

McClellan Ranch Park Master Plan

Submitted to

Parks and Recreation Commission, City of Cupertino

by

McClellan Ranch Park Community Advisory Committee

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City of Cupertino
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Honorable Council Members,

We, the members of the McClellan Ranch Park Ad Hoc Committee, are submitting the accompanying *McClellan Ranch Park Master Plan* for your examination. The committee included Cupertino Parks and Recreation Department Supervisor Michael O'Dowd and Naturalist Barbara Banfield, former Parks and Recreation Commissioners Dean Skeels and Lonnie Toensfeldt, Cupertino Historical Museum Director Judith Carson-Croes, long time ranch supporter Nancy Hertert, and Cupertino residents Deborah Jamison and Catherine Sleight.

Formed in February, 1991 the group was given the task of developing a long-range master plan for McClellan Ranch Park by the Cupertino City Council. Recent changes at the park, such as the vacancy of the McClellan Ranch house (created when the Cupertino Parks and Recreation Department moved their offices to the Quinlan Community Center in March, 1990) and the acquisition of the 3.1 acre Simms property, had raised issues regarding use of these newly available assets. It was evident that a master plan for the park as a whole was needed.

Meeting twice a month, the committee drafted the *McClellan Ranch Park Master Plan* containing a mission statement, goals and objectives, and a building and site use plan. Care was taken to ensure consistency with the General Plan and City Ordinance 710 which designated McClellan Ranch Park a nature and rural preserve in 1976 and identified regulations and guidelines for its use. The committee conducted a preliminary needs assessment, researched present park uses, visited model facilities, invited guests to make presentations relevant to the committee's task, and conferred with community groups.

The essential findings of the committee are that current uses are appropriate for this exceptional property and that no major changes in the preserve should be made. There is great concern for the preservation and conservation of the park along with a strong desire to enhance and enrich the facilities, functions and programs located there. The committee believes that the *McClellan Ranch Park Master Plan* will give relevant direction to achieving these goals.

Since our tour and presentation to the Parks and Recreation Commission, several questions have been raised regarding the *Master Plan*. We would like to take this opportunity to clarify the position of the committee.

The Master Plan for McClellan Ranch Park is a long range vision with no timelines delineated for the many improvements outlined. Our recommendation that a Management Planning Task Force (see Goal II, Objective #1, Activity a) lead by the Parks and Recreation Department identify priorities and set time goals for the various enhancements. Actual progress will undoubtedly depend on successful acquisition of grant funds, in-kind services, community needs and interest, etc.

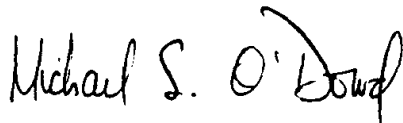
As a long range vision, *the Master Plan* does not designate a specific time for the Simms house to transition to park-related uses. It is our hope that the Management Planning Task Force will outline a series of steps to integrate the Simms property and house into full usage by the community, some in the near future, others will be longer term projects. Conversion of the house itself for preserve-related uses can and should be done without an abrupt disruption to the current residents.

Regarding the decision to locate the city compost pick-up site at McClellan Ranch Park, when our input was sought we related our opposition as being inconsistent with *the Master Plan*. This was based on the loss of 600 square feet of field habitat, loss of parking spaces (from 26 to 16), and the increased traffic with its impact on children's summer programs. We believe that a more appropriate site can be identified.

The documents included here reflect careful research as well as many hours spent in evaluation and discussion. The members of the committee feel that the effort to develop the *Master Plan for McClellan Ranch Park* has been worthwhile and necessary. The park is a valuable community resource which Cupertino is proud to possess. We are confident that the suggestions and recommendations in this *Master Plan* will be carefully studied and implemented in order to protect, preserve and enhance this unique public trust.

Sincerely,

The McClellan Ranch Park Ad Hoc Committee



Michael O'Dowd



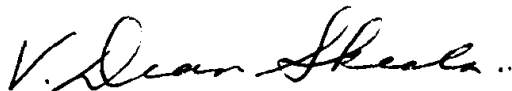
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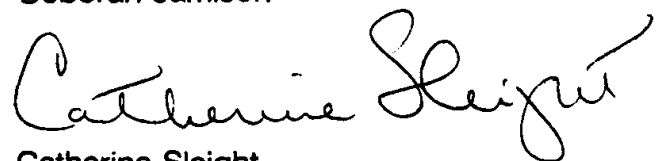
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(Historical Heritage Commission of Santa Clara County)

I. SUMMARY OF GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

MCCLELLAN RANCH PARK MASTER PLAN

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

(Summary)

GOAL I: To foster stewardship of the earth by providing environmental education, leadership, and resources

Objective #1 - Encourage appropriate community use of the site and its resources

Objective #2 - Continue to develop a partnership with community schools, businesses, and other groups

Objective #3 - Provide a center for environmental resources and leadership

Objective #4 - Provide the Cupertino Environmental Center (McClellan Ranch Park House) for use by environmental groups

Objective #5 - Maintain and enhance farm, garden, environmental & historical education programs

Goal II: To protect and preserve for the people of Cupertino the natural habitat and rural property

Objective #1 - Develop a sound management plan for the resources of the Park to include identifying any necessary limitations on use of the area

Objective #2 - Work with city officials to minimize visual, noise, and ecological impact that surrounding area has on Park

Objective #3 - Limit construction at McClellan Ranch Park to that consistent with the Mission Statement for the Park

Objective #4 - Work with Santa Clara Valley Water District and other jurisdictional agencies to protect and enhance the quality of the Stevens Creek watershed

Objective #5 - Control invasive exotic plants and work to re-establish native plant communities where appropriate

GOAL III: To utilize this rare riparian environment for enjoyment and study

Objective #1 - Conduct study to assess the ecological status of park

Objective #2 - Maintain and enhance existing trails for use by public

Objective #3 - Expand trails to connect with other open space areas and trail systems

Objective #4 - Work with local schools and other agencies in establishing study projects of site

| GOAL IV: To share the rich history of this site with the community |

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Objective #2 - Preserve all historic assets including buildings, grounds, and artifacts

Objective #3 - Develop a management plan for the buildings and the historical collections relating to the site

Objective #4 - Provide activities, programs, displays, and classes depicting historical events relating specifically to site and generally to historic Cupertino

Objective #5 - Communicate through print, audio, visual, and dramatization, the history of the site and Cupertino history

| GOAL V: To provide appropriate care and management for site and structures |

Objective #1 - Provide a detailed map and document describing physical features of site and structures

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Objective #3 - Implement recommended improvements consistent with Building and Site Use Plan

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| GOAL VI: Identify mechanisms to fulfill the stated goals |

Objective #1 - Seek sources of supplemental funding, in-kind services, and volunteer effort

Objective #2 - Determine feasibility of forming a Friends of McClellan Ranch Park group, with the responsibility of coordinating volunteer activities, fundraising, advising and working with the Parks and Recreation Department in implementing long range plans.

II. MCCLELLAN RANCH PARK MASTER PLAN

McClellan Ranch Park Master Plan
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"The mission of McClellan Ranch Park shall be to maintain and protect the ecology of the area, conserve the natural features and scenic values, expand community awareness and understanding of natural history and the environment, and provide enjoyment of the resources present consistent with their preservation."

