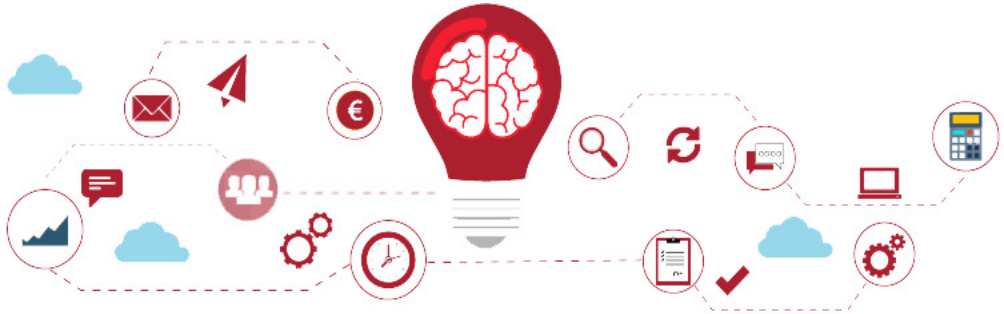
Phelan Community Park

Stakeholder Meeting #1

September 2020

Meeting Agenda

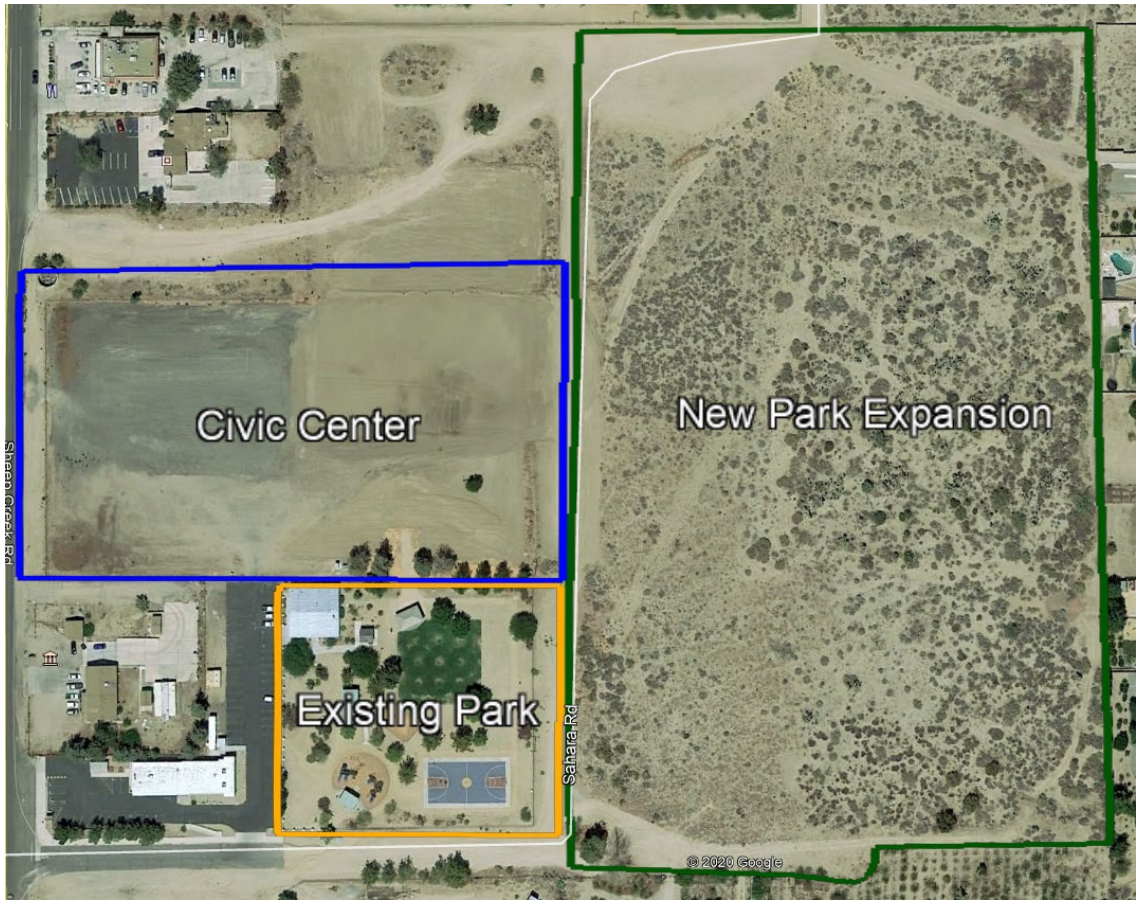
1. Introduction (10 min)
2. Equestrian Facility Discussion (20 min)
3. Dog Park Discussion (20 min)
4. Community Garden Discussion (20 min)
5. Closing Remarks & General Discussion (20 min)



1 INTRODUCTION

Project Overview & Background

- Phelan / Piñon Hills community wide Parks Master Plan completed in 2018.
- Phelan / Piñon Hills Community Services District (PPHCSD) recently purchased land for expansion of the existing community park and for a civic center.
- Hired project architect and engineer for civic center site. Added KTUA for assistance on civic center and to consult on design for community park in May 2020.

