

VALLEY VIEW PARK MASTER PLAN

Community Meeting #2

MAY 4, 2022



AGENDA

1. Presentation (30 Min)

Overview

Community Engagement Recap

Key Analysis

Givens

Poll Question

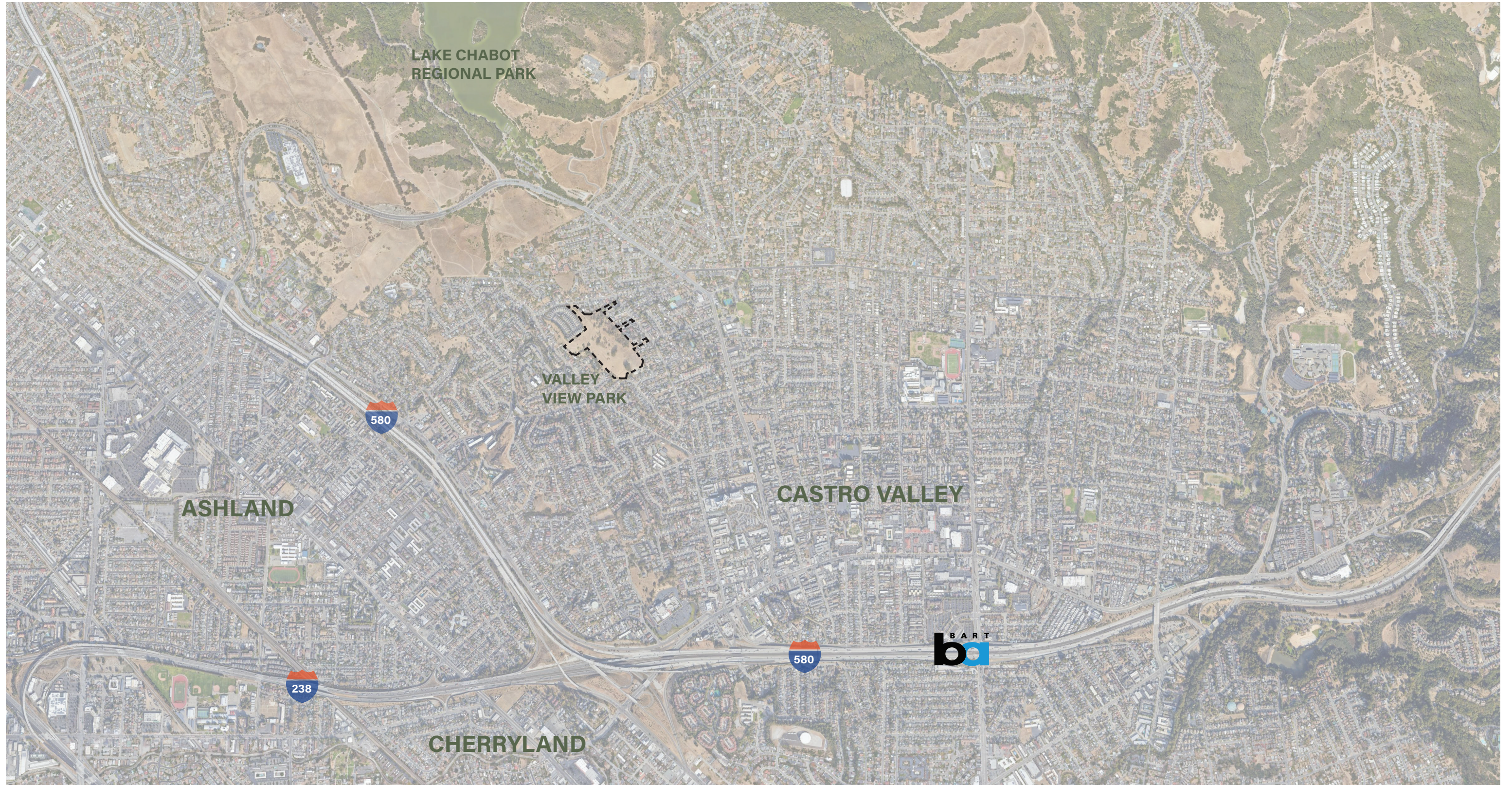
Three Design Options

2. Breakout Session (30 Min)

3. Report Back (20 Min)

4. Next Steps

OVERVIEW



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OVERVIEW SITE IMAGES



OVERVIEW SITE HISTORY



The East Bay was home to Ohlone-speaking peoples for thousands of years. The Castro Valley area is the ancestral home of the Chochenyo people.



With the arrival of the Spanish, Mission San Jose was established in 1797. Castro Valley was part of the extensive colony of New Spain in Alta California.



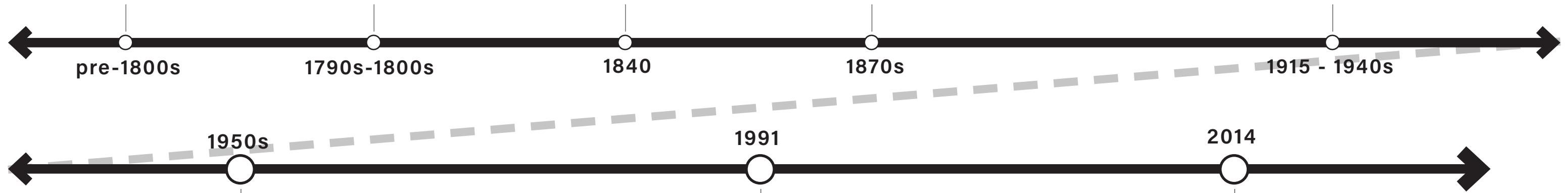
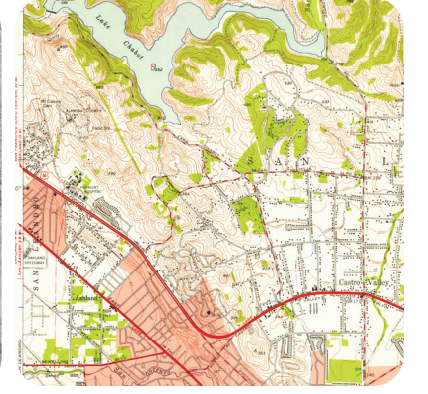
The Valley View site was part of a 28,000-acre land grant given to Don Guillermo Castro in 1840, called Rancho San Lorenzo. This land included Hayward, San Lorenzo and Castro Valley.



In the 1870s, not long after California became an American state, Lake Chabot was built by Chinese laborers living at Camp Yama-Po, using a dam on San Leandro Creek. The lake provided water for agriculture and growing towns.



Dwellings, storage structures, and barns start to appear on the site and agricultural operations are apparent. An unpaved road now allows access to the site.



Large-scale suburban development takes place all around the Valley View site in the matter of a decade. An elementary school and new housing surround the site on all sides.

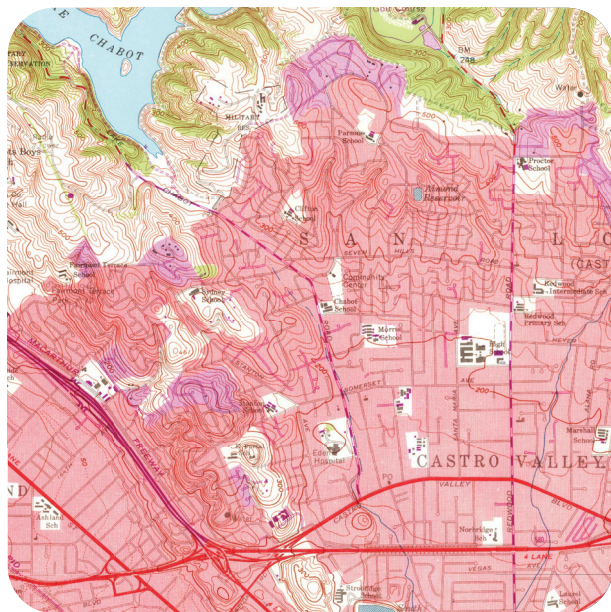


Image: USGS, 1959

East Bay Municipal Utility District purchases the property in 1983. By 1991, all structures on the site are demolished and the land sits vacant for many years.

