of progress as of July 2004)
 - IDENTIFY - Identified for funding consideration **19.73 Miles**
 - STUDY - Feasibility Study underway or completed **11.00 Miles**
 - PLAN - Master Plan underway or completed **38.66 Miles**
 - ACQUISITION - Secure right to use private lands **0.50 Miles**
 - DESIGN - Design Documents underway or completed **1.76 Miles**
 - CONSTRUCT - Under Construction **1.16 Miles**
 - OPEN - Built **26.16 Miles**
- Total 98.97 Miles**

Total does not include trails being identified as part of Evergreen Visioning Process and Coyote Valley master planning.

Saratoga San Tomas

- Reach 6 (Bollinger to English)
 - 1.1 miles
 - Construction underway
 - To be completed by Summer 2005
 - Partners: County, SCVWD



Coyote Alamitos Canal

- Lake Almaden to Santa Teresa Blvd
 - 10.9 miles
 - Study completed
 - “Next Steps” Meeting: City / District meeting April 26
 - Partners: SCVWD, private owners, County



Coyote Creek

- Hwy 237 to Montague
 - 2.4 miles
 - Construction underway
 - To be completed by July 15.
 - Partners: SCVWD, State, VTA



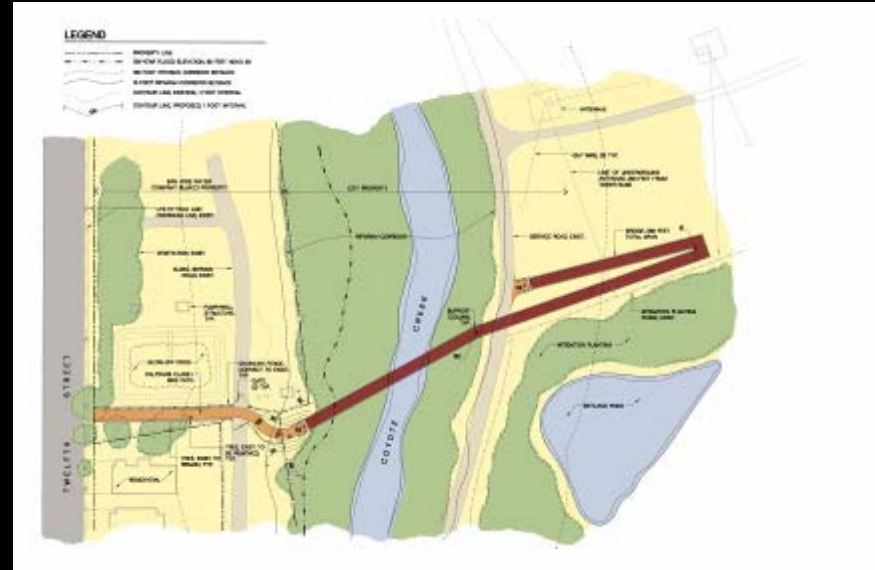
Coyote Creek


- Montague to Story
 - 7.5 miles
 - Feasibility study completed June 2004
 - Master plan to commence August 2005
 - Federal line item
 - Partners: SCVWD, NAC



Coyote Creek

- Martha Street Bridge
 - 500 – 1000’
 - Study underway
 - Partners: SCVWD, NAC



An aerial photograph of a suburban area. A dashed white line traces a path through a wooded area, representing the Coyote Creek trail. Two labels, 'Story Rd' and 'Phelan Av', are positioned above the trail line with vertical lines pointing to the trail's location. The surrounding area includes residential houses, commercial buildings, and sports fields.

