



Flood County Park Revised Landscape Plan and Final Revised Environmental Impact Report

November 10, 2020







Public Engagement

- Over 500 meeting attendees
- 220 on-line and in-person surveys
- Participants from Menlo Park, North Fair Oaks, East Palo Alto, Redwood City, and Atherton



FLOOD PARK ALTERNATIVES
 September 1, 2013, 7:00 pm
 Fair Oaks Community Center, 2600 Middlefield Road, Redwood City

	HIGH PRIORITY	Medium Play (no address)	Photo Interpretive Displays	Trails w/ Fitness Stations	Large Open Space	Ballfield	MEDIUM PRIORITY	Bocceball	Splash Pad	Softball (Practice)	Soccer (Practice)	Sand Volleyball	Community Building	Tennis	Amphitheater	Mini Racing Track	Community Gardens	Adventure Play	Bocce	Dog Facility*	Horticulture	Greenhouse	Flag Pong	LOWER PRIORITY	Horseshoe	Chess
Alt. 1: Central Park	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Alt. 2: Arts & Culture Park	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Alt. 3: Natural Park	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

*Dogs on leash to be permitted on a trial basis.

1. Please select your preferred alternative (check one):
 Alternative 1: Central Park
 Alternative 2: Arts & Culture
 Alternative 3: Natural

2. What do you like about this alternative?
Love to see vibrant usage of the park with variety of offerings & effort to create community space (from a student's view)

3. Is there anything that would make your preferred alternative better?
Alternative play - Over the ballfield have multiple usage (eg. Soccer)?

4. Other comments?
Love will use ballfield if facilities. Park will attract w/ many. The community over the field will then be a lot?



Overarching Goals

- Update Flood's failing amenities
- Preserve mature trees
- Meet area demand for sport facilities
- Provide varied active and passive recreation opportunities for all park visitors



2015 Landscape Plan



2020 Landscape Plan



Priority Features



Original EIR

- Used population and traffic projections to measure potential impacts
- 18 potential environmental impacts
- 1 significant and unavoidable impact
- Expressed concerns included:
 - Did not analyze concurrent events
 - Under-analyzed future park use
 - Under-forecasted parking demand



Revised EIR

- More conservative by forecasting concurrent park uses
- Used local park visitor data to forecast peak park use and parking demand
- Recounted and reconfigured parking lot
- 17 potential environmental impacts
- 1 significant and unavoidable impact



Park Visitor Projections

- Comment:
 - *Revised EIR does not use appropriate background and assumptions for use projections*
- Response:
 - *Assumptions are based on reasonable peak capacity of recreational facilities, staff observations, and use of comparable park facilities*



Table 6 Projected Peak Use of Flood County Park under Landscape Plan

Landscape Plan Element	Weekend Summer		Weekday Summer		Weekend Assumptions	Weekday Assumptions
	Daily Capacity	Peak Capacity	Daily Capacity	Peak Capacity		
<u>Preserved park administrative office</u> <u>Shade/market structure</u>	200	75	N/A	N/A	event/day	N/A
Play area universal (2-5)	4560	1520	30	1015	4 cycles/day	2 cycles/day
Play area universal (5-12)	85120	3040	60	2020	4 cycles, 1 parent/2 kids	4 cycles, 1 parent/2 kids
<u>Adventure play</u>	70	25	40	20	2 cycles/day	2 cycles/day
<u>Event/large group reservation area</u>	164200	164200	N/A	N/A	82% occupancy rate 1 event	N/A
Small group picnic	476120	476120	N/A	N/A	78 areas, 15 people/area, 1 cycle/day	N/A
<u>Drop-in picnic area</u>	24	24	24	24	20% primary use, 6 people per site at 4 picnic areas	20% primary use, 6 people per site at 4 picnic areas
Tennis courts	6448	16	32	16	2 courts, 8 playing, 8 waiting, 4 cycles/day 10 playing, 10 waiting, 3 cycles/day	2 courts, 8 playing, 8 waiting, 2 cycles/day 10 playing, 10 waiting, 1 cycle/day
Basketball	60	20	10	10	10 playing, 10 waiting, 3 cycles/day 2 courts, 6 playing, 1 cycle/day	10 playing, 10 waiting, 1 cycle/day N/A
Sand volleyball	12	12	48 N/A	24 N/A	2 courts, 12 playing, 1 cycle/day Ancillary use	2 courts, 12 players, 12 spectators, 2 cycles/day
Pump track	60	2030	40	20	N/A	N/A
<u>Multi-use field</u> <u>Ballfield</u>	225	75	60	60	30 players, 45 spectators, 3 cycles/day	30 players, 30 parents, 1 cycle/day
Soccer/lacrosse field	225	75	60	60	30 players, 45 spectators, 3 cycles/day	30 players, 30 parents, 1 cycle/day
Demonstration garden/adventure play/other passive uses ¹	N/A 20	N/A 15	N/A 10	N/A 10	N/A	N/A
Total	1,640,420	1,002,733	364,243	244,344		

¹ Use of demonstration garden, adventure play area, amphitheater, and other passive uses assumed to be auxiliary to other recreational elements and would not generate new users.