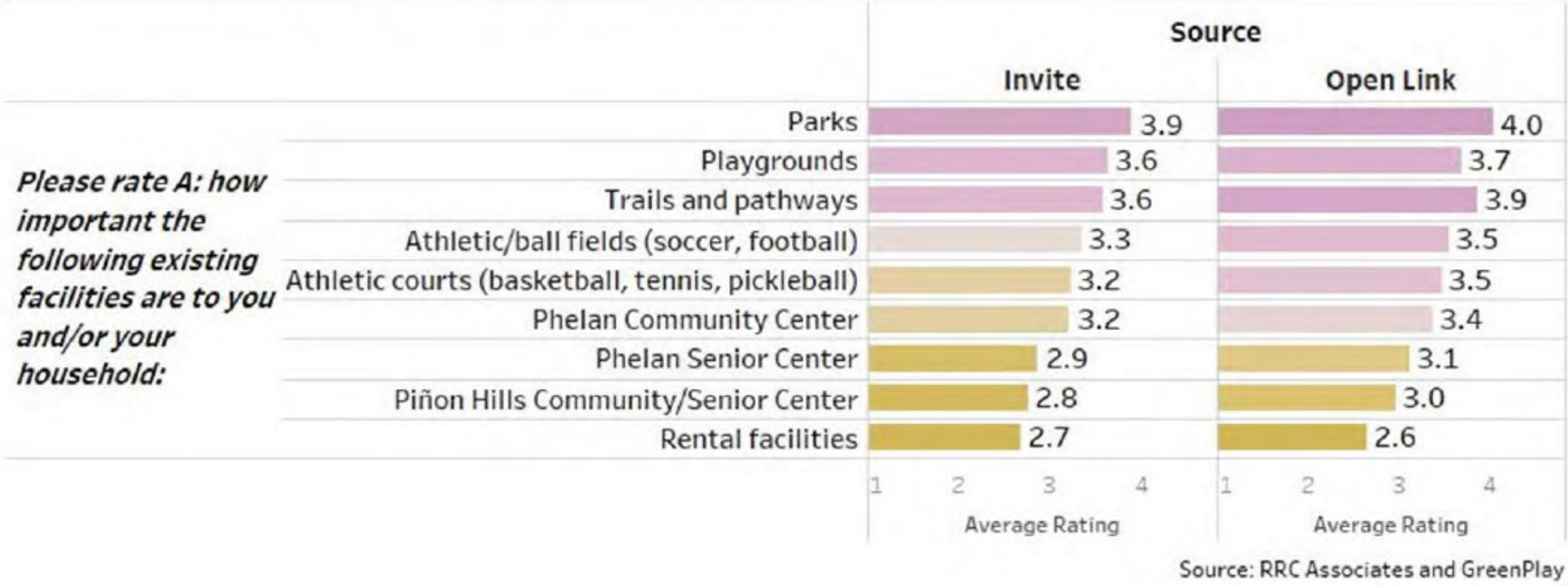


Prop 68 Grant Funding

- Last round of the statewide Prop 68 grants (around 400 million dedicated to parks throughout California)
- Park qualifies for this grant given the lack of parkland in the area
- Considering this is an expansion of parkland, we don't get the full points for a new park
- Major selection criteria includes
  - Project Location
  - Community Engagement
  - Operation and Maintenance Considerations
  - Summary About Project Needs, Benefits, & Readiness

PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA		MAX POINT VALUE
PROJECT LOCATION		
1.	Critical Lack of PARK SPACE	15
2.	Significant Poverty	16
3.	Type of Project	10
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT		
4.	Community Based Planning	18
5.	Employment or Volunteer Opportunities	6
6.	Partnerships or Committed Funding	3
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE CONSIDERATIONS		
7.	Environmental Design	7
8.	Public Use Fees and Hours of Operation	5
SUMMARY ABOUT PROJECT NEED, BENEFITS, AND READINESS		
9.	Community CHALLENGES, Project Benefits and Readiness	20
MAXIMUM SCORE		**100**

PPHCSD Master Plan Survey | Importance of Facilities



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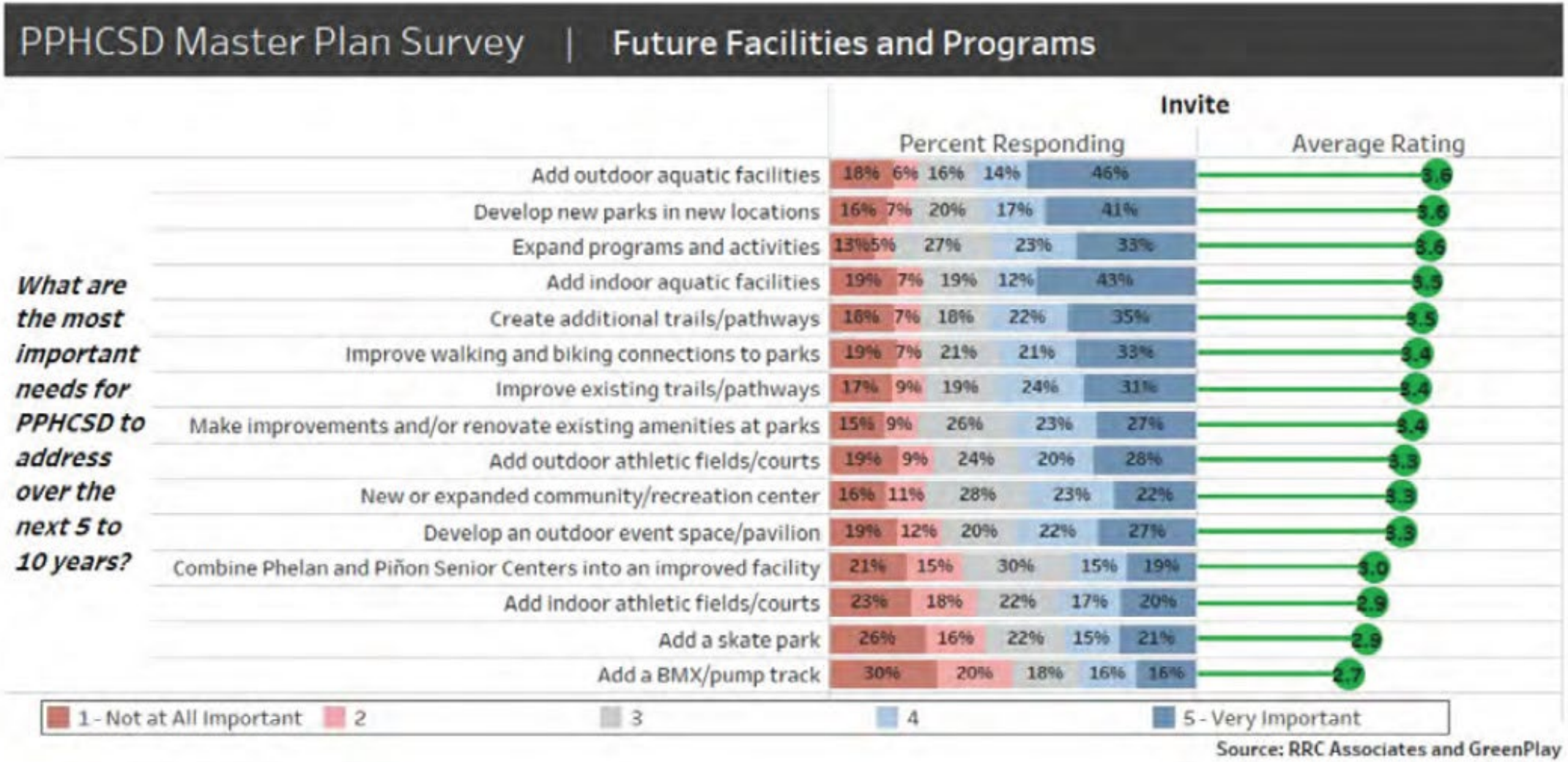