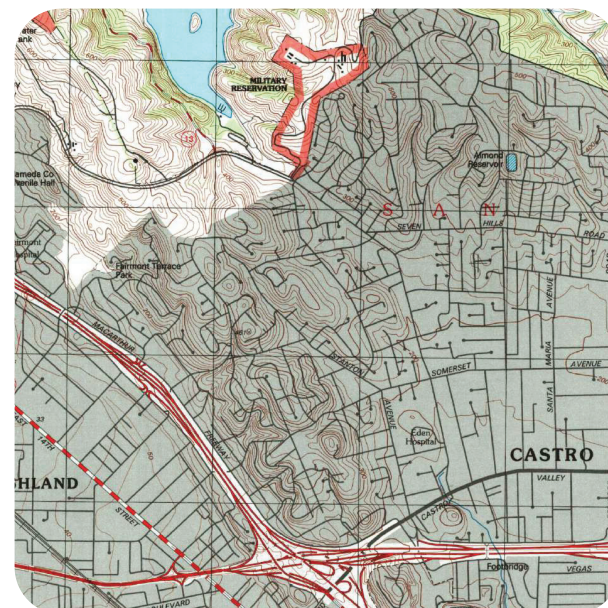
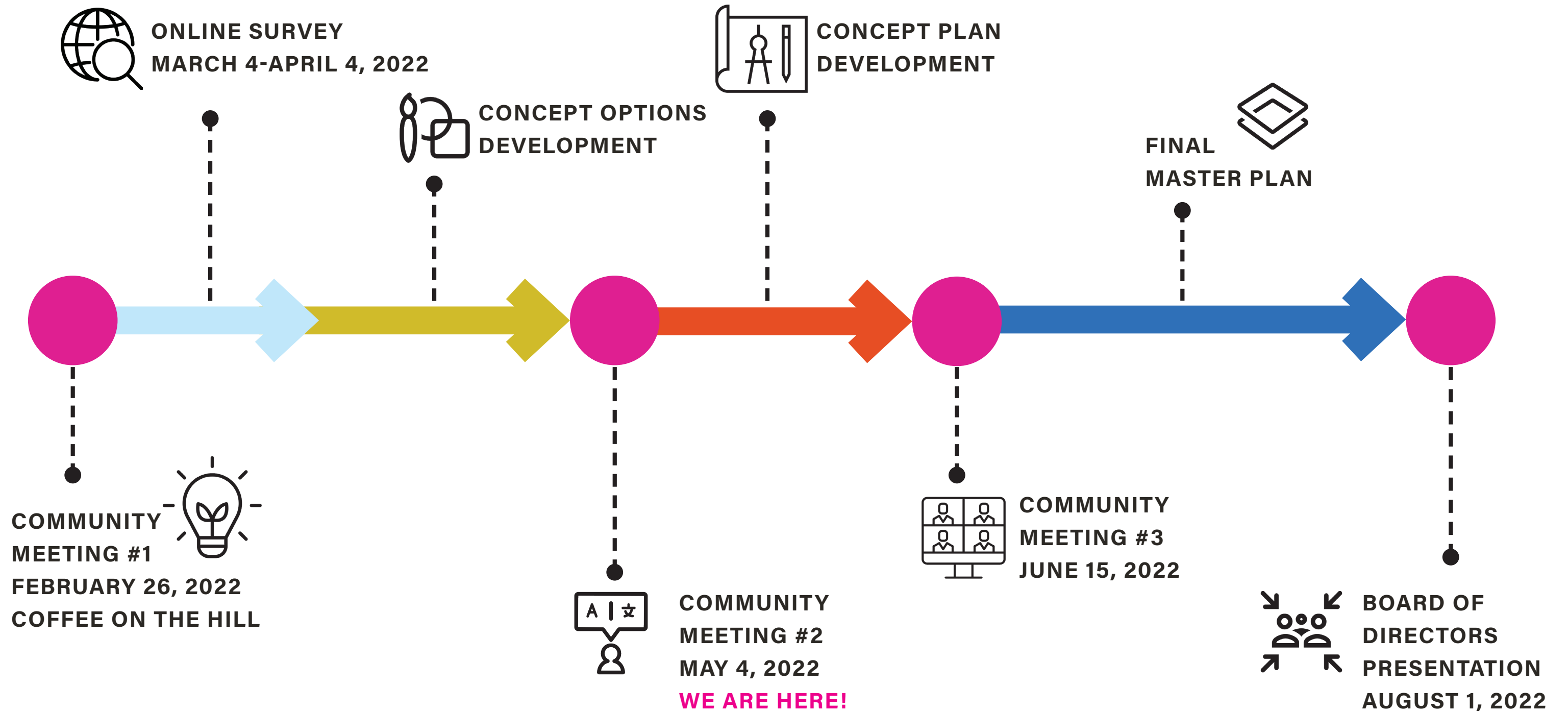


Image: USGS, 1996

HARD purchases the property from EBMUD. The process of planning a new public park begins.

PROJECT TIMELINE



ENGAGEMENT COFFEE ON THE HILL

Coffee on the Hill was held on February 26, 2022.

Over **200** neighbors and community members attended.

Visitors were asked to go on a self guided tour and **reflect** on the sensory experience of the site and **imagine** what they could envision at the site in the future.



WELCOME TO VALLEY VIEW PARK!

SELF GUIDED IMAGINE TOUR

Post your ideas at the Coffee Station



Take a moment, close your eyes at each of these locations. What do you **hear** or **smell**?

Open your eyes, what do you **see**? Is there anything you want to **touch**? How does this area make you **feel**?

1 Eucalyptus Grove
There are many great views from the site. What can you see here?

4 Secret Garden
This area shows a glimpse into the past. What evidence do you see?

2 Urban Forest
This zone has the most trees on the site. What kind of recreation can you imagine amongst the trees?

5 Hilltop
This is the highest place on the site. What can you see from here?

3 Sunrise Overlook
This steep area of the site gets a lot of morning sun. What is the temperature now?



REFLECT

Many people love the site as it is and do not want to see a lot of change.

The community loves the tire swing and memorial.

The site is a refuge for neighbors.

The views at the site are special and need to be celebrated.

There were concerns about privacy, safety and parking.



A What was your favorite spot on the site?
Take a sticker and mark that spot.

C What else did you discover?

B What made that spot special?
Draw a line and tell us what made it special.



ENGAGEMENT SURVEY RESULTS

662
surveys taken *

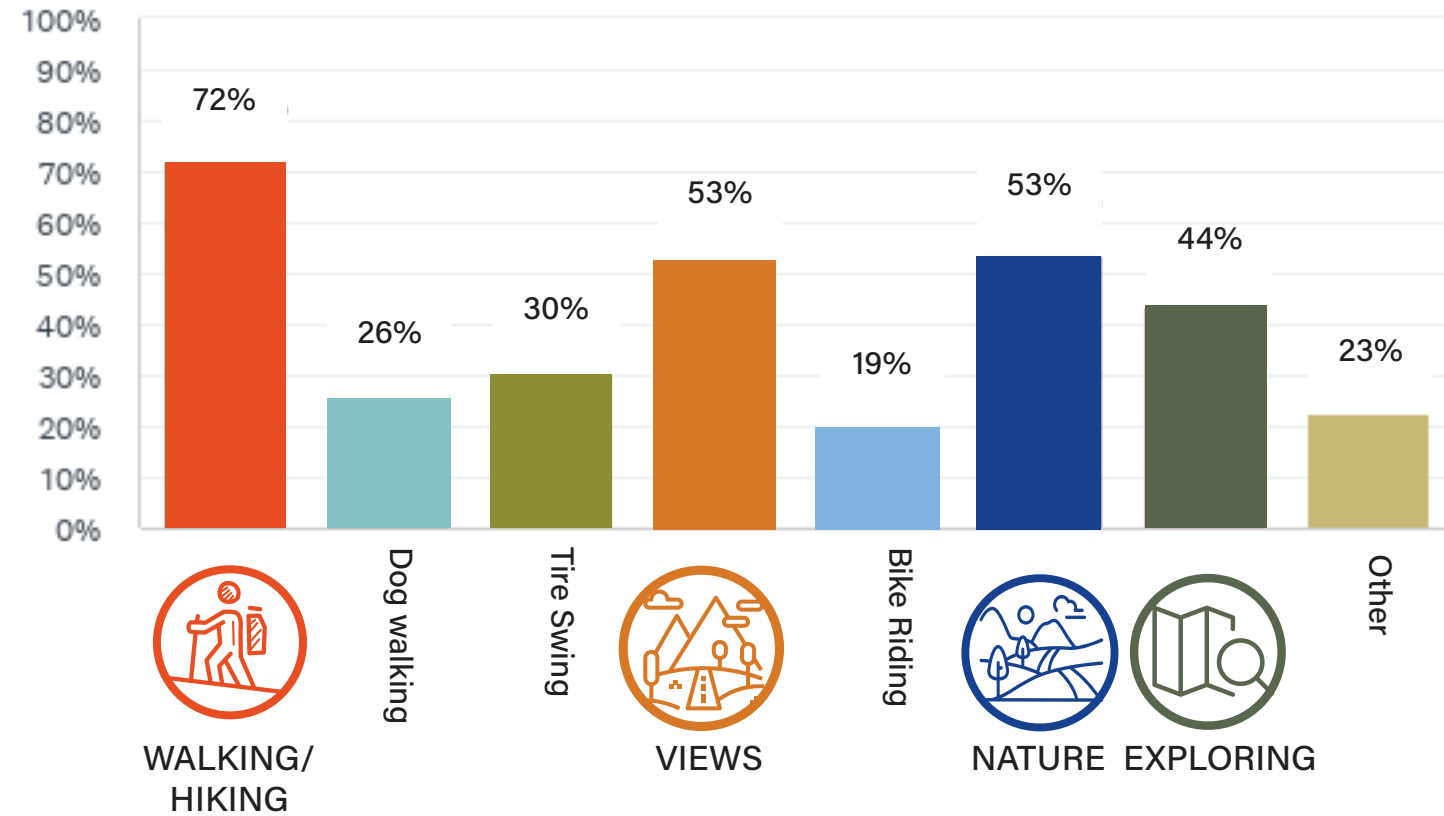
27%
live next to the park

82%
live in castro Valley

60%
have been to the site

75%
are families with 3-5
people per household

Why did/would you visit the site?