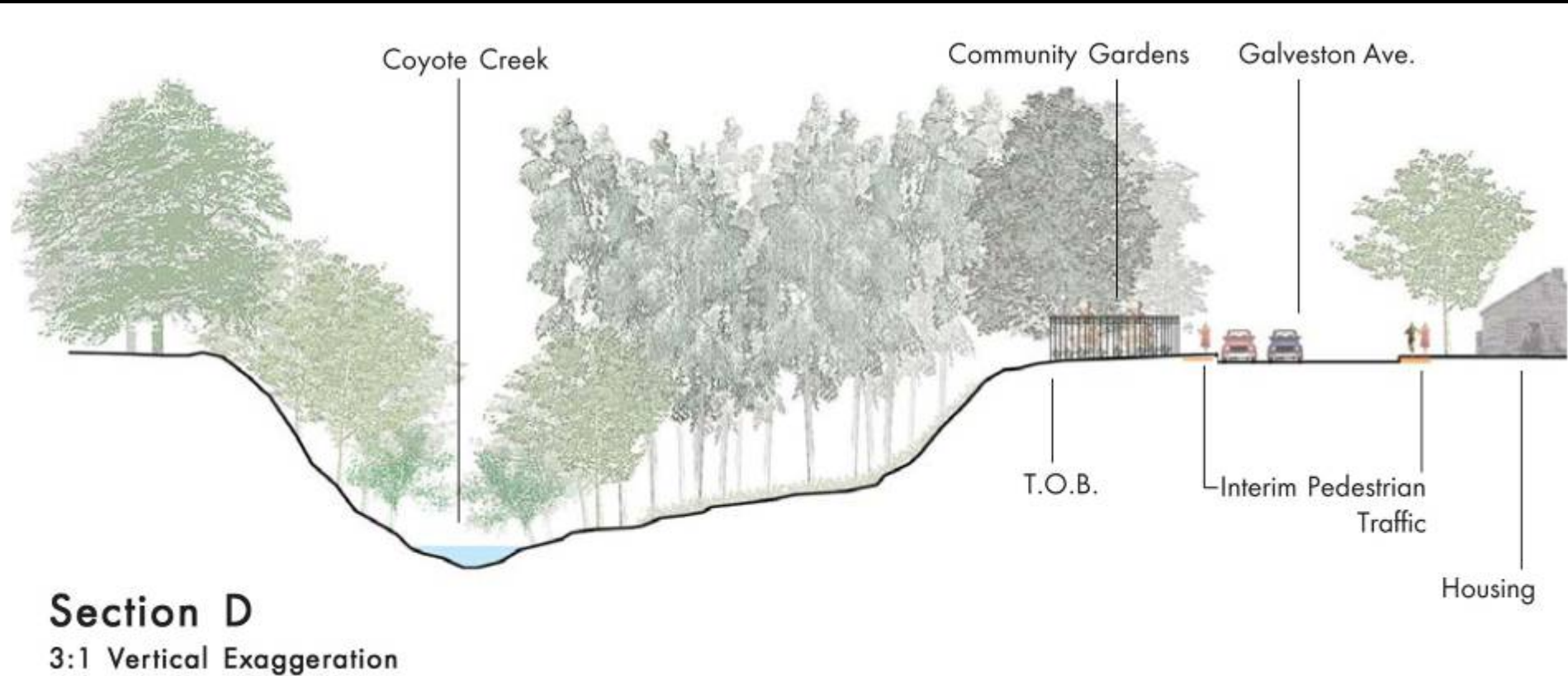
Story Rd

Phelan Av

Coyote Creek

- 0.9 miles
- Kelley Park redevelopment underway
- Design has commenced
- Partners: SCVWD, Bay Ridge Trail Council

- Coyote Creek (Phelan to Los Lagos)
 - 1.8 miles
 - Master Plan approved, design commencing
 - Partners: SCVWD



Coyote Creek

- Reach 5/6 (Capitol-Yerba Buena)
 - 0.6 miles
 - Site Study completed
 - Grant request submitted to SCVWD
 - Partners: Bay Ridge Trail Council