Goal I: To foster stewardship of the earth by providing environmental education, leadership, and resources

Objective #1 - Encourage appropriate community use of the site and its resources

Activity

- a. Through building & site use plan, identify current & potential uses of buildings and grounds.
- b. List improvements to facilities needed to encourage community use of park resources.
- c. Inform community about Park and its resources through articles, City Channel video spots, open houses, and other means.
- d. Revise trail guide and provide revised guide and maps to visitors.
- e. Develop informational signs and bulletin boards to inform visitors of natural history and social history of area and of upcoming park activities.
- f. Improve the care and maintenance of this nature preserve and environmental study area.
Trails must be kept clear and property should be maintained to provide appeal and safety for all visitors.
- g. Improve public facilities such as museum, entrance, & parking for improved use and enjoyment of the site.
- h. Maintain Native Plant Garden (Located in front and side of ranch house)

Objective #2 - Continue to develop a partnership with community schools, businesses, and other groups

Activity

- a. Involve community groups in future planning by encouraging review and comment.
- b. Develop mailing list for specific communities (i.e. schools), to keep them informed of plans and activities.
- c. Survey current users of Park (i.e., schools as current users of naturalist-run programs), to determine perceived value of current and proposed programs.
- d. Hold regular orientation for all Cupertino school districts, elementary, high school, and college to inform them and get input into potential programs appropriate for their school curriculum. Also hold orientation for other groups, i.e., service groups to ask for their volunteer support for programs and special projects (Eagle Scouts, Kiwanis, etc)
- e. Meet with area nonprofits to discuss possibility of joint educational projects (Audubon Society, Creeks Coalition, Environmental Volunteers, UC Co-op Extension, San Jose Astronomy Club, etc.).
- f. Meet with local businesses to involve them in support of Goal I activities, by providing employee volunteers, materials, publicity, or financial support. Identify those with suitable grant money, community volunteer programs, and newsletters.
- g. Develop program to assist schools, businesses, and others, to build their own programs to foster stewardship of earth (i.e., Master Gardener presentations on home composting at schools, Audubon presentations on planting for wildlife, naturalist's presentations on safe home and garden pest control).

Objective #3 - Provide a center for environmental resources and leadership

Objective #4 - Provide the Cupertino Environmental Center (McClellan Ranch Park House) for use by environmental groups

Activity

- a. Continue to work with Audubon Society and other environmental groups in occupying Ranch House space.
- b. Stay informed of tenants' educational programs and make sure programs are being communicated to the general community

Objective #5 - Maintain and enhance farm, garden, environmental & historical education programs

Activity

- a. Develop and strengthen partnerships with groups and individuals currently involved in environmental & historic education programs (Audubon Society, Historical Society and Museum, Schools, Master Gardeners, 4-H, etc.).

Examples of programs are:

Farm:

- "From Sheep to Shawl"
- "From Manure to Milk" (two programs showing how farm animals provide food, clothing, and fertilizer)

Garden:

- "What goes around comes around" (program on composting and the nutrient cycle)
- "Birds, Bees, and Seeds" (program on plant life cycle)
- "Natural Pest Management"
- "Small Scale Food Production"

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Objective # 5 (Cont'd)

Environmental:

- "Riparian Communities" (program on these endangered habitats along creeks and streams)
- "Water: Supply and Conservation"
- "Cupertino Wildlife"

b. Seek funding for farm, garden, environmental, and history programs.

| Goal II: To protect and preserve for the people of Cupertino the natural habitat and rural property |

Objective #1 - Develop a sound management plan for the resources of the Park to include identifying any necessary limitations on use of area

Activity

- a. Establish a Management Planning Task Force led by P & R Dept., with members from Santa Clara Valley Water District, Native Plant Society, Community Gardeners, Rolling Hills 4-H, Cupertino Historical Society, P & R Commission, City staff, tenants of Environmental Center, others Group would meet to facilitate communication and coordination of Park planning and programs and to act as a resource group for P & R Dept..
- b. Identify site use parameters, including present legal commitments or restrictions (i.e., Simms House use, ownership/use of orchard, water district boundaries, building inspector's findings for structures, etc.).

Objective #2 - Work with city officials to minimize visual, noise, and ecological impact that surrounding area has on Park

Activity

- a. Develop and maintain awareness of possible impact on site by actions of P & R Dept., Public Works, other departments, through regular staff orientation meetings, etc.
- b. Develop and maintain awareness of protection of Park by those serving on commissions and city council, through regular reporting on status and activities of Park.

Objective #3 - Limit construction at McClellan Ranch Park to that consistent with the Mission Statement for the Park

Activity

- a. Review and clarify earlier recommendation by P & R Dept. that no more buildings be moved to McClellan Ranch.
- b. Include this recommendation in master plan
- c. Consider a separate city regulation or ordinance addendum to address this issue.
- d. Prior to construction (including signage), repair or tenant improvements, ensure that plans are in keeping with Mission.

Objective #4 - Work with Santa Clara Valley Water District and other jurisdictional agencies to protect and enhance the quality of the Stevens Creek watershed

Activity

- a. Identify agencies with jurisdiction over Stevens Creek within boundaries of McClellan Ranch Park and clarify boundaries and legal responsibilities associated with jurisdiction.

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Objective #4 (Cont'd)

- b. Define extent of protection and enhancement desired for the watershed and establish time line for accomplishment.
- c. Establish dialogue with appropriate agencies to ensure their participation in meeting objective.

Objective #5 - Control invasive exotic plants and work to re-establish native plant communities where appropriate

Activity

- a. Conduct inventory to identify all existing plant species within the park.
- b. From inventory, designate exotics and native plants.
- c. Research means of controlling or eradicating invasive exotic plants.
- d. Establish ongoing check and control system to keep invasive plants under control.
- e. Work with Native Plant Society to identify indigenous plants considered beneficial to the park, and where they should be located.

|Goal III: To utilize this rare riparian environment for enjoyment and study |

Objective #1 - Conduct study to assess the ecological status of park

Activity

- a. Work with Creeks Coalition in formulating objectives of the Stevens Creek study, particularly in regard to McClellan Ranch section. Emphasize need for high protection. Obtain results of study.

(Study will be conducted by Creeks Coalition. Funding has been approved. Project is tentatively scheduled for 1994.)

- b. Identify any parameters not covered in above study. Identify methods of obtaining additional info., if needed.

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Objective #2 - Maintain and enhance existing trails for use by public

Activity

- a. Remove invasive exotic plants (See Goal II, Obj. 5)
- b. Study feasibility of extending trail into Blackberry Farm
- c. Study feasibility of circular trail, including bridge(s) connecting park on both sides of creek
- f. See Goal I, Obj. 1, Activity 'f'

Objective #3 - Expand trails to connect with other open space areas and trail systems

Activity

- a. Work with Trail Center , City of Mountain View, and other involved agencies in developing plan for Ridge Trail to Bay Trail Stevens Creek Connection. Make proposal to P&R Commission, residents, and City Council Proposal should include cost of implementing plan, hiring consultants, and obtaining grants. Study City of Mt. View commitment and successful strategy.
- b. Do appropriate marketing of trail idea through discussion, articles, public hearings, etc. with residents.

Objective #4 - Work with local schools and other agencies in establishing study projects of site

Activity

- a. See Goal I, Objective 2

Goal IV: To share the rich history of this site with the community.