"I would love safe bicycle-specific spaces for children, and something like a pump track."

"We would like to see this as a recreational space but it would be great if it could keep its current natural charm."

"I really love the tire swing and the tree it's on, and the quiet around the area. It's a beautiful meditation spot, and you can look out over the city and think. That's my main reason for visiting this park."

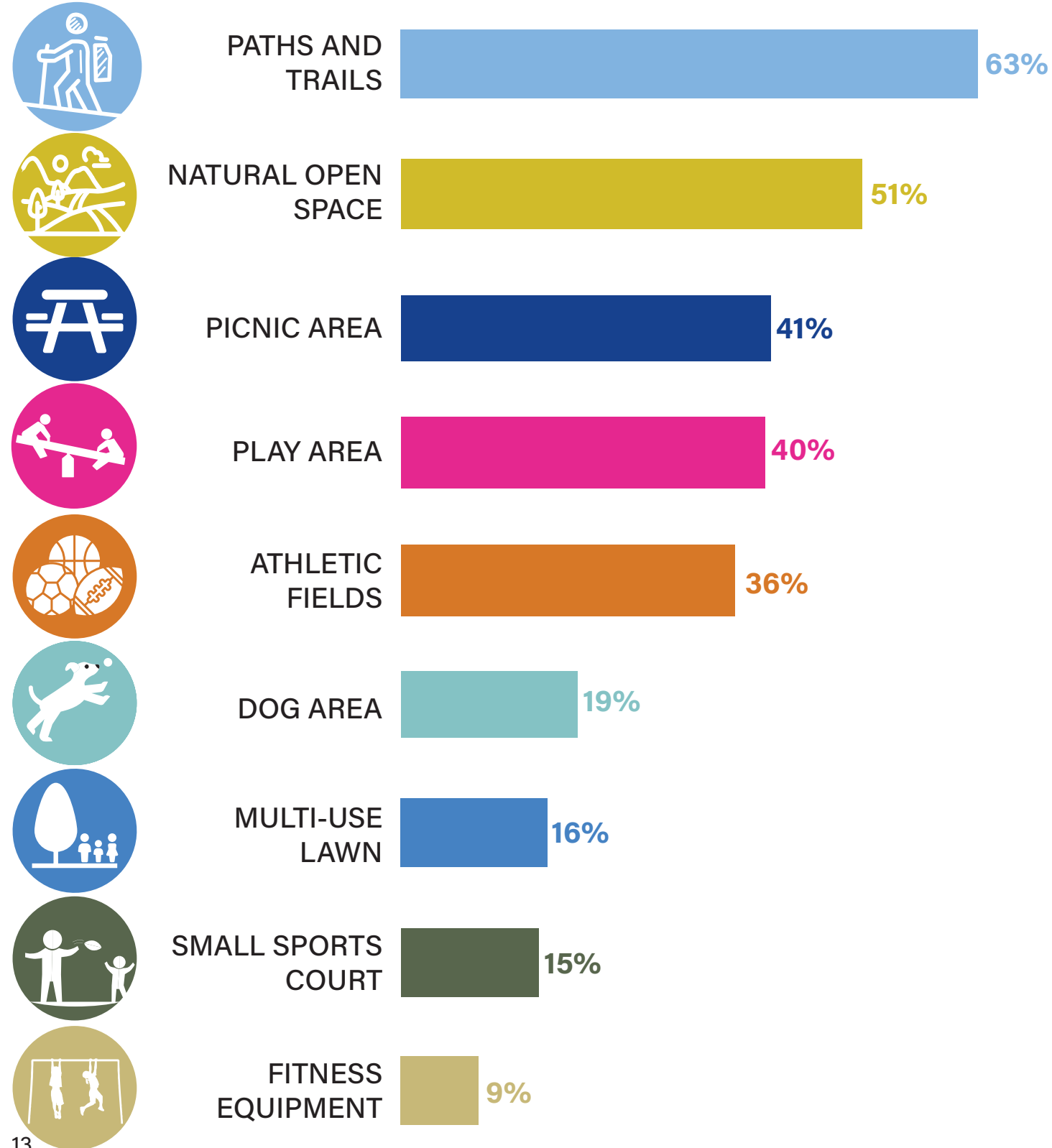
"I would love to see the obstacle/ropes course, a playground, and lots of walking paths with shade"

"This is a beautiful and serene place for unstructured play"

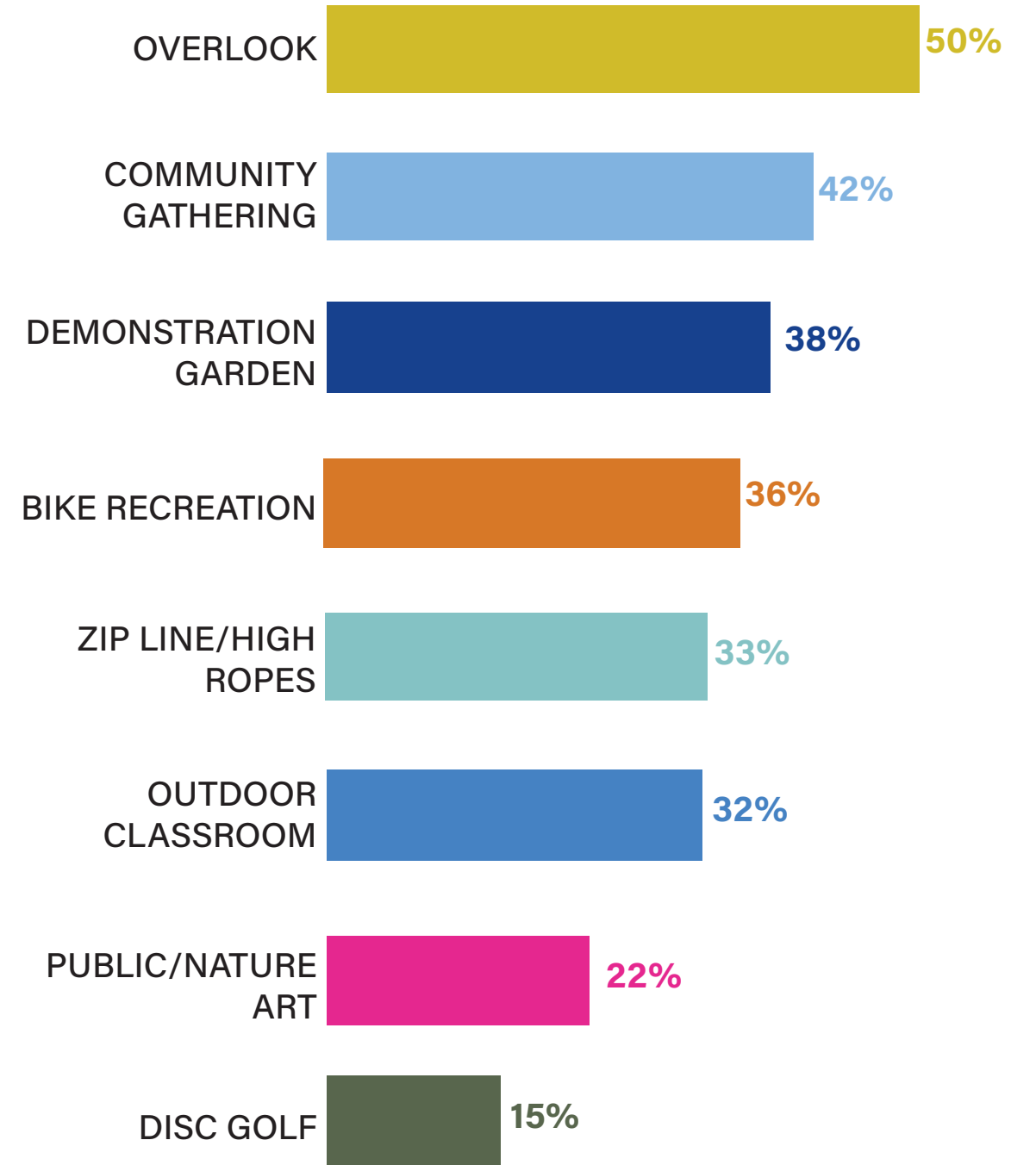
* The Valley View Survey was active for one month