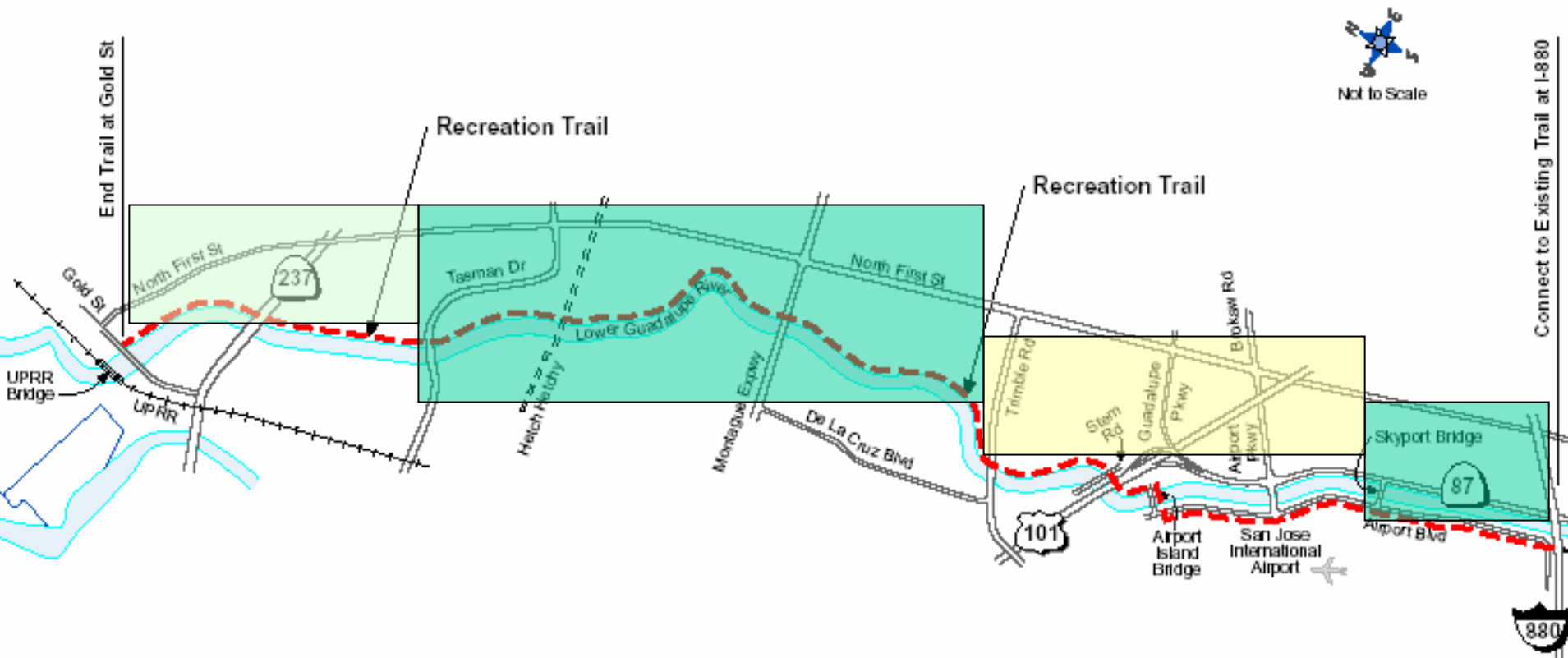
Guadalupe River

- Reach 6 (280 to Willow)
 - 0.75 miles
 - Master Plan approved
 - Consultant contract to be awarded in April
 - Partners: Caltrans, SCVWD



Guadalupe River

- Reach A to G (Gold Street to 880)
 - 6 miles
 - Master Plan and Initial Study under review
 - Staged approach with interim alignment (trail and on-street)





Trail Program Update

Penitencia Creek

- Reach 1 (Alum Rock to Noble)
 - 0.6 mile
 - Survey work completed
 - Consultant to begin in April
 - Partners: SCVWD, Army Corp, OSA, County
- Reach 2 (Noble to Piedmont)
 - 0.5 mile
 - Construction to commence in June
 - Partner: SCVWD, County