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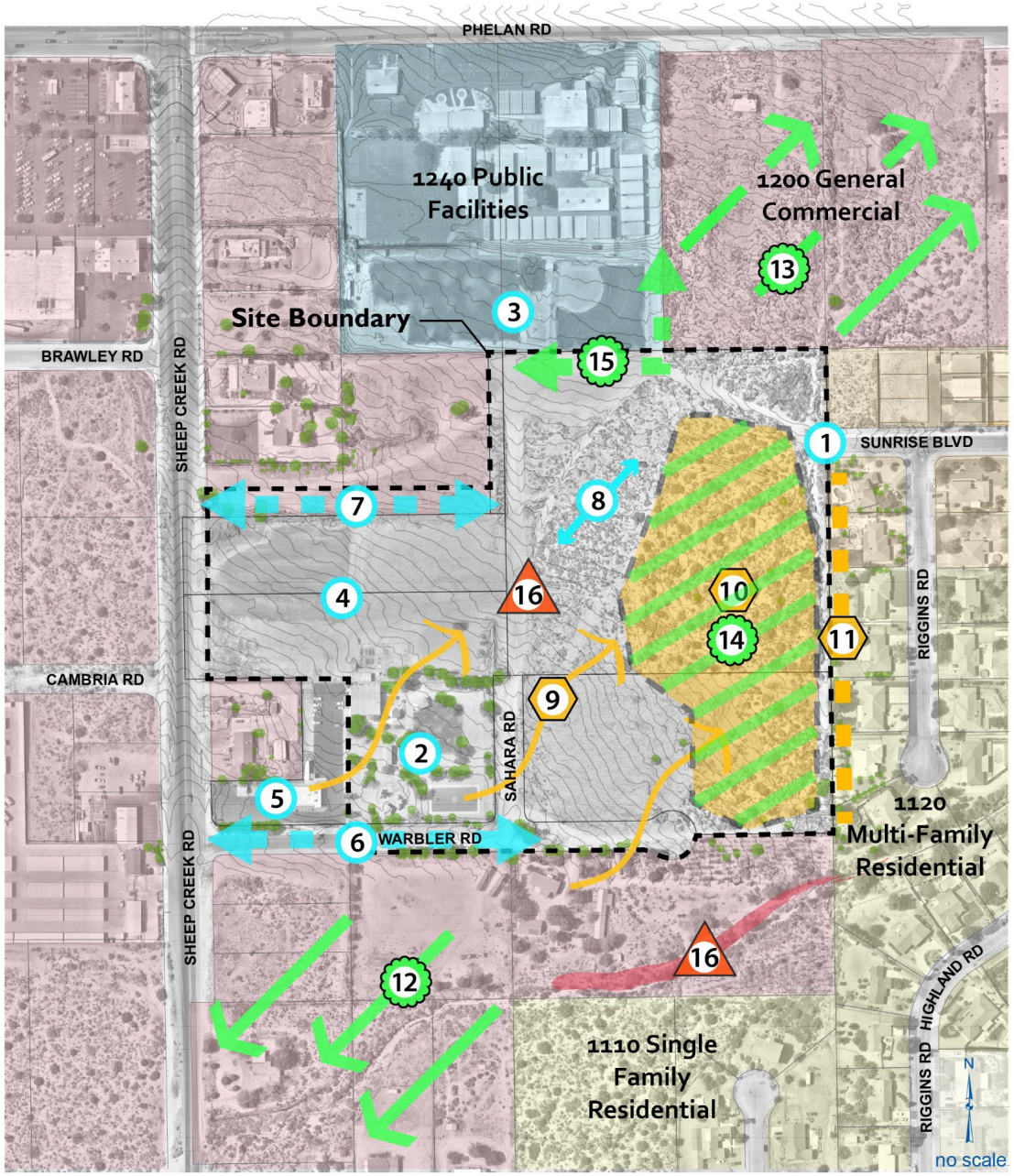


Opportunities

1. Connection to neighborhood
2. Existing park with infrastructure to use and connect into park
3. Possible future connections to elementry school
4. Flat/Graded area that connects to Sheep Creek Rd.
5. Connection to existing community center
6. Connections through Warbler Rd.
7. Possible connections from Sheep Creek Rd.
8. Gentle slope on site which could be used for views and to allow for directional drainage