ENGAGEMENT SURVEY RESULTS

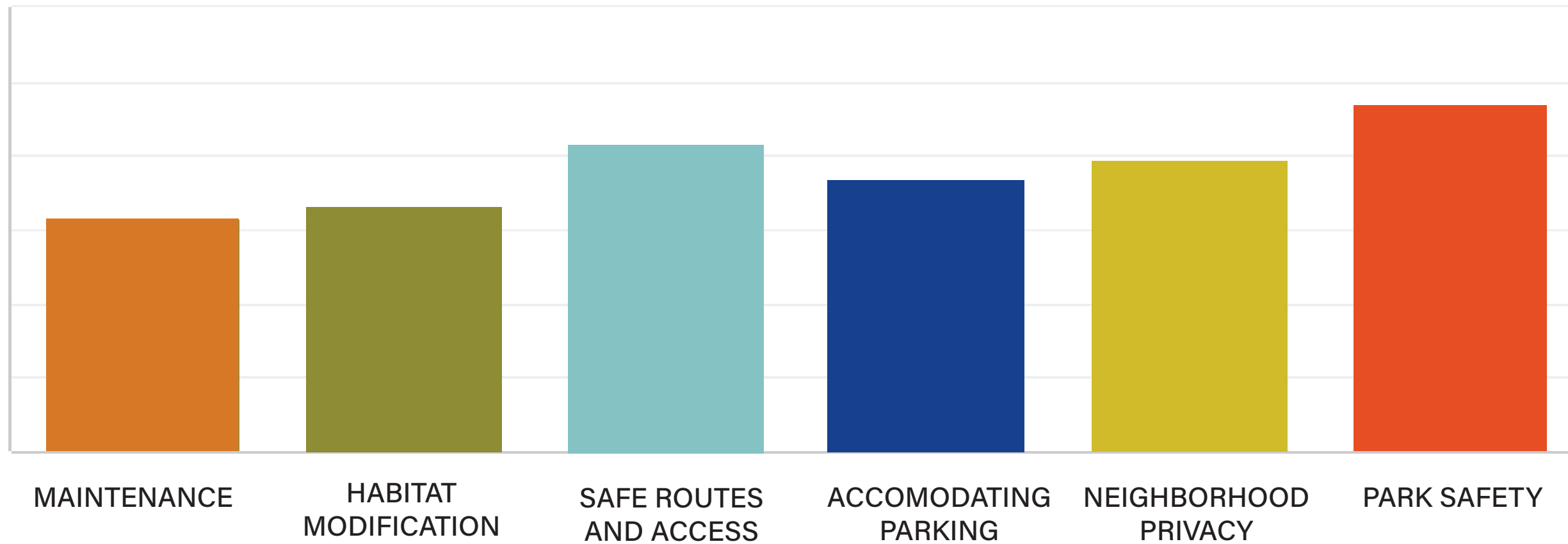
What facilities do you feel are best for Valley View park? (choose your top 3)



What amenities would you like to see at Valley View park? (choose your top 3)



What are your biggest concerns?

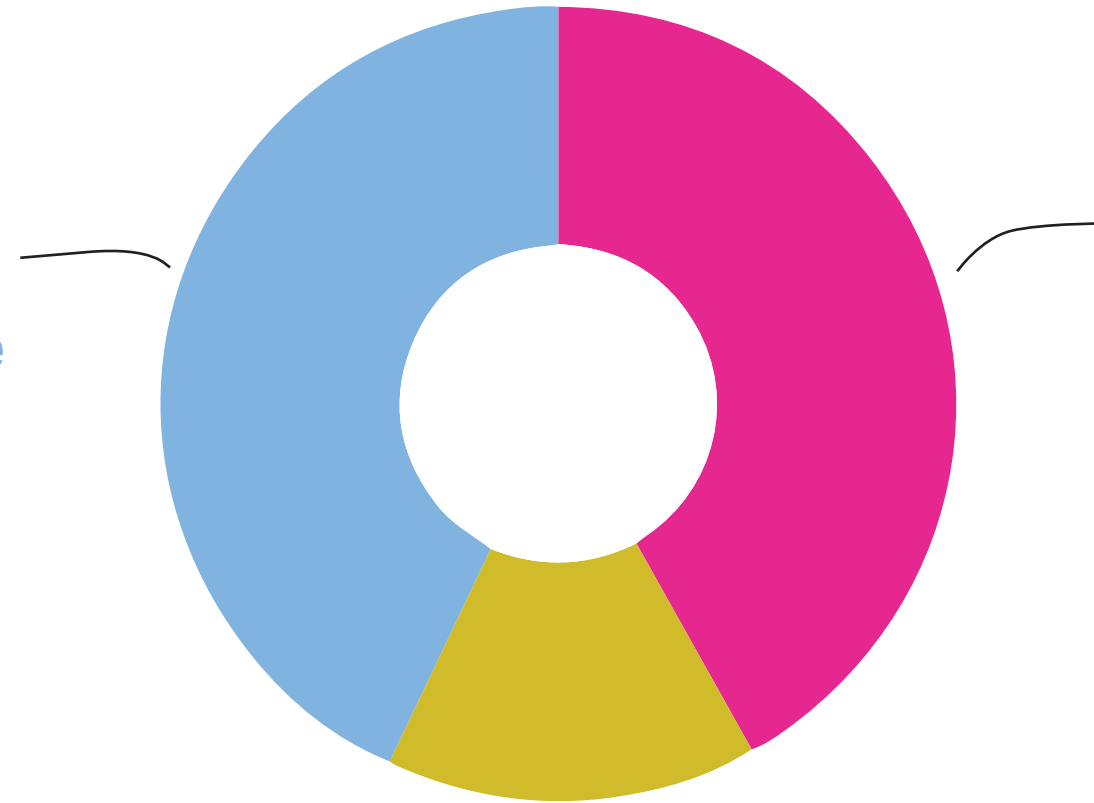


There is no single issue - Concerns will need to be balanced

ENGAGEMENT SURVEY RESULTS

Which statement best describes your vision for Valley View Park?

I want the park to remain a natural open space with paths, seating and passive programming.



I want the park to have multiple opportunities for active recreation.