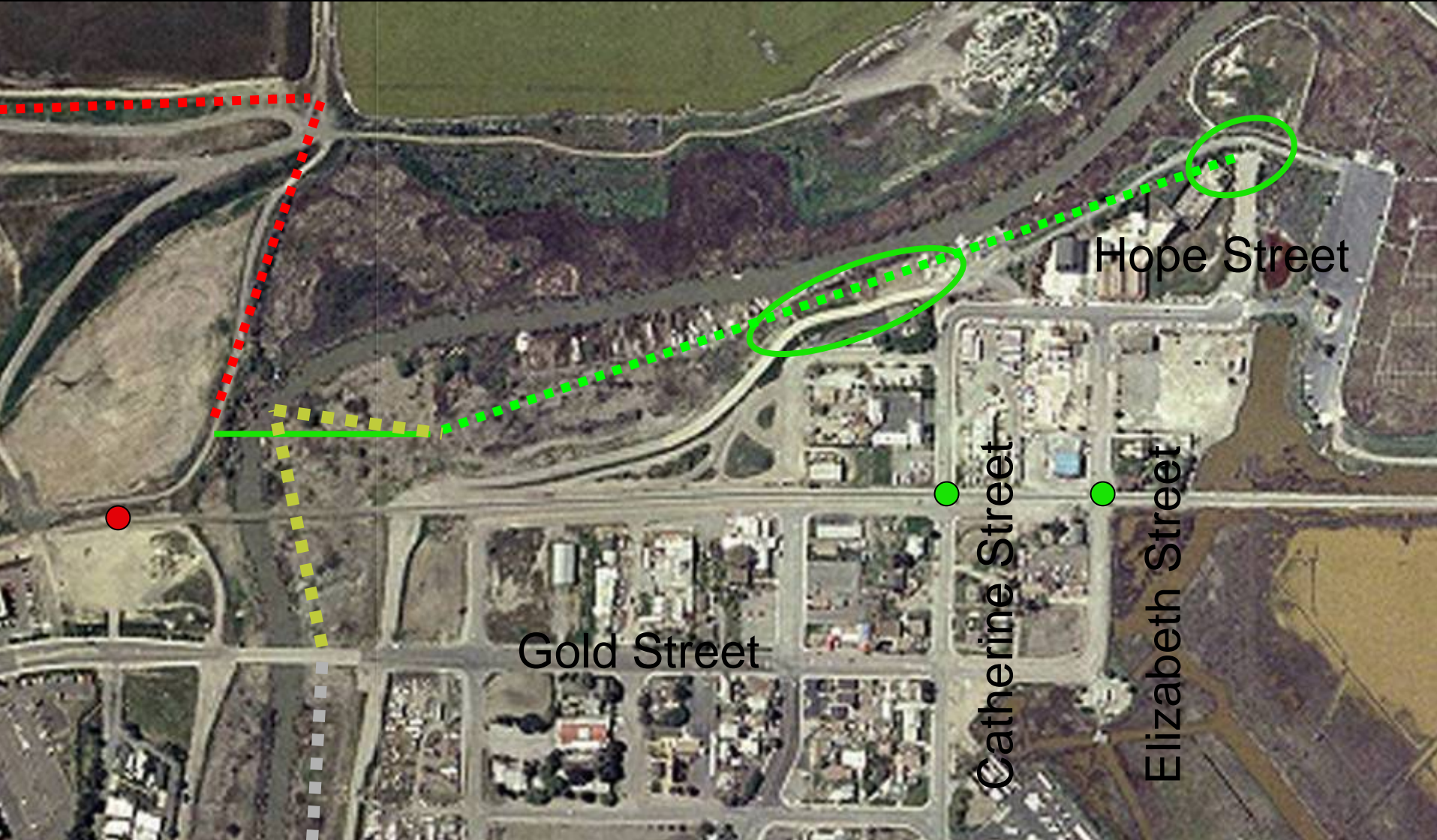


Bay Trail Reach 7

0.4 mile

Funding request submitted to ABAG

Grant request submitted to SCVWD



Hope Street

Gold Street

Catherine Street

Elizabeth Street

Silver Creek

- All Reaches (5.8 miles)
 - Proposed for 05/06 funding
 - Dobern Bridge to be built by this summer
- Kammerer Bridge
 - Bridge open
- Wenlock Drive
 - Design underway
 - Partners: SCVWD, PG&E