Objective #1 - Conduct a study to assess the historical significance of this site

Activity

- a. Conduct research on history of site and structures, including Ohlone history, De Anza encampment, Stephens settlement, various families. Sources for research include Public Library, Calif. History Center, Cupertino Historical Society, City files, study by Lonnie Toensfeldt, Feasibility Study by Judith Carson-Croes.
- b. Research history of families who lived in structures on site and the lifestyle during occupancy.
- c. Write historical summary of above study.
- d. Research other sites in County to assess their educational programs, activities.

Objective #2 - Preserve all historic assets including buildings, grounds, and artifacts

Activity

- a. Obtain professional assessment of structures on property.
 - include assessment and dating of materials (wood, nails, etc.), architectural style, modifications, construction materials
 - include both buildings built on property and those moved later to site (i.e.. tank house)

(As of 5/93, \$15,000 has been approved by the Historical Heritage Commission of Santa Clara County to fund this project. See Appendices for copy of proposal. Expected completion date is Fall 1994)

- b. Determine and write necessary forms to record information on buildings and collection.
- c. Identify, inventory, describe, and evaluate (including appraising, if possible) structures, equipment, holdings and objects located in buildings and grounds (i.e., blacksmith tools, agricultural equip in barn).

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Objective # 2 (Cont'd)

- d. Locate within city files any pertinent acquisition records (deeds, record of purchase, etc.) of objects and/or structures.
- e. Write recommendations on conservation and/or restoration of buildings and collections (include condition reports).

Objective #3 - Develop a management plan for the buildings and the historical collections relating to the site.

Objective #4 - Provide activities, programs, displays, and classes depicting historical events relating specifically to site and generally to historic Cupertino

Activity

- a. Research similar programs, classes and activities on local history conducted by other organizations.
- b. Write objectives for educational programs, classes, and activities.
- c. Design specific programs to meet objectives.

Examples of possible programs:

- 'Historic jobs' - Apprenticeship programs for youth and adults in blacksmithing, cooperage, winemaking, fruit growing and harvesting, and others
- "The Life of the Valley: Water" The role of water and the water system, then and now, and how it affects the industry and lifestyle of the area
- Living history programs on farm life in 1840's -- 1940's
- Cupertino history classes held on banks of Stevens Creek (include storytelling by Ohlone and other Native Americans); in ranch house; in barn
- Annual family days (Harvest Day, others)

Objective #4 (Cont'd)

- Programs in conjunction with other organizations, i.e., Dairy farming with 4-H
- Architectural tours of farm building architecture (i.e., tank house architecture). In cooperation with other heritage and history organizations. County-wide tour system
- Demonstration area for orchard, including tree care, and an apricot-cutting demonstration in July
- Set up one room in Ranch House or Simms House for farm house display and activities area.

Objective #5: Communicate through print, audio, visual, and dramatization, the history of the site & Cupertino history

Activity

- a. Publish informational brochure on history of site, including buildings, families, significance to Cupertino area, to make available to general public, schools, chamber of Commerce, libraries, etc.
- b. Provide docent-led tours of grounds and buildings (where appropriate).
 - includes establishing a docent program (with recruiting, training, and coordinating of docents)
- c. Provide appropriate signage to buildings and on grounds, compatible with site (i.e., plaques, plates, wooden signs, etc.).
- d. Complement educational programming with photos, slides, video, audio programs for various ages, types of individuals and groups (including audio and touching programs for vision impaired).
- e. Provide permanent exhibition signage for areas set up for display, i.e., Blacksmith Shop.

Goal V: To provide appropriate care and management for site and structures

Objective# 1 - Provide a detailed map and document describing physical features of site and structures

Objective #2 - Develop a Building and Site Use Plan

(see attached Building and Site Use Plan)

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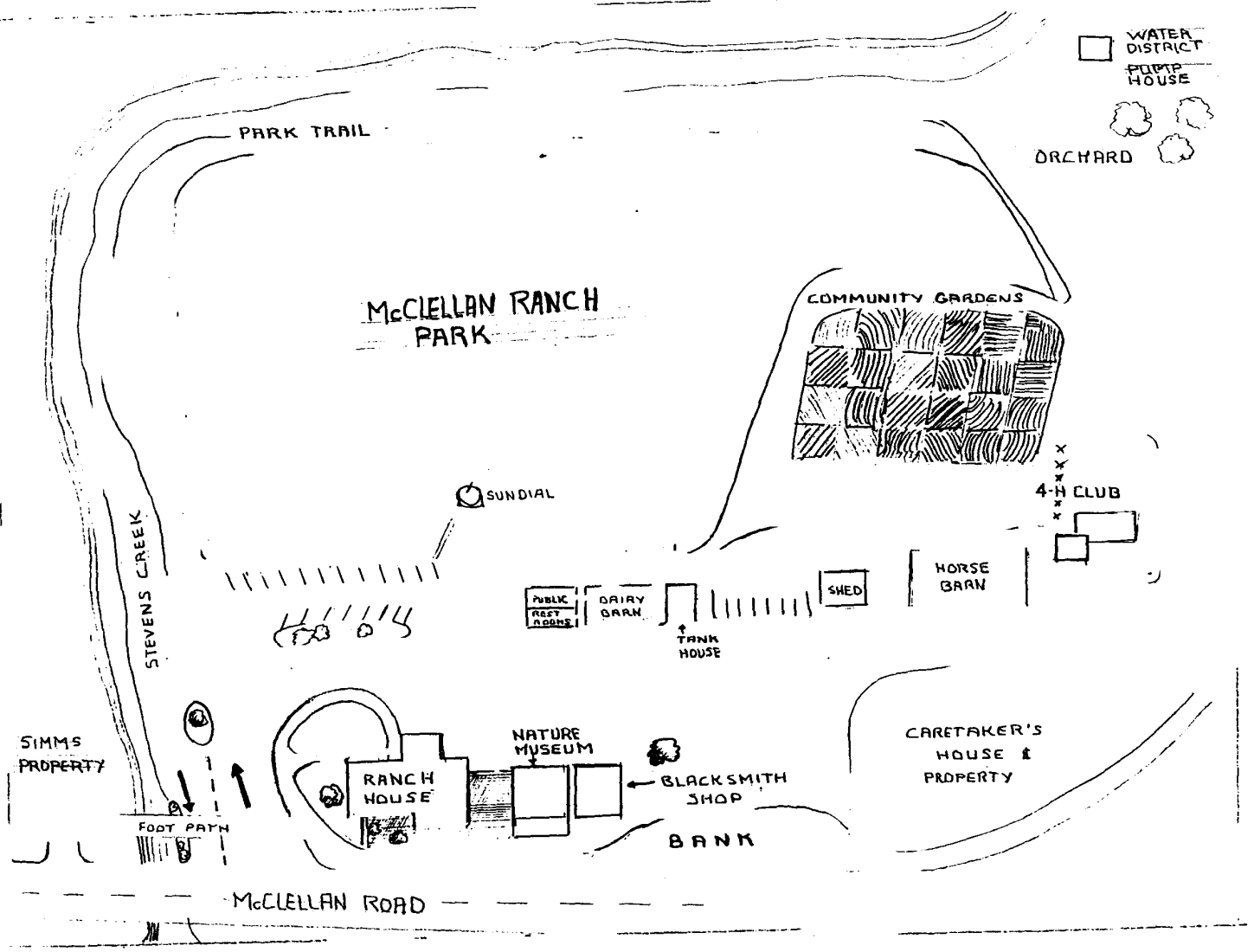
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III. BUILDING AND SITE USE PLAN



RENDERING OF McCLELLAN RANCH PARK, (1991)
 (NOT TO SCALE)

McClellan Ranch Park Building and Site Use Plan

Notations: ** Document is not prioritized. Reference should be made to Goals and Objectives.*
 ** All recommended improvements shall be reviewed for Code Compliance before implementation.*

MCCLELLAN RANCH HOUSE

Current Uses: The ranch house has been designated as the Cupertino Environmental Center. Two rooms are being rented by the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society and the conference room is available as meeting space for environmental organizations. Two rooms are still available for rental. A portion of the basement is being used for storage by the Cupertino Historical Society and Cupertino Community Services and the rest is available for rental.