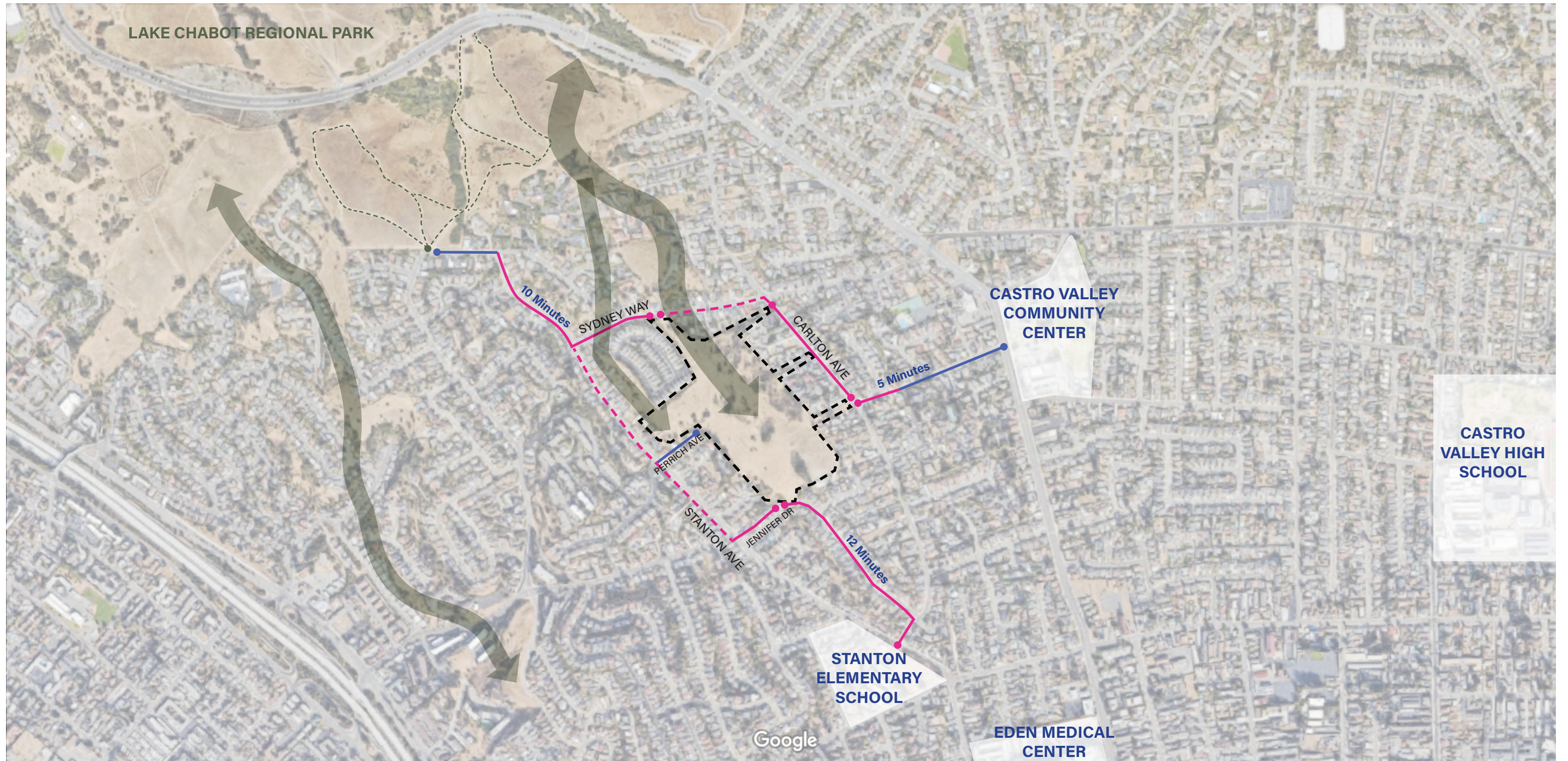
I want the park to accommodate different kinds of events, offering unique spaces where my community can gather.

It will be important to balance active recreation with the preservation of open space.