Constraints

9. Strong winds from the southwest
10. Joshue Tree grove (speciman plants - over 10 in one area)
11. Adjacent homes along this edge requiring a buffer

Assets

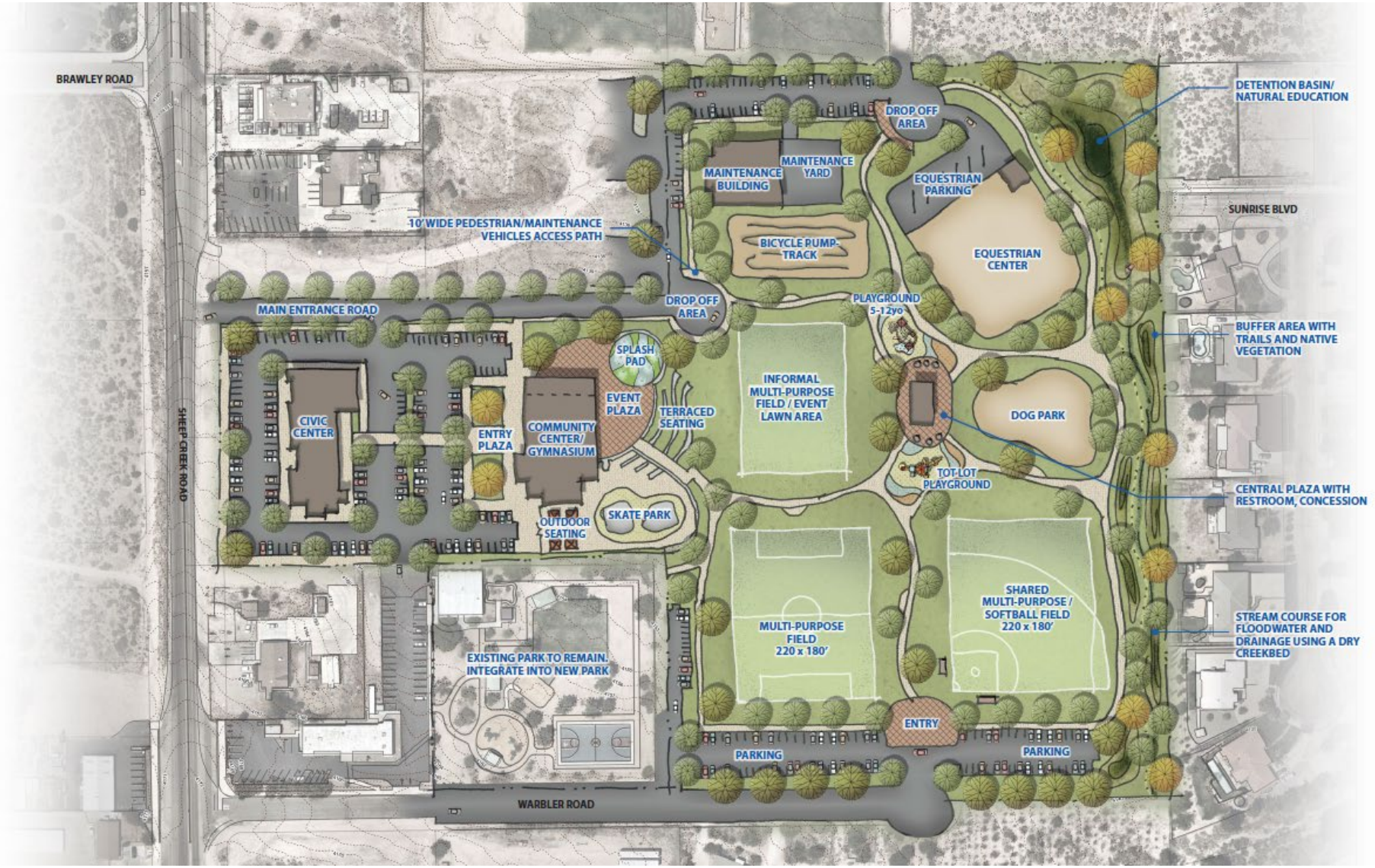
12. Views to mountains
13. Views to valley
14. Existing native vegetation
15. Circulation outside of site from existing elementry school parking lot

Liabilities

16. 100 Year floodplain, improper drainage (flash floods) and possible poor soil conditions

Definitions for L.O.C.A.L. elements:

Opportunity:	Something that does not currently exist but an opportunity to add based on site conditions does exist.
Constraint:	Something that exists but can't be changed.
Asset:	Something that exists that should be protected or enhanced.
Liability:	A condition on site that is negative and should be changed.



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PROGRAMMATIC STUDIES | SELECTED CONCEPT