Recommended Uses: The building should continue to be used for environmental organization offices, meeting space, gift shop, library, and should be developed further as a central reception/information area for visitors, with environmental brochures, newsletters, park and trail maps. The conference room is appropriate for classes, a meeting area holding 20 to 25 people, or workshops. One room should be used for a permanent exhibit space for social and natural history of the site and of Cupertino. The basement should be used for organized storage space of historical artifacts and rented as storage for resident organizations.

Recommended Improvements:

- Add climate control system to areas housing historical artifacts.
- Install room security system to area designated for social/natural history exhibits.
- Install metal shelving in basement for storage.
- Add signage indicating historical significance.

SIMMS HOUSE

Current Use: The house has been used as affordable housing for low income families since 1991, with an agreement to reconsider this arrangement in 1995.

Recommended Uses: All buildings at McClellan Ranch Park should have uses appropriate to a nature and rural preserve consistent with the founding City Ordinance and the Master Plan goals and objectives. The following are three complimentary and simultaneous uses:

- The house should be used as rented office space for environmental groups as it would be able to accommodate a large organization.
- The living room can be rented as meeting space to accommodate environmental and other community groups at low cost. This would ensure that there is an affordable large meeting space available. It can be rented by the local colleges and high schools for daytime teaching activities.
- The meeting space and kitchen can be available as a retreat site on weekends to local community and environmental groups who would like to meet in a semi-rural setting. All rental of office and meeting space would be offered with the understanding that environmental and local historical groups would be given priority, followed by selected non-profit organizations.

Recommended Improvements:

- Improvements will vary depending on intended usage. For example, removing temporary walls to enlarge meeting area.

SIMM'S BASEMENT

Current Use: The basement is not being utilized at this time.

Recommended Uses: The basement is ideal for use as a wet laboratory/classroom to promote education of the creek/riparian habitat as well as other sciences.

Recommended Improvements:

- Install counters, wet sinks, lab tables and overhead lighting.
- Install storage space, cabinets and shelving.
- Extend security system to include basement.

NATURE MUSEUM

Current Use: The nature museum currently houses a few animals that are used in teaching and live animal displays for school tours and classes taught by the Parks and Recreation Department Naturalist.

Recommended Uses: The Nature Museum should provide the residents of Cupertino, Cupertino Union School District school groups, and others the opportunity to learn about natural history, riparian ecology, and Cupertino history through hands-on exhibits and live animal displays. The Nature Museum needs a comprehensive renovation design that incorporates the recommended improvements listed. A docent program must be developed to assist in the presentation of various programs in conjunction with the Parks and Recreation Department Naturalist.

Recommended Improvements:

- Install child-height sinks and toilets.
- Replace ceiling, roof, and HVAC unit.
- Install a security system.
- Improve plumbing fixtures, lighting, and turtle tank filtration system.
- Install professionally designed and constructed interactive, seasonal exhibits and live animal habitat displays.

BLACKSMITH SHOP

Current Use: The blacksmith shop is used occasionally to demonstrate blacksmithing techniques on educational days at McClellan Ranch. This building is a replica of the William Baer shop and was moved from its original location at Stevens Creek and DeAnza Boulevard.

Recommended Uses: The blacksmith shop should be used as an educational tool with regular demonstrations of early blacksmithing, current blacksmithing techniques, and the role of the blacksmith in agricultural 19th and early 20th century Cupertino. It is appropriate for temporary and permanent exhibits of tools and should be included in the historical tours of the site. Classes or apprenticeship programs in blacksmithing might be organized in cooperation with local college, high schools, and local organizations.

Recommended Improvements:

- Add standpipe (exterior) and two sprinkler heads (in compliance with NFPA codes).
- Check ventilation, adding fan and/or exhaust system, if necessary, for safety of demonstrators and guests.
- Install additional metal floor plate next to forge.
- Repair bellows.
- Inspect all electrical systems.
- Improve security.
- Extend front ramp to allow for wheelchair accessibility.
- Add signage indicating historical significance.
- Repair roof, adding gutters and drains.

MILK BARN

Current Use: The milk barn is not being used at this time except for the portion used as public restrooms.

Recommended Uses: The milk barn can be used for demonstrations of milking and other activities of dairy farming. It is appropriate for historical craft demonstrations, classes, environmental education, and other small workshops.

Recommended Improvements:

- Install plumbing to provide water to sink and trough.
- Improve drainage in milking parlor (sawcut/concrete floor).
- Check electrical system and make necessary repairs for outlets.
- Add signage indicating historical significance.
- Make restrooms wheelchair accessible.

TANK HOUSE

Current Use: The tank house is being used as storage for the Parks and Recreation Department only. This building was originally located on the site of the Cupertino Senior Center and is built of redwood from a barn which survived the 1906 earthquake.

Recommended Uses: The tank house has historical and architectural significance and should be included in site tours. Since the tank houses were integral to the functioning of the farm, it can be utilized in educational programs on agriculture and water.

Recommended Improvements:

- Interior could be used for display of agricultural implements.
- Currently only the exterior of the tank house is considered in uses.

CARETAKERS HOME

Current Uses: The caretakers' home is currently being used by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Silva who provide security for the park.

Recommended Uses: The caretakers' residence is essential for the protection and security of the park. Since the mobile home does not fit with the architecture of the park, it is recommended that it be screened to lessen the visual impact on the park.

Recommended Improvements:

- Plant native trees or shrubs around mobile home with landscape design that would not impede visual surveillance.

PUMP HOUSES

Current Use: The pump houses are not being utilized at this time and are deteriorating.

Recommended Uses: The pump houses should be used in early Cupertino history and human ecology programs dealing with the importance and methods of obtaining water.

Recommended Improvements:

- Repair and renovate to original state, or as close as is reasonable.
- Restore one pump house to functional status for demonstration purposes by repairing or replacing the water pump itself.
- Remove vines covering pump houses.

ORCHARD

Current Use: The orchard currently includes a few walnut and apricot trees, but is not actively maintained.

Recommended Uses: The orchard should be revitalized with new fruit and nut trees of the same variety cultivated during Cupertino's agricultural history. This would allow for educational programs, including the orchard's relationship with birds and nature, proper tree care and maintenance, and farming history.

Recommended Improvements:

- Remove invasive exotic plants.
- Plant additional/replacement fruit and nut trees.
- Prune and maintain health of existing trees.
- Install irrigation system.
- Add signage providing information regarding the orchard.