ANALYSIS



ANALYSIS NEIGHBORHOOD ACCESS AND CONNECTIVITY



- TRAIL
- ROUTE, SIDEWALK
- - -● ROUTE, PARTIAL SIDEWALK
- ROUTE, NO SIDEWALK
- ←——→ ECOLOGICAL CORRIDOR

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ANALYSIS SITE PROMINENCE



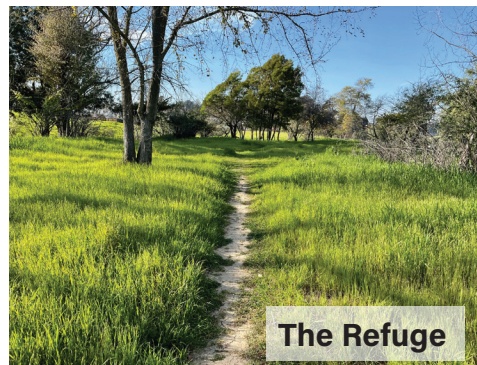
EDEN MEDICAL CENTER

VALLEY VIEW PARK

ANALYSIS ZONES + MOMENTS



Mystery Garden



The Refuge



Eucalyptus Hangout



Tire Swing

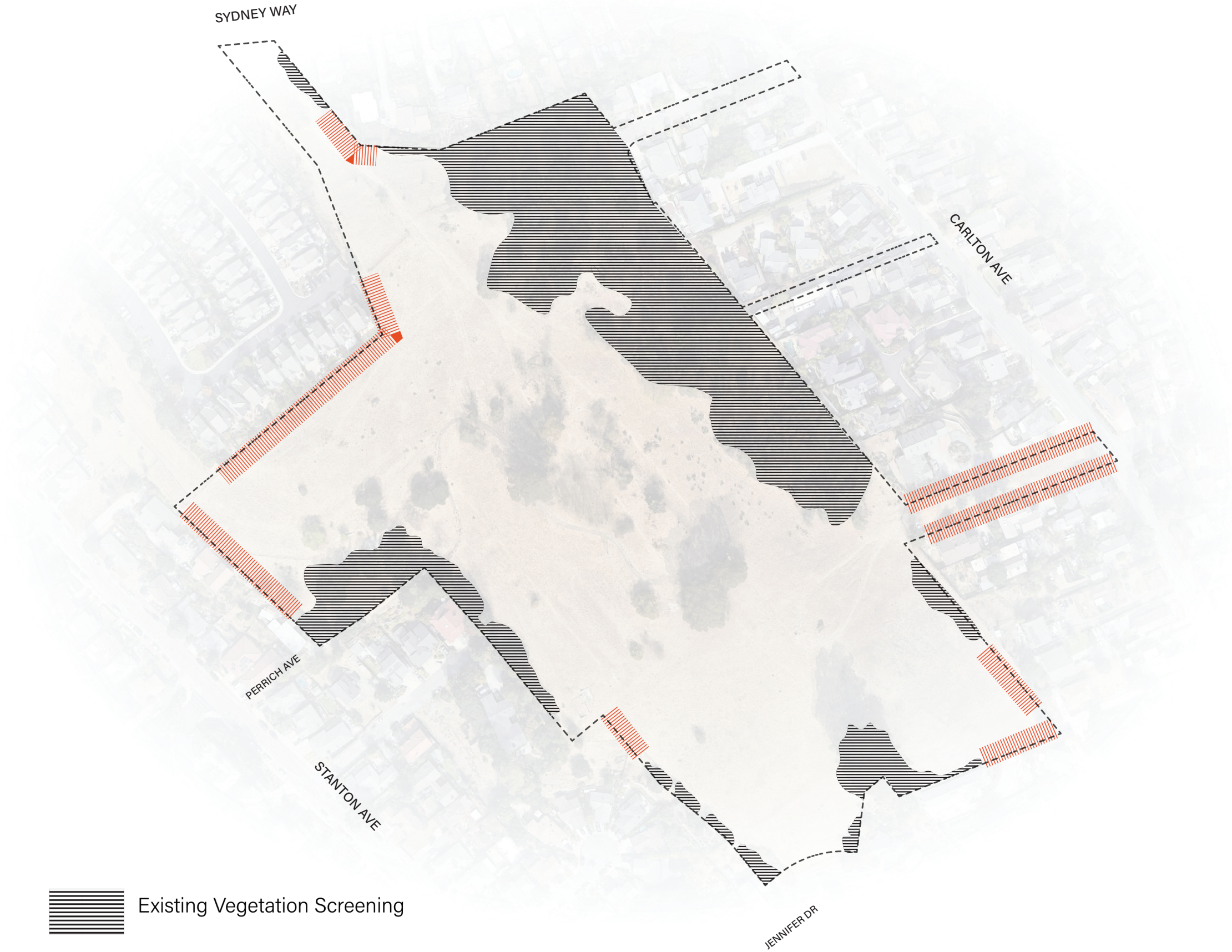




Sunrise Poppy Meadow

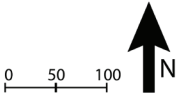


Sage Overlook

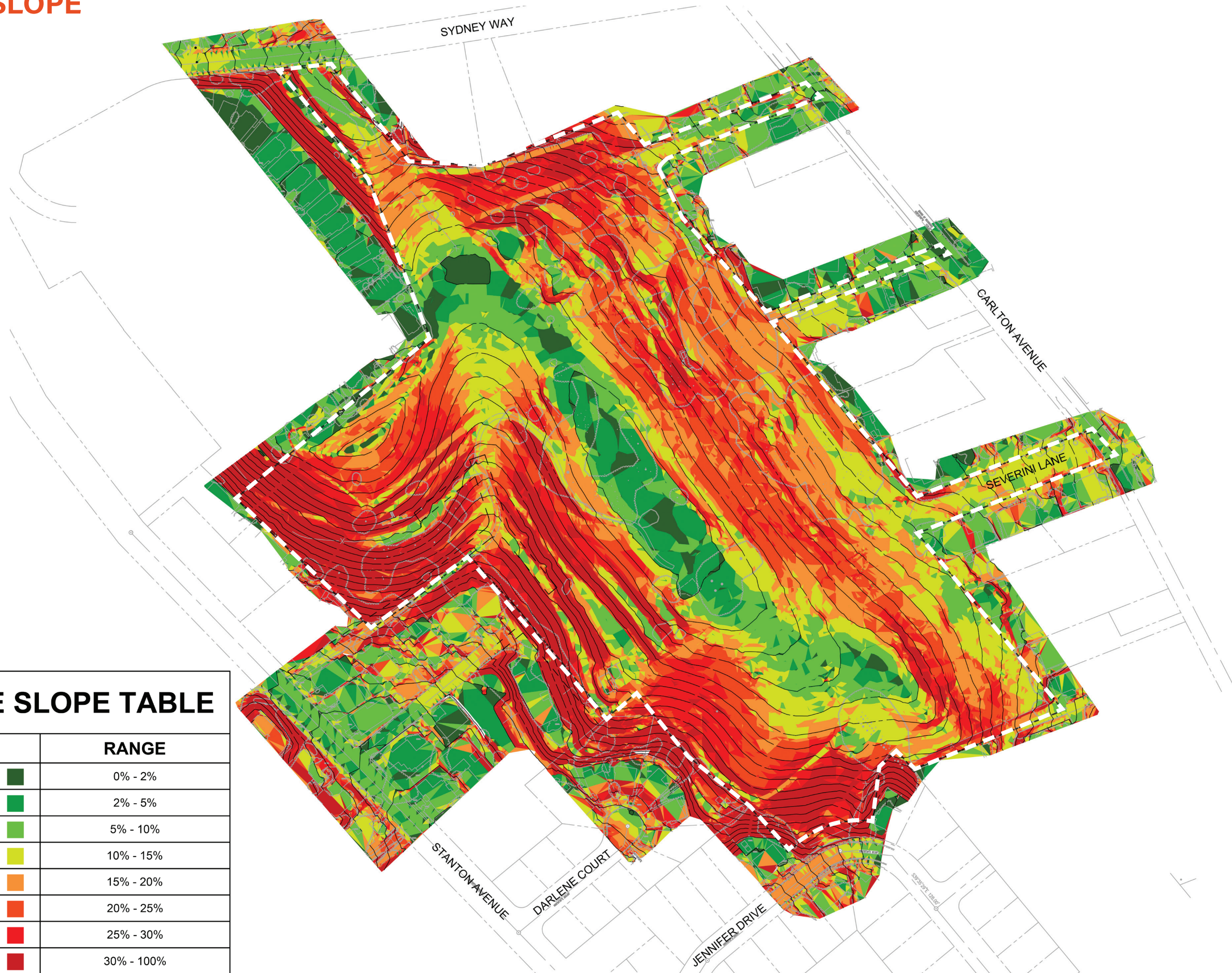
ANALYSIS **PRIVACY SCREENING**











-  Existing Vegetation Screening
-  Needs Additional Screening



ANALYSIS SLOPE



SURFACE SLOPE TABLE

COLOR	RANGE
	0% - 2%
	2% - 5%
	5% - 10%
	10% - 15%
	15% - 20%
	20% - 25%
	25% - 30%
	30% - 100%

ANALYSIS VIEWS



GIVENS



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The Master Plan will have:

Phasing

- An initial phase focused on providing access in the near-term
- A master plan vision that ensures the park will serve future generations

Site Access

- Vehicle access from two entrances
- Parking needed to support use
- ADA accessible parking and paths
- Emergency vehicle access

Privacy and Safety Improvements

- Privacy screening for neighboring homes
- Clear sight lines through the park
- Lighting in select areas
- Open sunrise to sunset (locked at night)
- Fire prevention

Amenities

- Picnic areas
- Bathrooms
- Drinking fountains
- Trash/Recycling
- Bike parking
- Stormwater/slope management
- Shade structures

Features

- Preserving significant natural landscape
- Play structure
- Multi-use meadow for active and passive recreation
- Day camp area
- Preserving special moments on the site

ADRESSING NEED FOR ACTIVE RECREATION IN CASTRO VALLEY

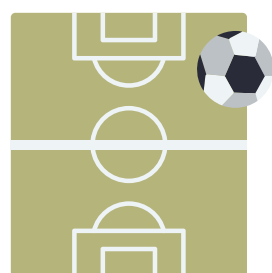
The HARD Parks Master Plan (2019) identified the need for more soccer fields in the Castro Valley Area, and projected that demand would be high.

During the 2020 Castro Valley Outreach process, soccer fields were confirmed as one of the most desired features for Castro Valley.

The need for additional soccer fields was further reinforced through the Valley View Park Outreach to date.

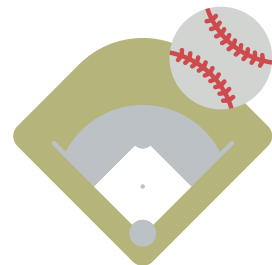
HARD is currently finalizing details for 4 new soccer fields.

HARD Provides:



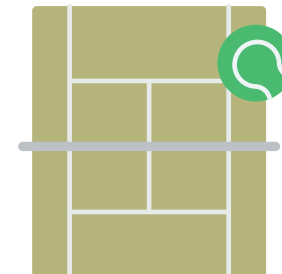
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soccer fields at 18 parks



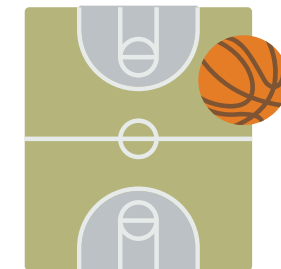
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ballfields for softball and baseball at 19 parks



31

tennis courts at 8 parks



65

65 basketball courts at 38 parks

ADRESSING NEED FOR ACTIVE RECREATION IN CASTRO VALLEY



POLL QUESTION

Which statement best describes your vision for Valley View Park?

1. The park should prioritize natural open

2. The park should prioritize active recreation.

3. The park should prioritize community gathering.

THREE DESIGN OPTIONS

DESIGN CONCEPT 1: LIGHT TOUCH

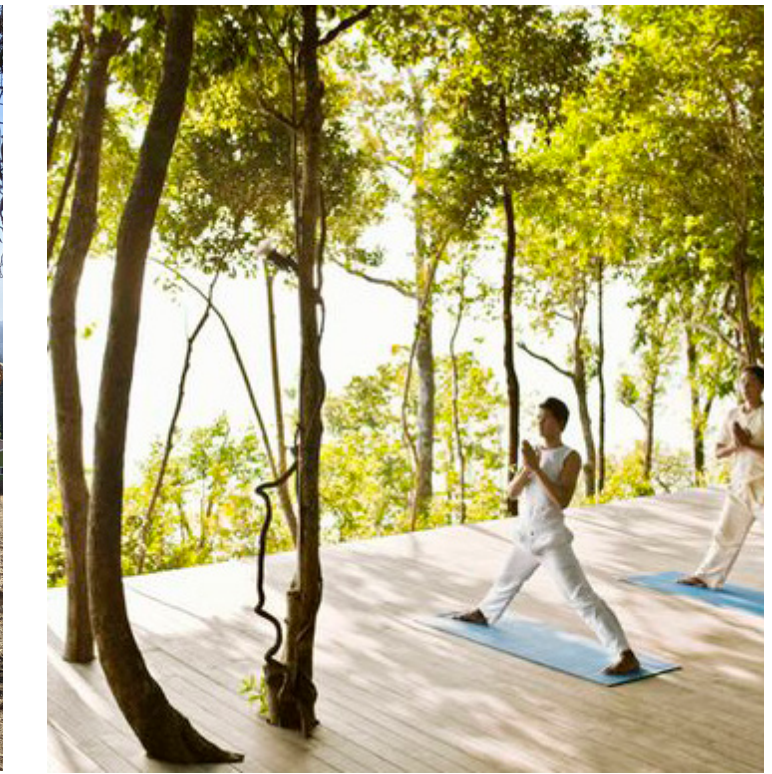
RITUAL. RESTORATION. SEASONAL. MEDITATIVE. PLACE-KEEPING.