Source: Gates + Associates ~~2020~~
2019



Noise

- Comment:
 - *Mitigation for athletic noise would be inadequate*
- Response:
 - *Use of sound amplification equipment requires special permit and air horns are prohibited*
 - *Compliance will be required through programming agreements*
 - *100-foot buffer from Del Norte residences is maintained to mitigate noise impacts*



Transportation

- Comment:
 - *Analysis of existing parking spaces and parking demand is inadequate*
- Response:
 - *The Landscape Plan accommodates 369 parking space, which is 11 spaces short of the estimated peak parking demand of 380 parking spaces*
 - *When scheduling events, the Department will ensure that anticipated attendance at the approved events does not exceed the parking capacity of the park*



Person Per Vehicle Count

Vehicle Occupancy Rates in Parking Demand Analysis

<u>Recreational Element</u>	<u>People Per Vehicle</u>
<u>Preserved Adobe Administrative Office</u>	<u>2.5</u>
<u>Play Area Universal (2-5)</u>	<u>2.5</u>
<u>Play Area Universal (5-12)</u>	<u>2.5</u>
<u>Adventure Play</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Event / Group Picnic Area</u>	<u>2.5</u>
<u>Small Group Picnic</u>	<u>2.5</u>
<u>Tennis Courts (set of 2)</u>	<u>2.0</u>
<u>Basketball</u>	<u>1.2</u>
<u>Sand Volleyball</u>	<u>1.2</u>
<u>Pump Track</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Synthetic Ballfield/Concession/Press Box</u>	<u>3.0</u>
<u>Synthetic Soccer/Lacrosse</u>	<u>3.0</u>
<u>Demonstration Garden</u>	<u>0</u>

Source: W-Trans 2020 (Appendix ERR-2)



Transportation

- Comment:
 - *Violation of on-street parking restrictions would increase*
- Response:
 - *Free vehicle access and use of drop-off and pick-up area will mitigate on-street parking violations*
 - *Park visitors will be informed that on-street parking is not allowed via reservation confirmation, programming agreements, and signage*



Preservation of Mature Trees

- Comment:
 - *The community has requested that mature trees be preserved*
- Response:
 - *Over 92% of all trees in the park will be preserved*
 - *All heritage trees at Flood Park will be preserved*
 - *Sport fields and other amenities have been sited to minimize impacts to mature trees*



Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3
Rehabilitation of ballfield/softball field and construction of new multi-use field	Construction of the new restrooms	Rehabilitation of the adobe administrative building
Construction of the new soccer/lacrosse field	Planting of the demonstration garden	Construction of the group picnic areas with shade shelters
Construction of the new sand volleyball courts	Construction of the playgrounds	Completion of all pathways with exercise stations
Construction of the new basketball court	Construction of the adventure play	
Construction of the new pump track	Construction of the drop-in picnic sites	
Construction of the asphalt walking path	Construction of the amphitheater	
Renovation of the adobe restroom building		
Construction of the tree-lined promenade		
Construction of the drop-off and pick-up location		
Construction of the new utilities: water, electric, gas		

Next Steps

December 2015

Flood Park Preferred
Plan Presentation



October 2017

Flood Park Draft EIR



May 2018

Final Flood Park EIR



August 2019

Flood Park Draft
Revised EIR



October 2019

Errata to Flood Park
Final Revised EIR



October 2020

Revised Flood Park
Landscape Plan 2020



October 2020

Menlo Park
Parks and Rec
Commission
Presentation



November 2020

San Mateo County
Board of Supervisors
Presentation



2021

Design Phase and
Community Meetings



Spring 2022

Begin
Construction

Statement of Overriding Consideration

Anticipated increase in traffic noise on Ringwood Avenue during projected Saturday peak use (Noon to 4 p.m.). The Landscape Plan will have a significant and unavoidable impact on traffic noise. However, restricting weekend use of athletic fields at Flood County Park to reduce traffic noise would not fulfill the project objective to meet demand for active recreation facilities in San Mateo County.



Revised EIR Certification

Consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) *Guidelines*, the County must certify that the Final Revised EIR has been completed in compliance with CEQA and reflects the lead agency's independent judgment prior to considering approval of the project.



Recommendation

Adopt a resolution authorizing:

1. The approval of the 2020 Flood County Park Landscape Plan; and
2. The certification of the Flood County Park Landscape Plan's Final Revised Environmental Impact Report and Errata; and
3. Adoption of California Environmental Quality Act Findings of Facts and a Statement of Overriding Consideration; and
4. Adoption of the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan.