Silver Creek

- Barberry Lane
 - 0.8 mile
 - Scope of study developed
 - Fund agreement being negotiated
- Partners: RDA, SCVWD



Guadalupe Creek

- Reach 6a (Almaden Exp to Singletree)
 - 1.8 miles
 - Work orders prepared
 - Interim Agreement drafted
 - Partner: SCVWD



Willow Glen Spur

- West Reaches (Los Gatos Creek to Hwy 87)
 - 2.0 miles
 - UPRR / DTSC discussions
- East Reaches (Hwy 87 to Coyote Creek)
 - 1.8 miles
 - EPA grant secured for environmental testing
 - Partners: SCVWD, DOT, EPA, UPRR

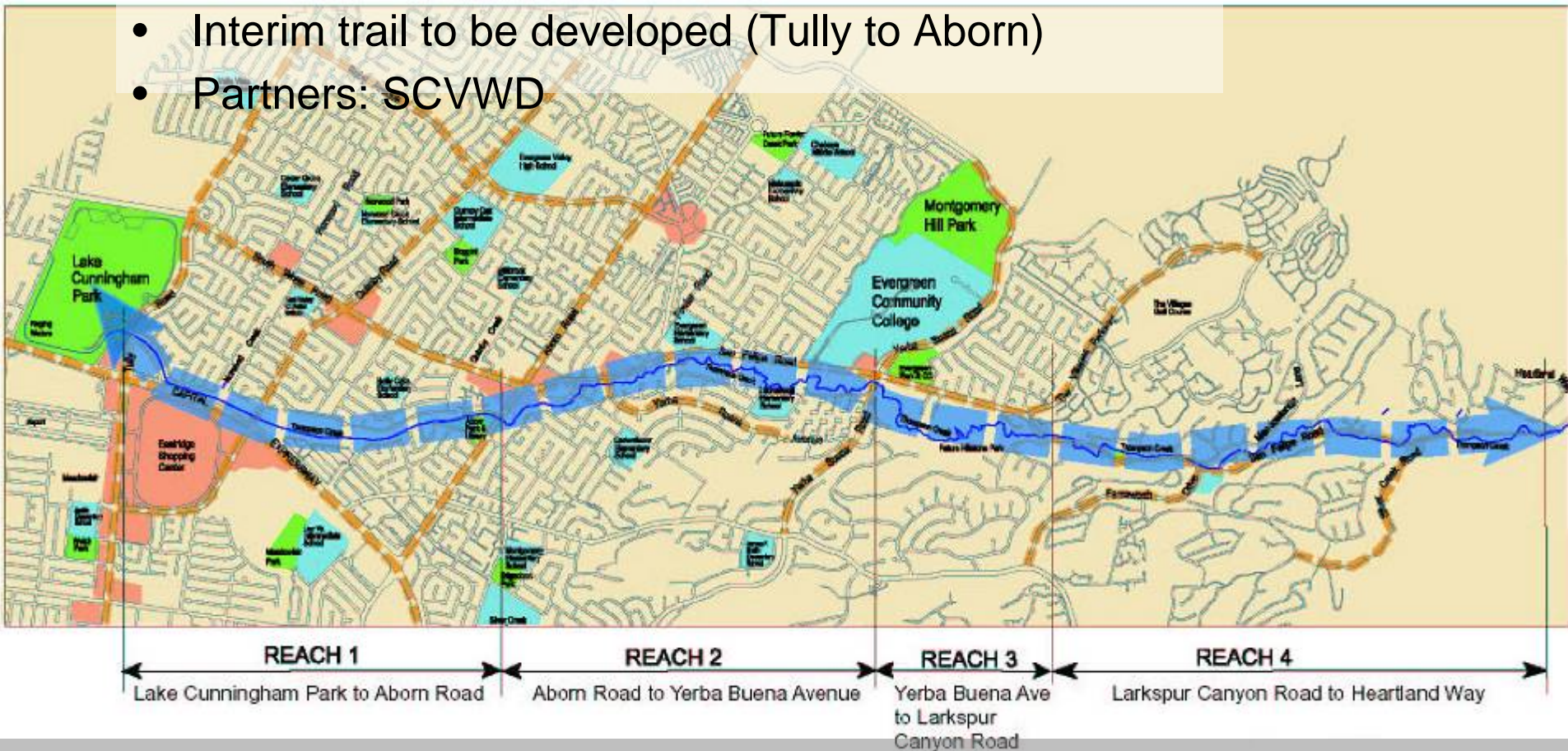


Los Gatos Creek

- Reach 4 (Lincoln to Auzeais)
 - 0.5 mile
 - Design documents being prepared
 - Acquiring property
- Reach 5 (Auzeais to Santa Clara)
 - 0.8 miles
 - Funding approved
 - Partners: SCVWD, private developers



- 6.0 miles
- Master plan approved
- Interim trail to be developed (Tully to Aborn)
- Partners: SCVWD



Program Efforts

- Web Site Enhancements
 - Statistical Presentation
 - Recreation
 - Health
 - Property Values
 - Safety
 - Economic
 - Transportation
 - User Survey
 - Improve design practices
 - Meet user needs

DATA: Recreation

- Provide low cost, attractive, and accessible opportunities to integrate exercise into daily life.
 - Provide access to places for neighborhood physical activity results in a 25% increase in the number of people who exercise at least 3 times per week.¹
 - Directly address obesity by giving more people inexpensive access to places for physical activity (especially for groups at high risk for physical inactivity.)²



DATA: Safety

- Trails may have little impact on increases in crime
 - "The trail does not encourage crime, and in fact, probably deters crime since there are many people, tourists and local citizens using the trail for many activities at various hours of the day."