- ACTIVE ZONE
- PASSIVE ZONE
- PROGRAM CONCEPT ELEMENTS
- 30' VEHICLE ACCESS (WITH PARALLELL PARKING)
- 20' VEHICLE ACCESS
- 12' MULTIUSE TRAIL (EMERGENCY VEHICLE & MAINTENANCE ACCESS)
- 6' MULTIUSE TRAIL
- 3' FOOTPATH
- SCREENING VEGETATION
- ♿ ADA ACCESS
- P PARKING
- R RESTROOM
- A PICNIC AREA



TIRE SWING & SAGE MEMORIAL



MULTI-USE DECKS THAT FOLLOW TOPOGRAPHY, FRAME VIEWS AND ACCOMMODATE PROGRAM



SUNRISE OVERLOOK FRAMING IMPORTANT VIEWS AND PROVIDING SHADE AND SEATING



HABITAT RESTORATION FOCUSED ON NATIVE, DROUGHT TOLERANT SPECIES



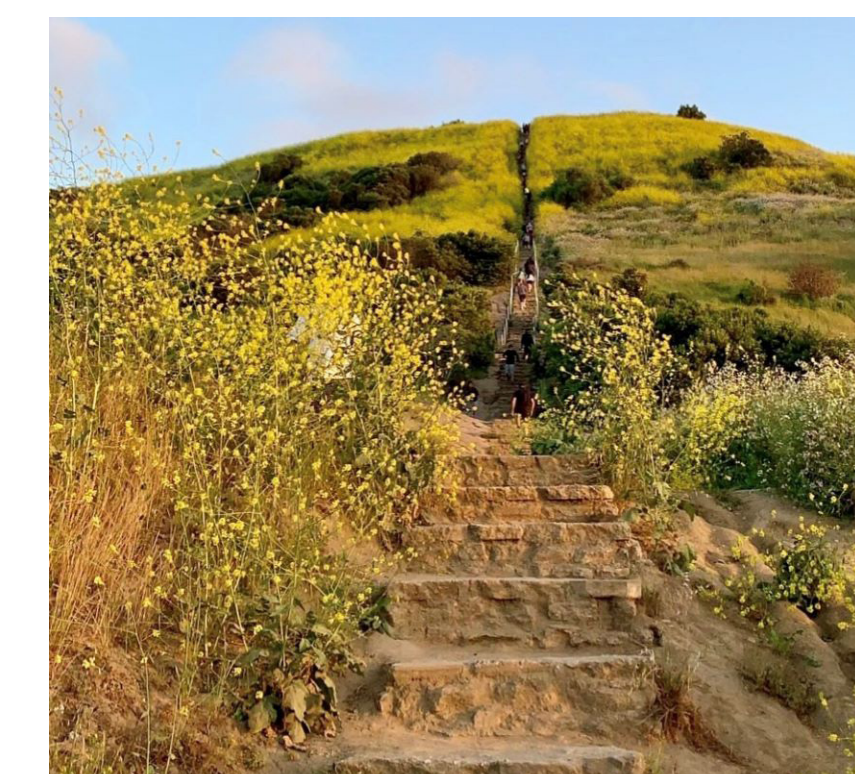
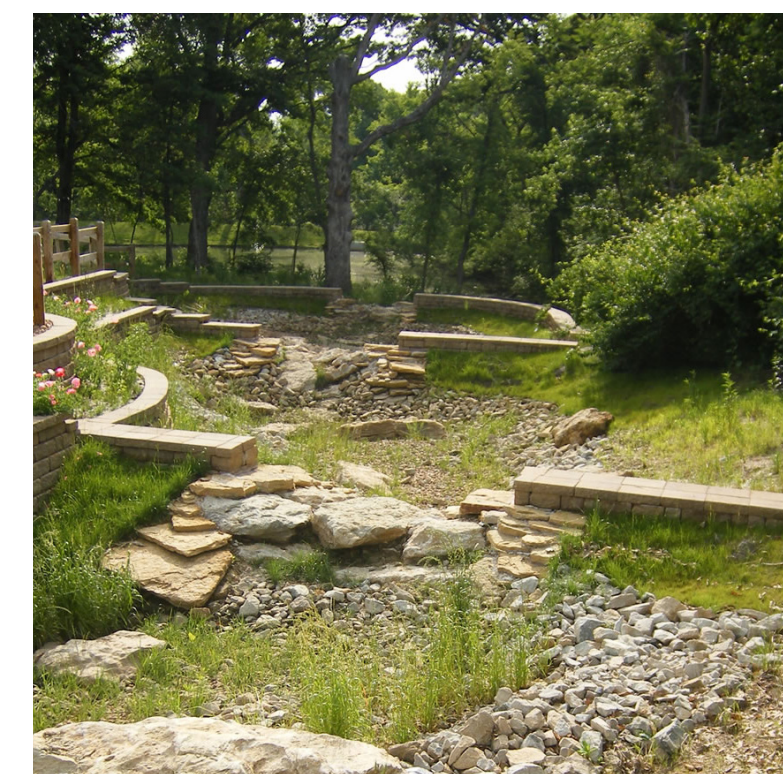
RECREATION MEADOW ON HILLTOP



CULTURAL & ECOLOGICAL INTERPRETIVE ELEMENTS AMONG RESTORATION



NATURE PLAY AREA THAT BUILDS ON EXISTING CHARACTER OF THE LANDSCAPE



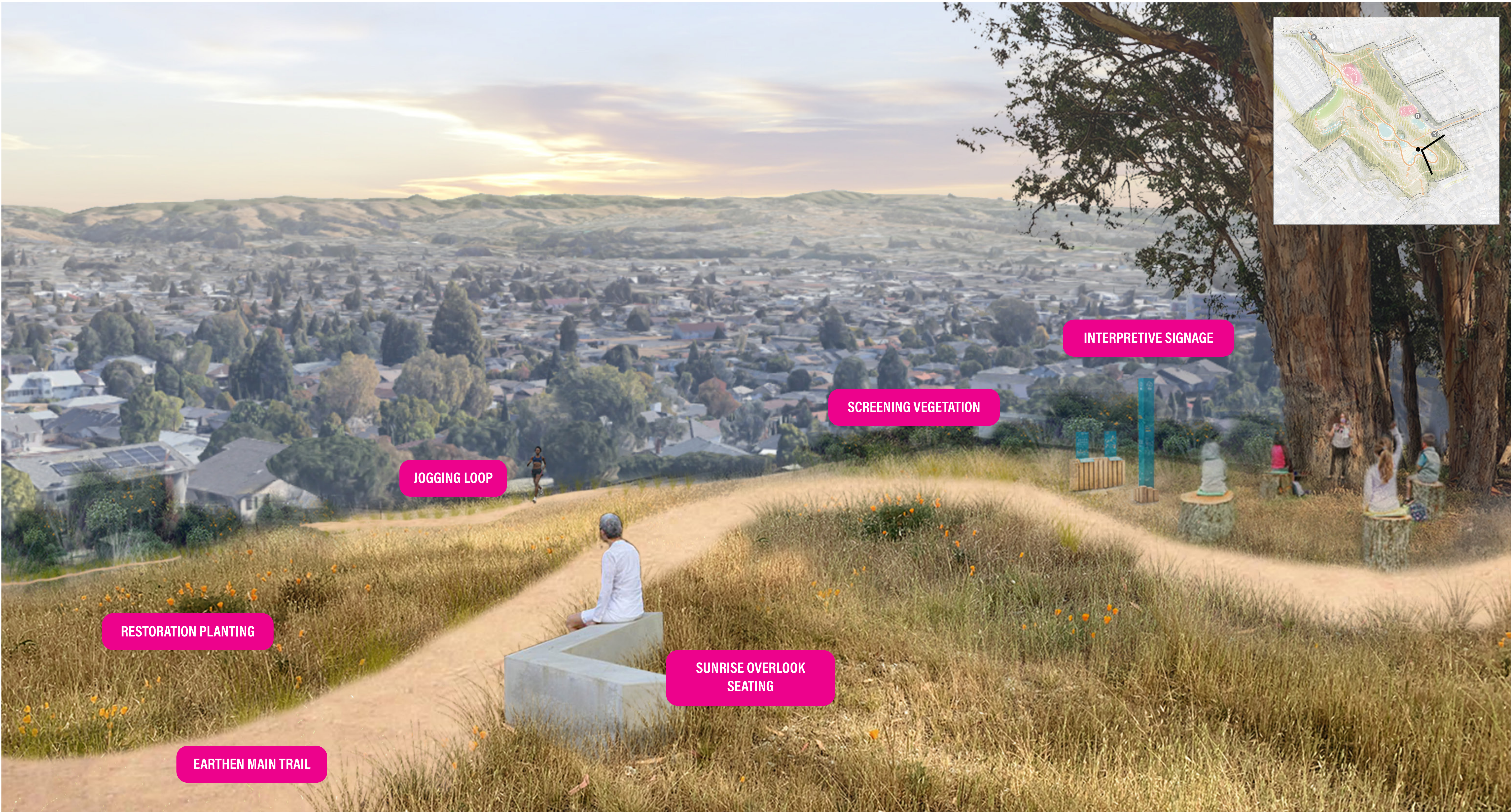
EARTHEN TRAIL + STAIRS WITH MINIMAL IMPACT ON ENVIRONMENT WHILE PROVIDING IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE OF SITE



FENCED DOG RUN WITH DOG SIZE SEPARATION

DESIGN CONCEPT 1: LIGHT TOUCH

RITUAL. EXPANSIVE VIEWS. RESTORATION. SEASONAL. MEDITATIVE. PLACE-KEEPING.