BRAWLEY ROAD
SHEEP CREEK ROAD
WARBLER ROAD
SUNRISE BLVD
DETENTION BASIN/ NATURAL EDUCATION
DROP OFF AREA
MAINTENANCE BUILDING
MAINTENANCE YARD
EQUESTRIAN PARKING
10' WIDE PEDESTRIAN/MAINTENANCE VEHICLES ACCESS PATH
BICYCLE PUMP-TRACK
EQUESTRIAN CENTER
MAIN ENTRANCE ROAD
DROP OFF AREA
PLAYGROUND 5-12yo
BUFFER AREA WITH TRAILS AND NATIVE VEGETATION
SPLASH PAD
EVENT PLAZA
TERRACED SEATING
INFORMAL MULTI-PURPOSE FIELD / EVENT LAWN AREA
DOG PARK
CIVIC CENTER
ENTRY PLAZA
COMMUNITY CENTER/ GYMNASIUM
TOT-LOT PLAYGROUND
CENTRAL PLAZA WITH RESTROOM, CONCESSION
SKATE PARK
OUTDOOR SEATING
SHARED MULTI-PURPOSE / SOFTBALL FIELD 220 x 180'
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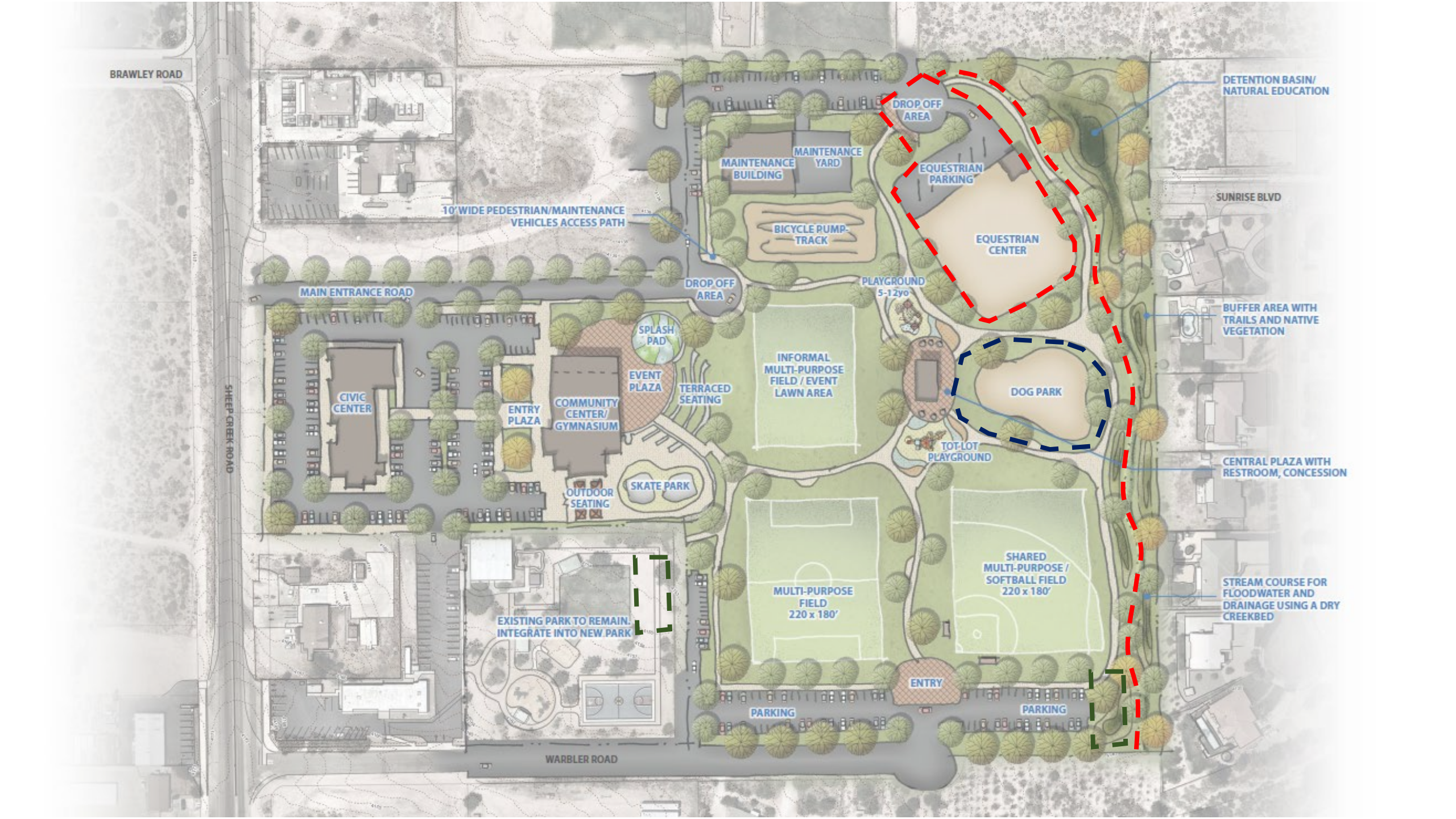
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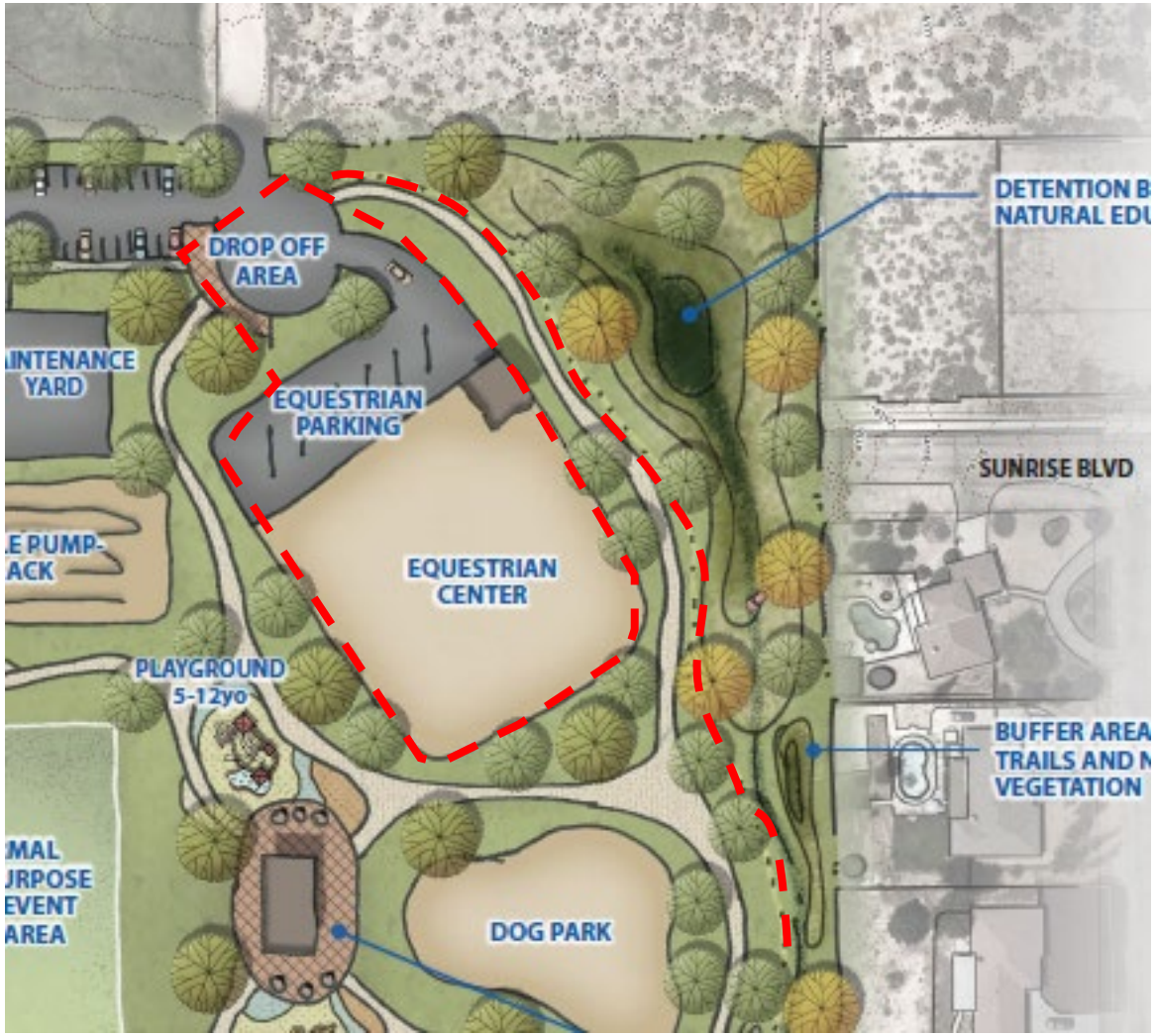
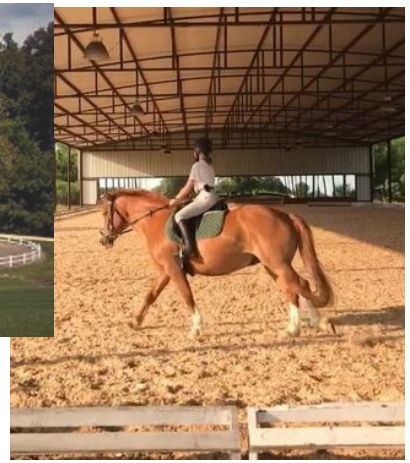
EQUESTRIAN AREA AND TRAILS DISCUSSION

