

# City of Morgan Hill Demonstration Gardens

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## CIVIC CENTER

### Features

- Drought tolerant plants
- Mostly native California plants
- In-line drip irrigation
- Decomposed granite pathways
- Dry creek river rock bed
- Mulch
- Weed mat barriers
- Decorative boulders

Located at 17555 Peak Avenue in Morgan Hill, the Civic Center Demonstration Garden displays a wide variety of primarily California native drought tolerant plants. This garden showcases in-line drip irrigation and a mulch layer to reduce water waste. Several of the plants showcased, such as Deer Grass (*Muhlenbergia rigens*) and Pink Chintz (*Thymus serpyllum*), help to attract local birds, pollinators, and other beneficial insects. Informational placards on site go into further detail about the garden as well as free brochures. Decomposed granite pathways provide a lovely walking path as well as several benches that allow an inviting atmosphere for the public to relax while enjoying the garden. A dry river rock bed helps to add a natural creek side appearance as well as allowing an area for water to be retained during high rains.



*River rock creek bed*

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Civic Center Plants	
Scientific Name	Common Name
Arctostaphylos "Emerald Carpet"	Emerald Carpet Manzanita
Arctostaphylos "Howard McMinn"	Howard McMinn Manzanita
Arctostaphylos "John Dourley"	John Dourley Manzanita
Arctostaphylos "Pacific Mist"	Pacific Mist Manzanita
Arctostaphylos "Sunset"	Sunset Manzanita
Baccharis pilularis "Pigeon Point"	Dwarf Coyote Bush
Carpenteria californica	Bush Anemone
Celtis occidentalis	Hackberry
Cercis occidentals	Western Redbud
Diets grandiflora "Variegata"	Striped Fortnight Lily
Festuca rubra "Molate"	Red Fescue
Fragaria chiloensis	Sand Strawberry
Garrya eliptica "Evie"	Coast Silk Tassel
Iris douglasiana	Pacific Coast Hybrid Iris
Kniphofia uvaria	Red Hot Poker
Koeleria macrantha	June Grass
Kurapia groundgover	Kurapia Groundcover
Lantana sellowiana	Trailing Lantana
Mahonia aquifolium	Oregon Grape
Mahonia aquifolium "Orange Flame"	Oregon Grape Holly
Mimulus "Jelly Bean Gold"	Jelly Bean Gold Monkeyflower
Mimulus "Jelly Bean Red"	Jelly Bean Red Monkeyflower
Muhlenbergia rigens	Deer Grass
Muoporum parvifolium "White"	Creeping Myoporum
Myoporum parvifolium	Creeping Myoporum
Myoporum parvifolium "Tuscon"	Creeping Myoporum
Pennisetum "Little Bunny"	Dwarf Fountain Grass
Romneya coulteri	Matilija Poppy
Salvia clevelandii	Cleveland Sage
Salvia leucophylla "Amethyst Bluff"	Purple Leaf Sage
Salvia leucophylla "Point Sal"	Purple Leaf Sage
Salvia leucophylla "Poza Blue"	Pozo Blue Sage
Sisyrinchium bellum	Blue Eyed Grass
Thymus serphyllum "Pink Chintz"	Creeping Pink Thyme
Yucca whipplei	Foothill Yucca

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*Decomposed granite walkway and small bridge*



*Close up of river rock creek bed as it retains water*

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*Rest and leisure area*



*Bench area along Alkire Avenue*