STEVENS CREEK and TRAIL

Current Use: The creek is a valuable educational resource for Parks and Recreation Department summer programs and naturalist classes. It is also enjoyed by walker, photographers, and bird watchers using the creek trail. The creek flows from the Santa Cruz Mountains, through Stevens Creek Reservoir to San Francisco Bay.

Recommended Uses: The Cupertino community has the rare opportunity to use the creek as a field study site in natural history/ecology classes and field research projects. It also can be used for history programs covering water needs and supply in early Cupertino. Restoration of the native plant community along the creek would enhance its educational value. A footbridge over the creek should be built to connect McClellan Ranch and Blackberry Farm to the Simms addition. Current uses should continue.

Recommended Improvements:

- Maintain and enhance the existing trails, and expand trails to connect with other open space.
- Remove debris in the creek.
- Build a footbridge at north end of Simms addition connecting McClellan Ranch and Simms addition.

- Remove invasive exotic plants which prohibit native plant germination and growth.
- Plant native riparian tree and shrub species.
- Evaluate need for creek bank stabilization.

FIELD AREA

Current Use: The field area remains a nature preserve providing habitat for a variety of wildlife. The sundial is also located in this area.

Recommended Uses: The field area needs to remain as open space to preserve the natural and rural character of the property. It provides food and shelter for a variety of mammals, birds, reptiles, and insects. The area can be enjoyed by birdwatchers, nature photographers, walkers, and school groups for educational programs. The field could also be divided into several plots for the study of succession and plant ecology by local college and high school research project groups. Each plot could be maintained according to different principles and management techniques. Management techniques could include controlled burning, grazing, mowing, and natural succession by restoring native bunch grasses and Valley Oak trees to one study plot.

Recommended Improvements:

- Remove invasive exotic plants.
- Repair and paint existing fence by the parking lot.
- Add informational signage for both field and sundial.
- Install place markers for study plots.

COMMUNITY GARDENS

Current Use: The Community Gardens program was transferred from Memorial Park site to McClellan Ranch in 1974, a year after acquisition. Residents of Cupertino can maintain an organic garden plot by paying an annual fee for water service raise vegetables, fruits and flowers. There is a picnic area and the beginning of a gardeners' composting area. Additionally the gardeners use an old stable building between the parking lot and the barn for storage of the common tools and supplies.

Recommended Uses: This is a very popular program that should be continued. It can be incorporated easily into educational programs with tours, signage, and displays. This could also be the location of a UC Master Gardener Program. Involvement with Second Harvest could be encouraged by appropriate administration. The picnic area could be a respite for gardeners and visitors alike. An evaluation should be made of the adequacy of the water supply.

Recommended Improvements:

- Improve water pressure and distribution.
- Replace perimeter fencing to both protect from deer and improve esthetics.

- Repair, paint and enhance the picnic area, and storage building.
- Work with outside agencies to develop educational information.
- Install composting structure on garden side of barn.
- Assess dumpster usage, location, and screening.

THE BIG BARN

Current Use: The large barn is one of the most identifiable features of McClellan Ranch. It is an historic building (c. 1890) whose integrity **MUST** be maintained (ref. The Valley of Santa Clara, page 115). The barn is still "straight and true." Currently it is being used as storage by the Parks and Recreations Department, Cupertino Historical Society, and the Rolling Hills 4H Club. The barn has a perimeter foundation with dirt floors and an open loft area with unique bale moving equipment. The doors were added for security and are not original. There is no current/active electricity.

Recommended Uses: The barn has potential for classes and historical displays. In addition, the barn could be used for housing of historical collections. However, before uses can be identified, its historical significance and/or designation must be clarified. The historical designation will have an impact on any use. Some improvements should be made regardless of designation. *[A grant of \$15,000 was recently awarded by the Historical Heritage Commission of Santa Clara County for the McClellan Ranch Park Barn as the result of an application by Judith Carson-Croes. The study is to be completed in the Fall of 1993.]*

Recommended Improvements:

- Obtain historical evaluation and designation.
- Install lighting and electrical outlets.
- Install smoke detection and fire alarm systems.
- Add several fire extinguishers.
- Repair stall gates.
- Improve door mechanisms.
- Add signage alerting visitors to presence of bee hive.
- Develop maintenance program to preclude deterioration of building.

4H FARM AREA

Current Use: City of Cupertino Resolution #3736, 9/74, between the City and the Regents of the University of California (Rolling Hills of Cupertino 4H Club) is a license agreement for the chartered 4H club to use the farm site for youth education program members ages 5-19. This non-profit group provides young people with the opportunity to have hands-on farm experience by raising livestock, gardening, conducting associated projects, and sharing with the community. Members themselves pay for the livestock and related expenses. The club provides tours when livestock are on site, as well as taking the livestock out to the community. Facility consists of Tack Room and 4-stall pole barn situated on approximately 7/8 acre as defined by the agreement.

Recommended Uses: The facility should continue as the 4H farm area. The maintenance and repairs to the buildings and fences should be a shared responsibility between the City and the club. If circumstances change and the club no longer uses the area, the area would be well suited as a City-run exhibition farm.

Recommended Improvements:

- Complete installation of interior electrical system in Tack Room.
- Install smoke alarms.
- Replace Tack Room roof (installed in 1974).
- Improve water pressure.
- Cover sump.
- Add informational signage.
- Design and install vehicle drop-off area for gardeners and 4H participants, by 4H entrance.
- Schedule regular grading of hillside firebreak.

PARKING LOT(S)

Current Use: The parking areas on either side of the Milk Barn accommodate a total of 30 vehicles. There is no accommodation for public transportation or other buses to serve the park. There is restricted parking on the Simms addition. Van pooling is used to transport groups coming to the park. There is limited visibility exiting the park.

Recommended Uses: The entrance to the park needs to be redesigned to allow for safer traffic flow entering and exiting the park. There should be a bus "cut away" in front of the Simms addition to allow public transportation to serve the park. Additional parking in the front portion of Simms should be added, consistent with the park's overall intended usage. No additional parking should be installed on the original McClellan Ranch portion.

Recommended Improvements:

- Improve park entrance.
- Design and install parking lot for Simms addition.
- Implement bus cut away in front of Simms addition.
- Add signage to improve awareness of entrance/exit(s).

IV. APPENDICES

Night The Bear Stalked

Clouds moved across the face of the moon, turning the wooded hills dark for an instant and then bright enough to show the familiar landmarks as Bill McClellan paid an after-supper visit to his grazing cattle up from Stevens Creek.

Walking along a cow-path, he heard cattle bawling in a glen beyond his vision. Uneasiness, possibly fright in the tone, hastened his footsteps.

Coming around a bend, he saw a small herd of his cattle in a circle, calves in the center surrounded by their protecting mothers. Two herd bulls stomped and pawed on the outskirts of the milling herd, and on the far edge of the clearing a huge grizzly sat on his haunches watching.

McClellan, armed only with a walking stick, took advantage of a cloud shadow to sit down on a stump partially screened by poison oak and buck brush.

Suddenly one of the bulls charged the bear, shutting his eyes as is the wont of bulls. The bear sidestepped and flailed with a giant paw, knocking his attacker to his knees. Staggering to his feet, the bull backed off to continue the circling at a safer distance.