 - Sheriff, Green County, WI¹
 - "The trail has not caused any increase in the amount of crimes reported and the few reported incidents are minor in nature...We have found that the trail brings in so many people that it has actually led to a decrease in problems we formerly encountered such as underage drinking along the river banks."
 - Chief of Police, Buena Vista, PA²



^{1,2} Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, "Rail-Trails and Safe Communities", 1999



DATA: Economic Impact

- Business activity can increase near trails
 - Trails increase access to local businesses and create opportunities for new businesses
 - Trail users of three rail-trails generated a total economic activity of over \$1.2 million for each trail. Users spent an average of \$9.21, \$11.02, and \$3.97 per person per day as a result of their trail visits to the Heritage (Iowa), St. Marks (Florida), and Lafayette/Moraga (California) trails respectively.¹



¹ Economic Impacts of Protecting Rivers, Trails and Greenway Corridors, National Park Service, 1995



Adopt-A-Trail

TRAIL SEGMENT	VOLUNTEERS
Albertson Parkway	James Barcia & Jamie Lajara
Los Alamos- Calero (Almaden Lake Park)	St. Timothy's School
Los Alamos- Calero, Singer Park (Via Valiente to Camden Ave.)	Kirk-Freedman Family
Los Gatos Creek Trail (Coleman to Harry Rd.)	Barry Redding & Arlene Redding
Los Gatos Creek Trail (Leigh Ave. to Meridian)	Willow Glen Neighborhood Association
Guadalupe River (San Carlos St. to Woz Way)	Universal Life Church
Los Gatos Creek Trail (Bascom Ave. to Leigh Ave.)	Martin Delson (PENDING- received inquiry today and mailed adoption forms)