Area Overview

- Approx. 43K Sq. Ft.
- Located at northeast corner of site
- Includes equestrian parking area



OUTDOOR RIDING ARENA



COVERED ARENA

TRAILS LEADING TO FACILITY

JUMPING FENCES

COVERED SEATING

ROUND PENS &
CORRALS

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EQUESTRIAN AREA OPTIONS

Questions

Please explain your experience with equestrian activities, interests, use levels or advocacy?

Questions

Would you say that there are large or very limited number of equestrian trails, riding facilities or special amenities in and around Phelan / Pinon Hills for equestrian users to take advantage of?

Questions

What are the closest riding areas to the park study area for riding trails?

Questions

Do you think there is a need to connect with local trails around the park that exist or could be made to exist?

Questions

Is the short riding distance (within a looped system of the park) even worth considering for equestrian uses or is the staging and loading / unloading not worth the effort? If the arena were there, is there any benefit to short walking / riding areas in support of the arena?

Questions

What specific equestrian uses would you see as part of the program. English Riding, Western Riding, Rodeo, Team Sports , Dressage, Jumping, Driving, Barrel Racing, Horsemanship, Polo or other?

Questions

How well do you feel these facilities would be used based on your understanding of demand?

Questions

What type of parking / staging area is essential?

Questions

What is the minimum size of the arena, pens, staging and parking area is needed?