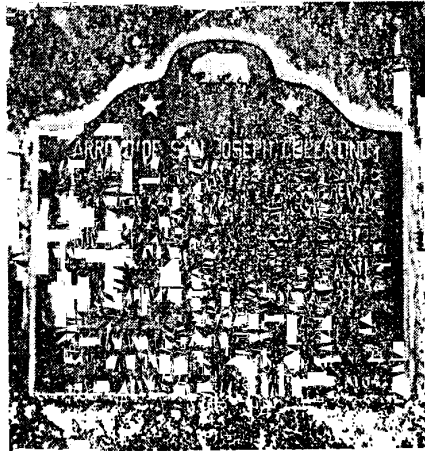
Finally the bear turned and lumbered off into the brush.

McClellan sat for a spell, considering the whereabouts of the bruin, but finally elected to seek the safety of home.

With frequent glances over his shoulder, heart-pounding pauses to listen and to wait for the moon to peek through the clouds, it must have been a long, scary walk before McClellan saw the friendly lamp-light shining through the sycamores, and his dogs, Watch and Spring, came splashing through the creek to meet him.

There hasn't been a varmit bigger than a jackrabbit prowling the old McClellan place on the east bank of Stevens Creek for quite a spell, but descendants of this pioneer Cupertino family keep the old stories alive.

They hope the City of Cupertino will keep the McClellan name alive in naming the new city park on McClellan road. —P.L.



History

A plaque on a giant boulder in the parking lot of Monta Vista High School on McClellan road in Cupertino marks the spot where Juan Bautista De Anza camped 198 years ago. The site is up from scenic Stevens Creek and the new Cupertino city park, old homestead of the pioneer McClellan family. The sycamores were there when the McClellan kids used to fish in the creek. (Staff Photo)



McClellan road for which William T. McClellan petitioned the county supervisors in 1878 and on which "Signposts" now stretch from the Saratoga-Sunnyvale road west to Foothill boulevard.

De Anza was on his way north to initiate steps to found a colony, a mission and a presidio beside the Bay when he encamped under the oaks on the east bank of the creek March 25, 1776. The site is only a few hundred yards from where the McClellans ended their long journey from Missouri, and where Doyle, a prominent San Francisco attorney, built his winery.

This was before there was a Cupertino, which evolved as the area filled with pioneers who cleared the trees and brush from the land, banished the grizzly bear and wildcat, and settled down to raising crops and children.

Some of these early settlers included Dr. Otis Blabon, Nathan Hall, Martin Ball, S. R. Williams, Tom Kerwin and Joseph Barton.

The latter, whose farm was north of the McClellans' married Lavinia,

eldest of the 10 children born to William T. and Eveline (Dickey) McClellan. Barker had come overland to California in 1852, and he and Lavinia were married in 1869.

The McClellans left Missouri in May, 1849, joining one of the larger wagon trains which was heading west in the great gold rush migration that year. Their children included Lavinia, Wallace, Annie, 3-year-old Mary Jane and the baby, Phoebe, born Dec. 2, 1848.

Somewhere near the end of the journey —

Aug. 18, 1849 — Little Mary Jane died and was buried in an unmarked grave beside the trail.

The grieving family wanted a proper burial for the child, but the wagon master declined to hold up the train long enough for McClellan to build a coffin from pieces of his wagon. The train went on and the little family stayed.

When their sad task was completed they drove the horses back and forth over the little grave so wild animals would not find it, and then pushed on, driving day and night to catch up with the train.

This story was told by County Farm Adviser Perley Payne, grandson of Phoebe McClellan and James Frederick Payne, who farmed on what is now Payne avenue.

Members of the family born in Santa Clara Valley were Theodore, Columbus (Uncle Lum), James, Joseph, Frank and Grace.

McClellan brought his family to San Jose, where they lived for several years while he earned the money to buy

his first farm on Permanente Creek up near Mountain View. He drove lumber wagons from Toll Gate (Saratoga) to San Jose. The McClellans moved to the Stevens property late in the 1850s.

The land has had many owners and they and time have erased traces of the family who lived there when the thick-trunked sycamores were young trees and the horse-drawn mail wagon splashed through the crossing and kicked up dust on McClellan road going up the hill to the Cupertino post office.



Cupertino

This was Cupertino in the mid-1890s when it was called Westside. Located at Saratoga-Sunnyvale and Stevens Creek roads, the general store was on the southwest corner of the intersection across from the blacksmith shop run by William Baer (far right). The grape vines in the foreground were on Dan Sutherland's place.

ORDINANCE NO. 710

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CUPERTINO AMENDING
CHAPTER 13.04 OF THE CUPERTINO MUNICIPAL CODE
TO PROVIDE FOR NATURE AND/OR RURAL PRESERVE

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CUPERTINO DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

The following provisions are hereby added to Chapter 13.04 of the Cupertino Municipal Code:

Section 13.04.020 - Definitions

I. Nature and/or Rural Preserve - A park so designated by the City Council pursuant to Section 13.04.201.

Section 13.04.201 - Nature and/or Rural Preserve

A. Any park characterized by such unique natural features that it is deemed a valuable and irreplaceable resource may be designated by the City Council either by ordinance or resolution as a Nature and/or Rural Preserve, in which event it shall be used and treated in a manner consistent therewith.

B. Uses shall be limited to those which will maintain and protect the ecology of the area, conserve the natural features and scenic values, expand community awareness and understanding of natural history and the environment, and provide enjoyment of the resources present consistent with their preservation.

C. McClellan Ranch Park is hereby designated a Nature and Rural Preserve.

Section 13.04.202 - Regulations and Guidelines

The City Council shall, by resolution, adopt regulations controlling the use, and guidelines pertaining to the development of, any park designated as a Nature and/or Rural Preserve. Any such regulations adopted by the City Council shall, where inconsistent therewith, take precedence over any general regulations contained in Chapter 13.04.

INTRODUCED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Cupertino this ___ 3rd day of November, 1975, and ENACTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Cupertino this 5th day of January, 1976, by the following vote:

Vote Members of the City Council

AYES: Meyers, Nellis, Sparks, Jackson

NOES: None

ABSENT: Frolich

ABSTAIN: None

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

/s/ Wm. E. Ryder
City Clerk

/s/ James E. Jackson
Mayor, City of Cupertino

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B. The following are, without limitation, the types of uses that could take place in a Nature and Rural Reserve:

1. Programs of nature discovery and appreciation for ~~grade school~~ and ~~junior high~~ students. *including*
2. Lectures and tours for ~~adults~~ and ~~families~~ in the nature study areas.
3. Programs in which high school students and community volunteers assist in giving tours.
4. Self guiding tours of nature and orchard areas.
5. Guided tours of 4-H area and gardens.
6. Programs for volunteer planting of trees, shrubs and wildflowers.
7. Nature experiences for the blind and handicapped.
8. Displays of biological and geological materials.
9. Displays of collections that relate to nature.
10. Creek experiences.
11. Dam building.
12. Picnicking.

set aside for preservation of open space & propagation of birds - insects -

13. Demonstration area for farm animals.
14. Demonstration orchards.
15. Planning and planting more orchard trees.
16. Classes in pruning, grafting, planting and care of orchard trees.
17. Classes in fruit and nut drying, jelly making, canning and wine making.
18. Organic gardening.
19. Classes in the techniques of gardening.
20. Displays of equipment used in processing fruits and grapes.
21. Historical displays of farm machinery used in this valley.
22. Lectures dealing with actual historical incidents that occurred on the site.
23. An opportunity to interrelate man and nature.
24. An area set aside for the appreciation of lovely pastoral views.
25. A quiet retreat from the urbanized area that surrounds it.