DESIGN CONCEPT 2: ENGAGE + EXPLORE

ACTIVE, ADVENTURE, WHIMSICAL, ALLURING, UNIQUE



OVERLOOK THAT FRAMES VIEWS AND ACCOMMODATES DAY CAMPS AND GROUP GATHERINGS



INTERPRETIVE ELEMENTS THAT ENCOURAGE EXPLORATION



SCULPTURAL AND PLAY ELEMENTS THAT ACTIVATE IMAGINATION



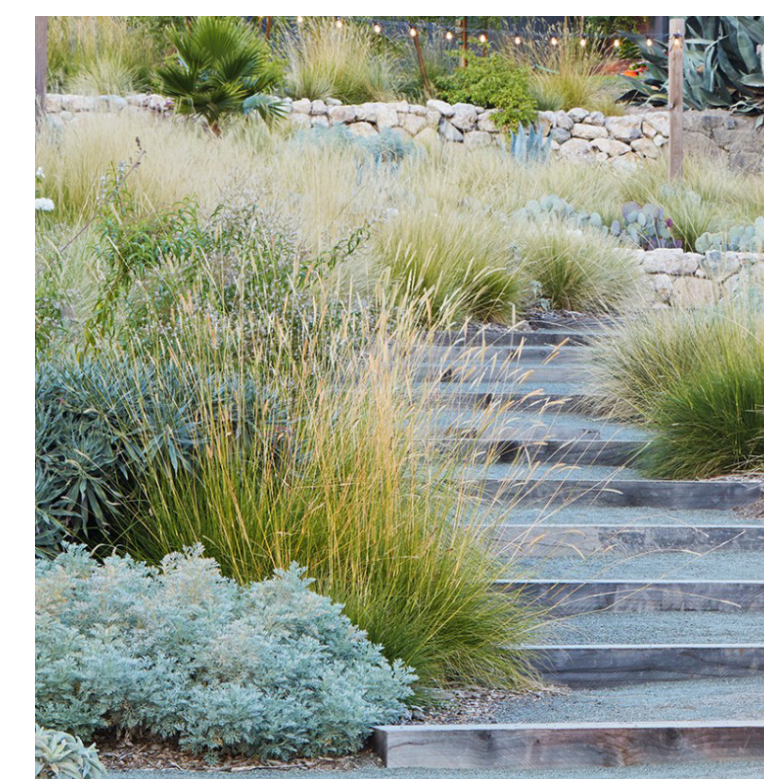
FRAMING OF VIEWS THROUGHOUT SITE



ADVENTURE HILL THAT USES TOPOGRAPHY FOR SLIDES/ ZIP-LINE/ STAIRS



PUMP TRACK WHICH UTILIZES EXISTING TOPOGRAPHY



STAIRCASE TERRACES WITH SEASONAL PLANTING



IMMERSIVE FORESTED REFUGE WITH PICNIC NODES



RECREATION MEADOW

DESIGN CONCEPT 2: ENGAGE + EXPLORE

ACTIVE, ADVENTURE, WHIMSICAL, ALLURING, UNIQUE



SHADE STRUCTURE

PLAY AREA

INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE

OVERLOOK

ADVENTURE HILL

MULTI-USE PICNIC MEADOW

DESIGN CONCEPT 3: CELEBRATE

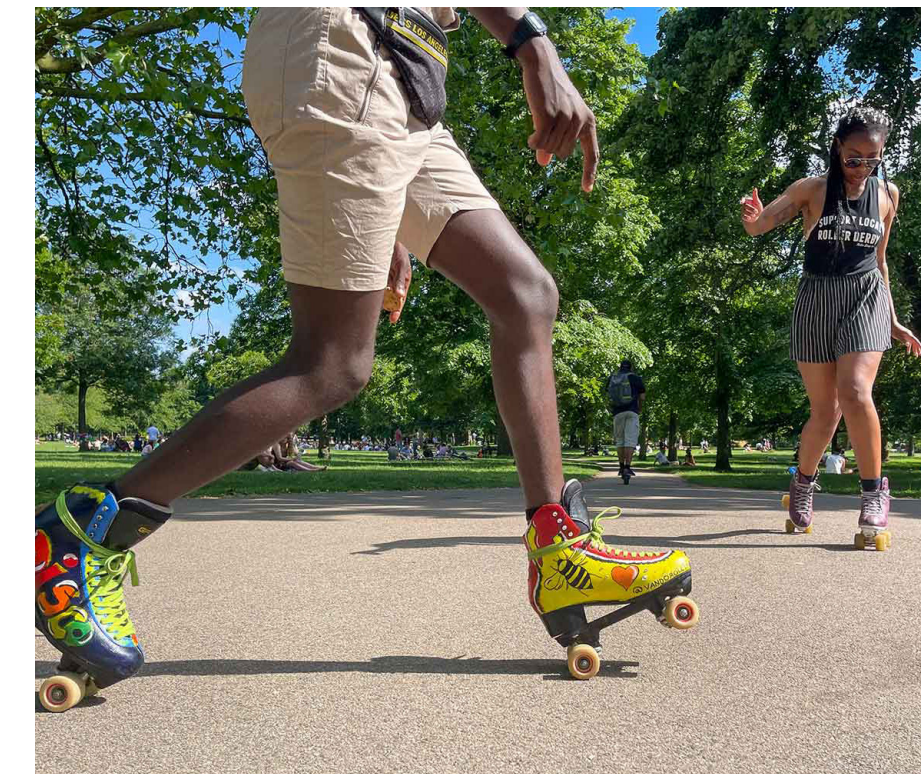
GATHER, ACTIVATE, COMMUNITY, DESTINATION, EVENTS



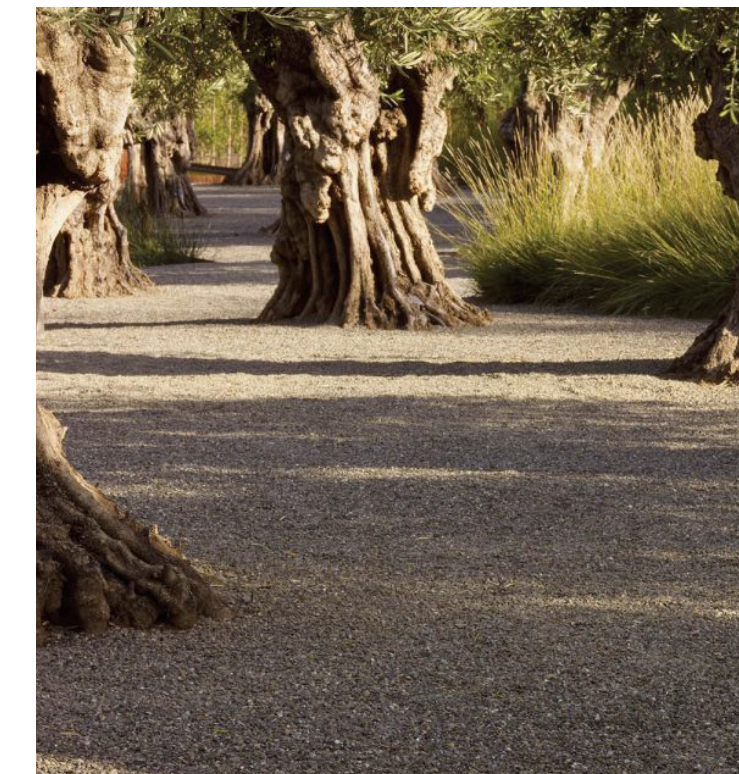
OVERLOOK PAVILION THAT ACCOMMODATES COMMUNITY GATHERINGS AND IS VISIBLE FROM CASTRO VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER



OVERLOOK NODES WITH SEATING/SHADE



PAVED HILLTOP LOOP FOR SKATING, WALKING, BIKING FOR CHILDREN



MULTI-USE SURFACE



MULTI-USE LAWN



DISC GOLF THROUGH NATURAL AREA



DESTINATION PLAY AREA WITH LARGE INTERGENERATIONAL PLAY EQUIPMENT



FOREST PICNIC PODS



GRAND ART STAIRWAY LEADING TO PAVILION



LOOP WITH INTERPRETIVE ELEMENTS



FOREST PICNIC PODS

DESIGN CONCEPT 3: CELEBRATE

GATHER, ACTIVATE, COMMUNITY, DESTINATION, EVENTS



COMMUNITY GATHERING OVERLOOK WITH PICNIC AREA

COMMUNITY CENTER

SECONDARY TRAILS

PAVED HILLTOP LOOP FOR SKATING, WALKING, AND BIKING FOR SMALL CHILDREN



BREAKOUT ROOMS

REPORT BACK

NEXT STEPS

PROJECT TIMELINE

