



## **TITLE**

Public Draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Review and comment on the Public Draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan

## **CONTACT**

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## **BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS**

The update of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan began in September 2024. The process included a comprehensive review of previous planning efforts, including the 2015 Parks Needs Assessment and the 2012 Parks Master Plan, as well as an evaluation of existing park and facility conditions. A key component of the planning process included extensive community engagement through stakeholder interviews, community surveys, and public outreach efforts to better understand how parks and recreation spaces are used today and how they can evolve to meet future needs. Below is a list of interviews - all were invited to attend this evening:

1. Ahi Swim Team
2. AC Atletico
3. AC Little League
4. AC Arts Foundation
5. Kiwanis
6. AC Jr. Wolves Football & Cheer
7. American Canyon Community and Parks Foundation
8. American Canyon Chamber of Commerce
9. Spirit Horse
10. Helping Hands Indo American
11. American Canyon Soroptimist

Importantly, the draft Plan aligns with the City's 2040 General Plan, which serves as the primary document guiding long-term growth and development. In particular, the Parks and Open Space Element establishes goals, policies, and parkland standards that inform how parks, trails, and open spaces are planned and provided. This input, combined with planning for anticipated population

growth and changing recreation trends, helps shape the direction of the Master Plan.

The Public Draft presented today reflects the culmination of this work and is organized into four chapters:

**CHAPTER 1: Our City and Our Parks**

This chapter introduces the community context and overall vision for parks and recreation. It reflects community values, highlights key themes identified through engagement, and establishes the foundation for the Master Plan.

**CHAPTER 2: What We Have**

This chapter provides an overview of existing parks, facilities, programs, and open spaces. It evaluates current conditions and identifies strengths and opportunities within the existing system.

**CHAPTER 3: Where We Are Going**

This chapter outlines the City’s vision for the future of parks and recreation, including park standards, future park needs, and planned improvements, guided by community input and the evolving needs of residents.

**CHAPTER 4: How We Will Get There**

This chapter identifies the tools and strategies needed to implement the Master Plan, including funding approaches, capital planning, prioritization, and implementation strategies to guide decision-making over time in a practical and sustainable manner.

**PLAN OVERVIEW**

The Public Draft was reviewed and commented on by the Open Space, Active Transportation, and Sustainability Commission and the Parks and Community Services Commission at a Joint Special Meeting held on April 1, 2026. Attachment 1 contains the updated Public Draft of the Master Plan, incorporating edits and comments provided by the Commissions and members of the public during the April 1 meeting. Attachment 2 includes additional comments and recommendations that were not incorporated into the draft and are provided for Council's consideration.

**NEXT STEPS**

The goal is to receive City Council and public feedback on the Public Draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan and the additional comments in Attachment 2. This input will inform final revisions prior to bringing the Plan forward for adoption on June 16, 2026.

**COUNCIL PRIORITY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS**

Organizational Effectiveness: "Deliver exemplary government services."

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Not Applicable

## **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

15378(b) - The action is not a "Project" subject to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") because it does not qualify as a "Project" under Public Resources Code Sections 21065 and 21080 and in Section 15378(b) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.

## **COMMUNICATION**

Level 3: Broad Communication

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan has included extensive community engagement throughout its development, including outreach efforts to key stakeholders and community groups. As part of these efforts, City staff shared the Public Draft with our youth sports organizations and invited their participation at the April 1 Joint Special meeting with the Commissions.

Consistent with Level 3 outreach, City staff broadly shared information about the draft plan and encourage community members and stakeholders to participate in the upcoming public meeting on May 5 at 6:30 p.m. Outreach efforts included sharing information through the City's website, social media platforms, and email notifications through the City Manager's Update newsletter to maximize awareness.

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

- [1. Public Draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan](#)
- [2. Public Comment Summary and Staff Response](#)