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Vote Members of the City Council

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NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

City Clerk

Mayor, City of Cupertino

County of Santa Clara

Historical Heritage Commission

County Government Center, East Wing
70 West Hedding Street, 10th Floor
San Jose, California 95110
(408) 299-4321

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April 28, 1993

Mr. Stephen G. Dowling
Director, Parks & Recreation Department
City of Cupertino
10300 Torre Avenue
Cupertino, California 95014

Dear Mr. Dowling,

Please be advised that the Board of Supervisors, at their April 27, 1993 meeting, approved the recommendations of the Historical Heritage Commission to allocate \$500,000 from the FY92/93 Park Charter Historical Heritage Fund, as outlined on Attachment I. The recommendations request the allocation of a total of \$500,000 to 13 different preservation efforts as conditioned by the terms described in Attachment II, a memorandum from Deputy County Counsel, which terms and conditions have been endorsed by the Historical Heritage Commission.

Conditioned further upon all allocations of recommended funds on the provision that said funds be expended by the applicant for the approval project within two years of the Board approved allocation of funds to said project, or said funds shall revert back to the County for possible reprogramming.

Frank Fenton, Santa Clara County Parks & Recreation Department, (358-3741) is preparing the historical project agreement, outlining the parameters and/or conditions for the disbursement of funds. He will be in contact with you to facilitate this process.

Thank you for your interest in the preservation of our historical heritage.

Sincerely,

Janis Kuechenmeister
Deputy Clerk of the Board



ATTACHMENT I

SANTA CLARA COUNTY HISTORICAL HERITAGE COMMISSION
 FY1992 1993 HISTORICAL PRESERVATION PROPOSALS
 CUMULATIVE RANKINGS & FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS 3/11/93

Name of Project	Sponsors	Amount Requested	Cumulative Request	Total Points	Rank	Eligible	HHC Recommendation
Markham House	City of San Jose/SJ Historical Museum Assn.	\$50,000	\$50,000	503	1	Yes	\$50,000
Villa Montalvo Love Temple Restoration	Montalvo Association	43,718	93,718	482	2	Yes	30,000
Jose Higuera Adobe	City of Milpitas	277,167	370,885	482	2	Yes	35,000
Chitactac Heritage Park	Santa Clara County Parks Department	84,260	455,145	468	4	Yes	84,000
Hidden Villa	Trust for Hidden Villa	120,000	575,145	463	5	W/conditions	48,000
McClellan Ranch Park	City of Cupertino/McClellan Ranch Advisory Comm.	15,000	590,145	435	6	Yes	15,000
Los Altos History House	City of Los Altos/History House Assn.	27,000	617,145	418	7	Yes	27,000
Mobile Display-Guadalupe Reg. Park	Preservation Action Council, San Jose	7,800	624,945	392	8	No	0
Hacienda Cemetery	California Pioneers of Santa Clara County	45,000	669,945	390	9	W/conditions	30,000
James D. Phelan "Italian Garden" Restoration	Santa Clara County Parks Department	31,350	701,295	335	10	Yes	20,000
Joseph D. Grant	Santa Clara County Parks Department	125,000	826,295	335	10	Yes	61,000
Portuguese Historical Museum	City of San Jose/Portuguese Chamber of Commerce	200,000	1,026,295	326	12	W/conditions	40,000
Headen-Inman House	City of Santa Clara/SC Art & Historical Consortium	25,000	1,051,295	296	13	W/conditions	10,000
Pine Ridge Association	Pine Ridge Association/State Parks	100,000	1,151,295	278	14	W/conditions	0
Mexican Cultural Heritage Garden & Plaza	Mexican Heritage Corporation	150,000	1,301,295	220	15	W/conditions	50,000
Mission Santa Clara de Assis	Private Individual	40,000	1,341,295	182	16	No	0
TOTAL		\$1,341,295		6005			\$500,000

HISTORICAL PROJECT
PROPOSAL QUESTIONNAIRE

County of Santa Clara
Public Services Agency
Parks and Recreation Department

Name of Project: McClellan Ranch Park
Historic Structures Assessment
Date: January 15, 1993
Amount: \$15,000
Contact Person: Judith Carson-Croes
Telephone: 408/973-1495

1. Brief narrative explaining the proposal, purpose of the expenditure and a description of the benefits to be derived should the proposal be funded:

This proposal is being submitted by the McClellan Ranch Park Advisory Committee, a volunteer community group established by the City in its commitment to devise a master plan for the park site in keeping with its Nature and Rural Preserve status (Ordinance No. 710, January 5, 1976). (See Appendix A - Ordinance 710) This group is responsible for planning McClellan Ranch Park site only.

Objective

The objective of the project is: To assist in efforts to preserve the historic nature of McClellan Ranch Park by obtaining a professional assessment of historic and architectural significance of the buildings (including a ranch house, a horse barn, a tank house, and a milk barn).

History of McClellan Ranch Park

The history of the ranch includes its close proximity to the encampment of Juan Bautista De Anza in 1776, its settlement by Elisha P. Stevens in 1844 - 1850, and its settlement site of early resident, William Taylor McClellan, who helped establish some of the first schools in the area. (See Appendix B - History of McClellan Ranch Park)

Project Scope

The scope of the project includes contracting the professional services of an historic consultant, an architect, and an engineer, to conduct an assessment of the structures. The assessment report would include a chronology of the buildings, dates of construction and any alterations; research into the ownership and use of the site over a 130 year period (1840 - 1970), the families' lives as they reflect the changes in Cupertino and Santa Clara Valley; and, an architectural and restoration plan for the historic structures. (See Appendix C - Scope of Work) Although the structures are maintained (windows repaired, painted, etc.), no attempt has been made to preserve or restore them. The ranch house was improved for tenancy in 1991 but has not been assessed for historic or architectural preservation needs.

Project Benefits

The completion of this assessment would fulfill objectives in the master plan, soon to be presented to the Parks & Recreation Commission and City Council, by the McClellan Ranch Park Advisory Committee (See Appendix D - McClellan Ranch Park Master Plan, Goal IV, Objective 1 & 2) Goals and objectives of this plan were approved by P & R Commission in 1991. This project would provide the basis for further work on the historic structures to not only rehabilitate them, but to make them useable for community history programs, consistent with the mission of the Ranch Park, which includes, "...to expand community awareness and understanding of natural history and the environment, and provide enjoyment of the resources present consistent with their preservation."

Currently, the average daily attendance of the park is 40 visitors, most of those visiting the Nature Museum located on the property. Special events held 2-3 times per year, such as a living history program, Harvest Day at McClellan Ranch, and Santa Clara Valley Audubon Free Education Day (both cooperative programs between the City of Cupertino and nonprofit organizations) draw an average of 100-200 visitors at each event. The current programs primarily attract children, K-6, although adult and senior visitors also visit the park.