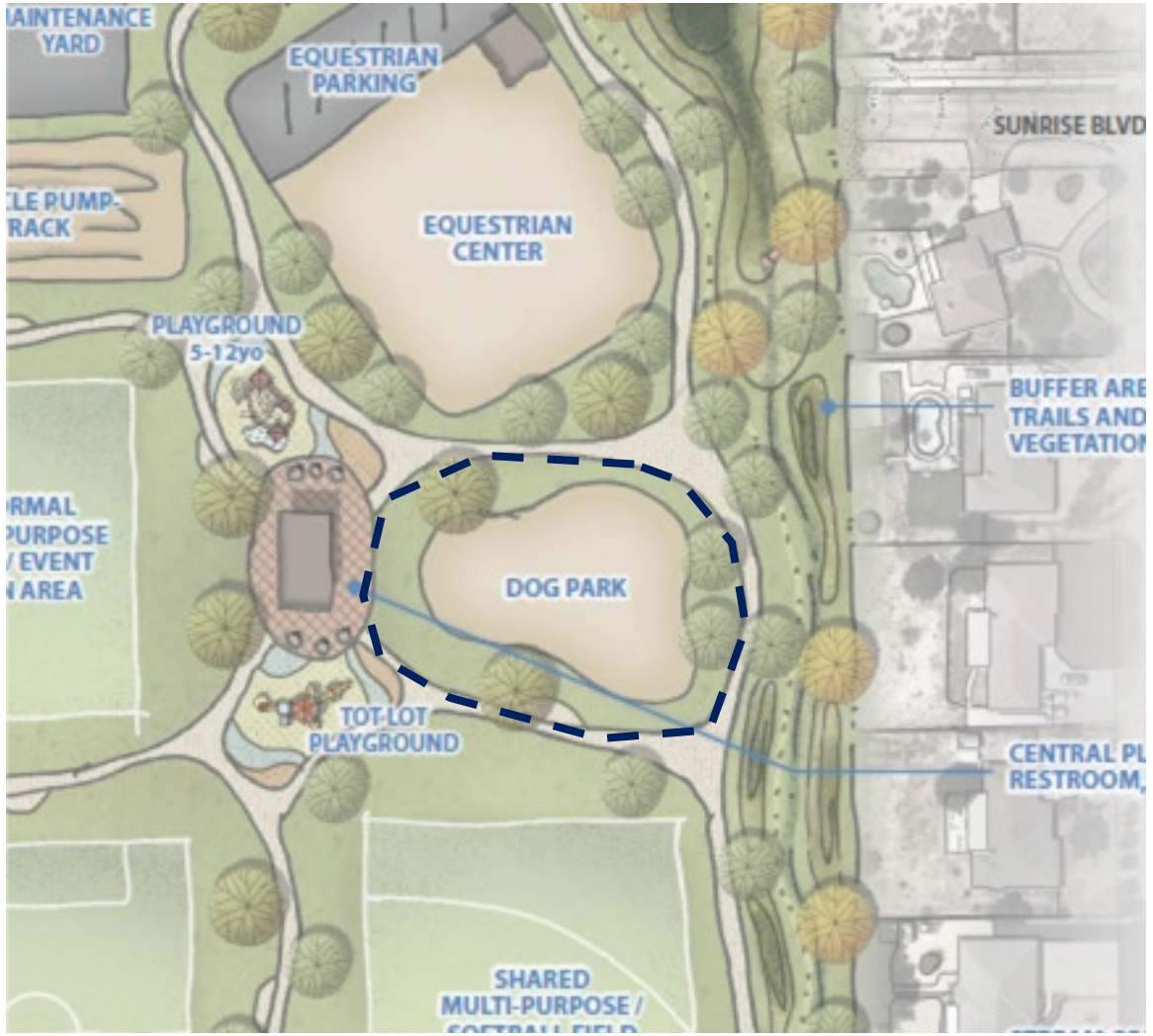
Questions

How much are you willing to support the inclusion of this facility in this park and do you think there is a following that would support this?

3 DOG PARK AREA

Area Overview

- Approx. 13.5k Sq. Ft.
- Located centrally within the park towards the back eastern edge
- Existing Joshua tree location



DOG PARK ELEMENTS

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DOG PARK AREA OPTIONS

Questions

Do you currently walk your dog in any dog specific area around the community?

Questions

Should there be a fenced in / leash free dog use area in the park?

Questions

Should there be a non-fenced in leash free use allowed in the park at all?

Questions

What regulations on dog use in the park do you think would be acceptable to the general public?

Questions

What amenities are needed to help make the use of a dog leash free area feasible, safe, clean and comfortable? Would a DG surface be acceptable? Or how important is turf?

Questions

Is there a need for both a small dog / big dog area, or to allow for more timed pets to be isolated from the more aggressive or expressive dogs?

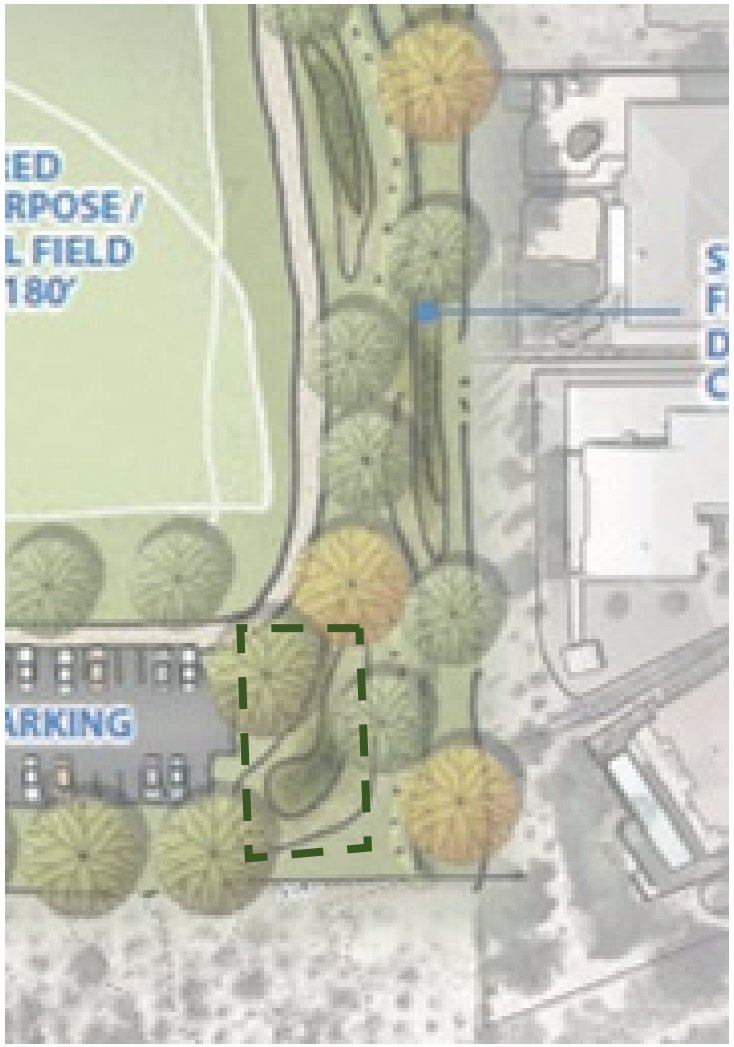
Questions

Are there local groups that would provide maintenance and monitoring of the dog park, including minor repairs / renovation of areas by volunteers?

