

CHAPTER 3

Vision and Goals

INTRODUCTION

The City of Morgan Hill has made significant progress toward the goals and priority projects included in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan (2001) and has many accomplishments on which to build future growth and success. The overarching vision and goals for the Bikeways, Trails, Parks and Recreation Master Plan (Master Plan) were developed from public and stakeholder input, including the community goals articulated in the Morgan Hill 2035 General Plan. They provide an aspirational description of the City's future parks, recreation, bikeways, and trails system, and establish the framework on which the Master Plan policies and projects are based.

VISION AND GOALS

The City of Morgan Hill shall strive to expand and improve its system of parks, recreation facilities, programs, bikeways, and trails to support **community health, economic development, and quality of life** in Morgan Hill.

The following goals refine the direction of previous master plans and provide the policy framework to guide decisions and investments to achieve the system envisioned in this Master Plan. The policies and projects outlined in Chapter 4 and the actions in Chapter 5 are specific actions for realizing these goals. Over the next twenty years, the improvements and investments outlined in this plan will:

1. Improve connections between residences and the network of City parks and facilities;
2. Diversify the experiences in the City's parks and along its trails;
3. Engage people of all ages and all abilities;
4. Support the health and wellness of all community members;
5. Inspire a sense of community and place through arts, culture, and historic resources;
6. Respond to changing conditions and evolving preferences;
7. Ensure equitable access to programs and places for recreation and activity;
8. Leverage partnerships to maximize community benefit and use resources efficiently;
9. Balance active recreation with unprogrammed open spaces;
10. Continue to provide regional recreation destinations for visitors that support economic growth;
11. Enhance safety and navigation to key recreation destinations and along popular routes;
12. Invest in and maintain existing assets while carefully planning for future growth; and
13. Promote financial stability for operation of City facilities.

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The policies, programs, and projects in this Master Plan will realize the vision and goals articulated above. Over the next 20 years, the City will create an integrated, connected set of park and recreation assets and transportation infrastructure, as illustrated in Figure 3-1.

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