The programs that will be implemented as a result of the completion of this assessment project and following building restoration, as needed, will increase its markets for children, adults, and seniors, as well as targeting the diverse cultures of the community. Some of the programs included in the plan that will specifically make use of the historic buildings are farm and ranch demonstrations in the horse barn, family days of natural and social history of early Cupertino, early and current dairy farming techniques using the milk barn, county-wide architectural history tours of tank houses and ranch buildings, a permanent historical exhibit in the ranch house; "historic jobs" apprenticeship training for youth and adults in cooperage, blacksmithing, farming, winemaking among others. The project would also provide much of the needed information to apply for historic designation status, further protecting the structures.

The scope of this project does not include parking needs, or other improvements to the site, exclusive of those specific to the historic structures.

2. Description of location - is project located within the parks and recreation element of the County General Plan? Attach a site map of project location. Note the general section of the County- east, west, north, or south, wherein the project is located.

McClellan Ranch Park is located within the City of Cupertino, County of Santa Clara, at 22221 McClellan Rd. It falls within the western section of the county. (See Appendix E - Site Maps and Photos)

3. Description of relationship to regional park function - state the facts supporting how the project may be considered for park purposes.

McClellan Ranch Park is an unmatched resource for Santa Clara County. Its site history, the historic structures, the layout of stream, fields, and farm all lend themselves to educational programs that highlight the county's agricultural heritage. It also is protected as a nature preserve and provides the unique opportunity to combine the historical with the environmental in its educational activities. Having the historic structures assessed and then restored for preservation and use would open the ranch up for the enjoyment and learning of the residents throughout the county.

4. Who will provide on-going maintenance. How will it be funded and at what intervals will it be provided.

The City of Cupertino currently provides the ongoing maintenance of the park. The allocation is on an annual budget basis. The Department of Public Works and the Department of Parks and Recreation will continue to provide maintenance and oversight.

5. Enclose budget and listing of other funding sources and their percent of total project cost. Include expected timing that funds will be available and the date the project is expected to be completed.

This project is a component of a larger effort on the part of the McClellan Ranch Advisory Committee and City of Cupertino to protect and utilize this site. Funding for subsequent components of the plan have yet to be identified. This specific project, upon notification of approved funding, will commence in June 1993 and conclude in September 1993. (See Appendix F - Budget)

6. Ownership of property

McClellan Ranch Park was purchased by the City of Cupertino in September 1972, with some funding assistance from The Department of Housing and Urban Development.

7. Responsible party: indicate approvals required and the names of person(s) who will sign agreement and who will be responsible to see that project/program is accomplished and that funds are used in accord with approval by Board of Supervisors.

The Cupertino City Council has ultimate responsibility for the project. The staff person responsible for signing the agreement and for overseeing the project is the Director of Parks and Recreation, Stephen G. Dowling. The individual who will act as project coordinator and liaison between the McClellan Ranch Advisory Committee, the contractors, the City, and the Commission, is Judith Carson-Croes. Ms. Carson-Croes currently is a member of the McClellan Ranch Park Advisory Committee and the Director of the Cupertino Historical Society Museum, a private non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization.

The Cupertino Historical Society, which will act in an advising capacity, has been involved in museum and historical preservation projects since its founding in 1966, including participating in the Heritage Resources Inventory project, 1979. The McClellan Ranch Advisory Committee, which is spearheading this project, is composed of five community volunteers and two City staff (The Recreation Supervisor and the Naturalist at McClellan Ranch)_

The City of Cupertino is self-insured through the Association of Bay Area Government (ABAG) and does carry liability insurance. The county may be named as an additional insured on that policy.

8. Historical Project Agreement

The Director of Parks and Recreation of the City of Cupertino, Stephen G. Dowling, and the Committee liaison, Judith Carson-Croes, have read the agreement. None of the provisions of the agreement are considered problematic.

9. Enclose any additional information you wish to provide in support of this project proposal.

Supplementary information is included in Appendices previously cited.

10. Listed on County Heritage Resources Inventory?

Listed on Inventory, p.19. Also, the tank house now at McClellan Ranch Park, is part of the E.J. Parrish house. Parrish site (Stevens Creek Blvd and Mary Ave) is listed as a point of local interest. Site of De Anza encampment, which is close to McClellan Ranch, is listed as a California State Historical Landmark.

11. Date submitted_____ Signature of Approval _____

Member, McClellan Ranch Advisory Committee,
Director, Cupertino Historical Museum

Director, Department of Parks and Recreation
City of Cupertino

12. Approved by: _____

13. Approved for legality: _____

14. Approval date by the Historical Heritage Commission _____

APPROVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: DATE:

MCCLELLAN RANCH PARK HISTORIC STRUCTURE PROJECT

PROJECTED BUDGET

Item

Contract services for historical assessment of structures and site of McClellan Ranch Park Includes: background research, use and ownership search, compilation of sources for bibliography, development of significance statements for each building, coordination of project with city, liaison, architect, and others	\$5,000.00
Contract services for architectural assessment of structures Includes: Dating of structures, architectural drawings, construction analysis of buildings, chronology of construction and alterations, recommendations for work necessary for stabilization of buildings, and recommendations for applicable use of structures	\$9,200.00
Professional services from project coordinator Includes: Incidentals of copying, FAX, meetings, other	\$800.00
TOTAL	\$15,000.00

McClellan Ranch Park Use

	Current Annual Use	Potential Annual Use*
Cupertino Environmental Center		
Drop-in visitors	2,250	5,000
Number of meetings	102	260
Persons attending meetings	1,053	3,125
Number of special events	5	20
Persons attending special events (Audubon Education Day, Bird Seed Sale, Annual Dinner, etc)	485	1,900
Nature Museum		
Number of school programs provided by ½-time Naturalist	48	70
Persons attending school programs	1,563	2,225
Number of school programs provided by docents	0	125
Persons attending docent-led programs	0	4,000
Number of self-supporting nature classes	41	75
Persons attending self-supporting nature classes	332	900
Blacksmith Shop		
Number of blacksmithing demonstrations	7	125
Persons attending blacksmithing demonstrations	430	3,000
Persons visiting blacksmith shop exhibits	0	3,000
Summer Camp Programs		
Number of days used as camp site	32	40
Persons attending 2-week camp sessions	193	240
Persons attending special camp events	200	250
Community Gardens		
Number of garden plots	68	68
Gardeners	177	177
Number of garden-related special events	3	12
Persons attending special events	90	200
Preserve Trails and Open Areas		
Hikers, photographers, birders, etc.	2,500	5,000
Simms House		
Number of meetings of non-profit or business groups	0	260
Persons attending meetings	0	6,500
Persons using basement wet lab	0	4,000
4-H Area		
Membership use of farm	12	20
Public tours of farm	800	3000
Volunteer hours for maintenance	200	400

Other Historical Programs

Persons attending Harvest Day	90	200
Persons attending other family programs	0	600
Persons attending school or community historical programs, tours or classes	0	3,500
Persons visiting historical exhibits (Milkbarn, Big Barn, Pump Houses, or Ranch House)	0	2,000

* These projected figures are based on the implementation of the plans listed in the Site Use Plan.

According to a 1991 survey of elementary school teachers (K-8) in C.U.S.D., all grades from 2 through 8 schedule class tours to local historical museums, cultural centers and historic sites, from one to three times per year. With classes averaging 30 students each, a projected potential audience from the 18 elementary schools in the district would be 3,500 - 4,000 per year. During the 1991-1992 school year 599 students from private preschools and elementary schools attended nature programs at McClellan Ranch Park.