4 COMMUNITY GARDEN

Area Overview

- Approx. 3k Sq. Ft.
- 2 options that are being explored.
  - Near southeast corner of site near parking lot
  - Near existing park lawn



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COMMUNITY GARDEN

Questions

Do you know of any community gardens, botanical gardens, native gardens in the valley area such as in Hesperia, Victorville, Apple Valley, etc.?

Questions

Are there any clubs that you know of that would support the running of a community garden? If not now, could they be formed?

Questions

How important would it be to you to preserve some portion of the native vegetation, including other native high desert plants, in part of the park?

Questions

Should trails through or around these areas only be natural surface (soil, decomposed granite, sand, gravel, etc.) or can they be asphalt or concrete as well? Is it worth doing colored concrete or exposed aggregate or other treatments to make these paths look more in context with the natural surroundings?

Questions

How important should it be to have ADA access through all of these trail areas, or just some portion of it?

Questions

Is it better to have some of the main loops of walkways running through the park, come through these potential gardens, or should they be separate from these garden areas?

Questions

Would a community garden be maintained by the community, is there enough of a volunteer base to make this happen?

Questions

Would it be acceptable to have a botanical garden that included other plants than just those found in the immediate local habitat of the high desert, but that are native to California at least?

5 CLOSING REMARKS AND GENERAL DISCUSSION

Online Survey

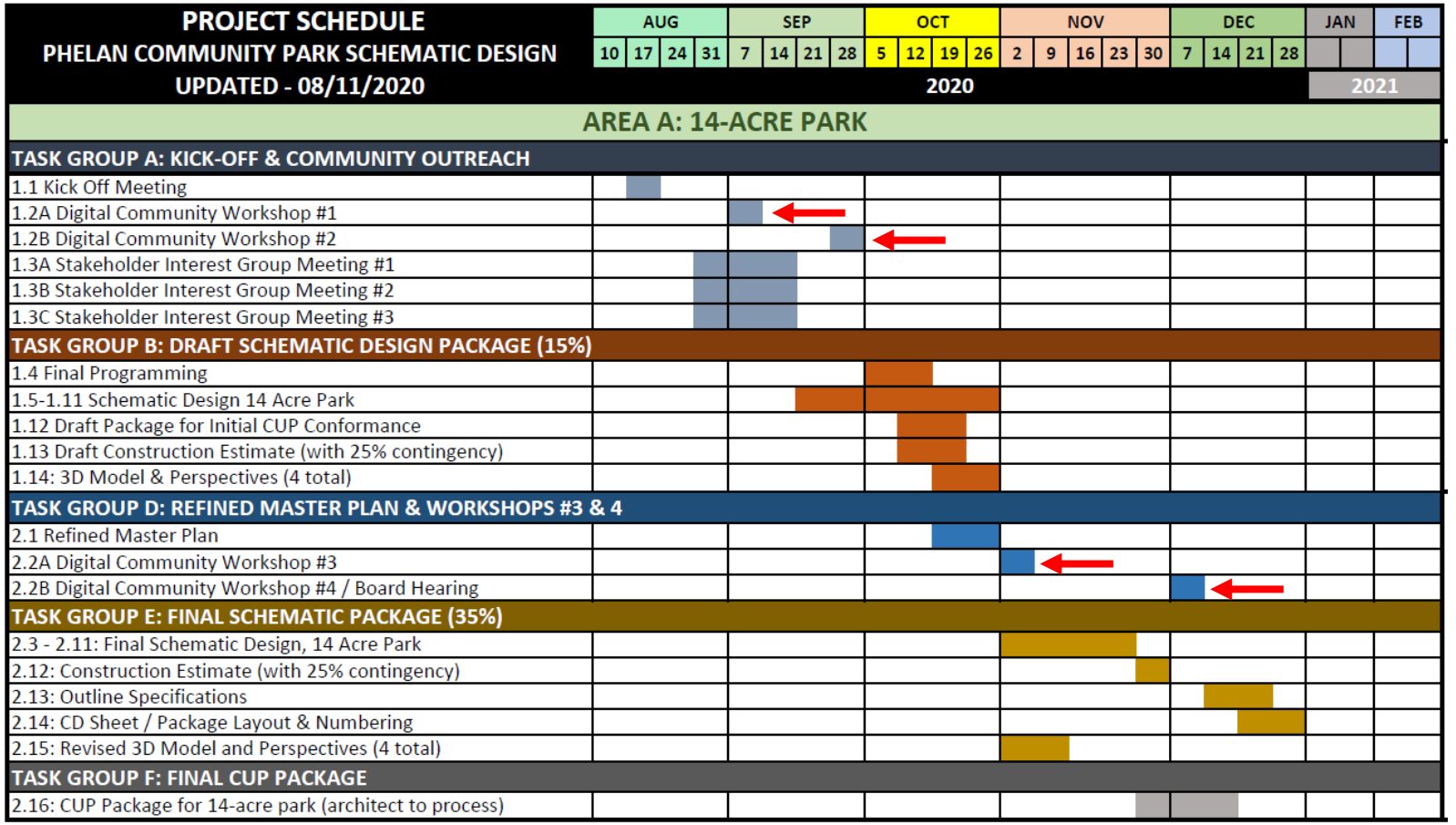
2. **Adventure Sports**

Please indicate your priority, however, please do not select the same priority for all.

	Low	Medium	High
Pump Track (bmx / mtn. bike circular track)	○	○	○
Skatepark	○	○	○
Playground 2-5 years old	○	○	○
Playground 5-12 years old	○	○	○

Next Steps – Team Schedule

- Community Workshop #1
- Community Stakeholder Meetings
- Community Workshop #2
  - Final Program Summary
  - Pre-Final Site Plan
  - Area Enlargements
- Community Workshop #3
  - Final Materials & Amenities
  - Cost Prioritization & Phasing
  - Prop 68 Areas / Facilities
- Community Workshop #4 / Board Hearing



Questions & Comments