



McClellan Ranch
Master Plan
2012 Update



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McCLELLAN RANCH MASTER PLAN - 2012 UPDATE

I. Executive Summary

In 2011, the Cupertino Parks and Recreation Department, in conjunction with the Public Works Department, sought public input on potential Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects at McClellan Ranch Park in order to develop a prioritized list of recommendations to inform the budget planning and decision making process for 2012 and beyond.

II. Goals

The *McClellan Ranch Master Plan – 2012 Update* process was initiated to confirm and establish a prioritized set of recommendations for inclusion in the city's Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The recommendations could then be used to inform the Parks and Recreation Commission's and City Council's 2012 budget planning and related decision making, as well as future budgeting cycles. The 2012 Update process used the recommended goals and objectives documented in the existing *McClellan Ranch Park Master Plan* (1993) as a starting point.

Community input was sought in order to validate the 1993 Master Plan recommendations, identify potential new projects, and obtain feedback on the relative importance of various CIP options being considered. Staff suggestions were also added to the list. Evaluation criteria were then used to assess and prioritize potential projects. The resulting recommendations along with the related background material are provided in this document. The Parks and Recreation Commission then used this material to confirm their own recommendations for CIP projects to the Cupertino City Council for the Council's consideration and approval.

III. Process Summary

McClellan Ranch Park is a well used and beloved local amenity. Its status as a Nature and Rural Preserve and home to historic agricultural structures makes it unique among the many parks in Cupertino. There is also a remarkable diversity of programs and people who rely on and enjoy the park, including school children, college students, 4-H club members, gardeners, bird watchers, local walkers, and many more. (See Appendix C for further details on current programs and uses at the site.) McClellan Ranch has benefited over the years from the volunteer efforts and thoughtful input of numerous citizens, including the extensive work captured in the 1993 *McClellan Ranch Park Master Plan* (MRPMP), as well as a 2006 Stevens Creek Corridor Master Plan and Restoration Plan plus related environmental clearance documents, and 2009 Simms Task Force recommendations. The recommendations found in this document are based on the results of these earlier efforts, as well as the input from staff, two Parks and Recreation Commission community study sessions in November 2011 and February 2012, and a subsequent regular Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held in March 2012.

1993 *McClellan Ranch Park Master Plan* Goals

The 1993 *McClellan Ranch Park Master Plan* included six overarching goals:

- Goal I: Foster stewardship of the earth by providing environmental education, leadership, and resources
- Goal II: Protect and preserve for the people of Cupertino the natural habitat and rural property
- Goal III: Utilize this rare riparian environment for enjoyment and study
- Goal IV: Share the rich history of this site with the community
- Goal V: Provide appropriate care and management for the site and structures
- Goal VI: Identify mechanisms to fulfill the stated goals

Objectives for each goal were also listed and can be found in Appendix A. These goals and objectives were used as a starting point for the community input sessions and are an important basis from which the current recommendations for CIP projects were developed.

Community Input

At the first public Parks and Recreation study session on November 3rd, 2011 background information about McClellan Ranch Park, the current programs it supports, and the MRPMP were reviewed. General feedback was solicited from the stakeholders who attended, as well as from the community at large. The City's web site provided support for the latter. The first meeting focused on developing a list of key facilities, projects (large or small), and/or uses that would protect, enhance and improve McClellan Ranch Park. The combined result was a list of over 70 suggestions. Staff added further suggestions, including maintenance items that were not touched upon in the public meeting, and then sorted the resulting list into the following categories: New structure, Renovation, Infrastructure, Maintenance, Programs/Operations/Policy, and Habitat/Creek Restoration. Duplicate suggestions were combined to shorten the list.

Many of the suggestions addressed topics or projects that were not potential CIP projects, including many that were too small to warrant inclusion in the CIP or concerned policy or operations. Those ideas were listed separately and forwarded to the appropriate City departments for consideration and possible action. That list can be found in appendix F.

The remaining suggestions describing potential capital improvement program projects were categorized into four groups:

- Existing Funded Projects
- Potential Building Projects
- Potential Non-Building Projects
- Suggested Future Projects

The first group included the Tank House and Milk Barn repair work, which is already funded. Any projects dependent on the outcomes of other potential CIP projects were categorized as Suggested Future Projects and included the following topics: parking, renovation of the central bleachers area, improvements at McClellan Ranch West also known as the former Simms property, and a suggested new restroom facility.

For each of the Potential Building and Non-Building projects, the project team provided a one-page evaluation form that identified: project type; a brief description of the proposed project; an executive summary; how it would benefit/support MRPMP goals, current programs, and new or expanded programs; challenges; estimated time frame; and estimated cost range. The Potential CIP Project Evaluation forms are included in Appendix H. These evaluation forms were provided as background information for consideration at the next public meeting.

The second Parks and Recreation study session focusing on McClellan Ranch Park occurred on February 2, 2012. It was designed to facilitate the collection of more specific input on the potential Building and Non-Building CIP projects identified thus far, as well as any open feedback that community members may have wanted to provide. Community feedback collected during the second meeting is included in Appendix I and was used along with the previous community input, evaluation criteria, and staff experience to establish the prioritized list of recommendations for McClellan Ranch Park capital improvement projects.

IV. Results and Recommendations

The recommendations made in this update to the MRPMP are based on earlier work by the McClellan Ranch Park Community Advisory Committee in 1993, suggestions from Parks and Recreation and Public Works staff, community input concerning current wishes for the Park, and actions taken by the Parks and Recreation Commission on March 1, 2012.

The potential CIP projects were prioritized into three tiers for Park and Recreation Commission consideration on March 1 as follows:

Tier 1 projects

- Environmental Education Center and Site Plan
- Outdoor Gathering Shelter
- McClellan Barn Evaluation & Renovation Plan
- Blacksmith Shop Renovation
- Develop Signage Program

Tier 2 projects

- Repair Creek Bank & Creek Access Area
- Modest Creek Restoration Actions
- Historical Significance Assessment of McClellan Park Structures

Tier 3 projects (dependent on Tier 1 and 2 project outcomes)

- Manage Parking
- Renovate Central Bleachers Area
- Improvements at McClellan Ranch West (former Simms Property)
- Extensive Creek Restoration
- Possible Restroom Building

Further information on each of the Tier 1 and 2 recommended CIP projects can be found in the individual evaluation forms included in Appendix H.

On March 1, 2012, the Commission considered the information presented and invited further public input. The Commission ultimately requested two modifications to the draft document. The first modification was to move “Manage Parking” from Tier 3 to Tier 2; the Commission felt that parking was an important item and that it should not be deferred. The second modification was to add evaluation of the Snyder-Hammond home to the scope of “Historical Significance Assessment of McClellan Park Structures.” The Snyder-Hammond home located at 22961 Stevens Creek Boulevard is owned by the Cupertino Historical Society, and is designated as a Historic Site in the city’s General Plan. Appendices G and H have been revised accordingly. With these modifications, the Parks and Recreation Commission recommended that the draft McClellan Ranch Master Plan 2012 Update be forwarded to the City Council.

In an associated action, on March 1, 2012 the Parks and Recreation Commission requested that the City Council change the name of McClellan Ranch Park to “McClellan Ranch Preserve.” McClellan Ranch Park was designated as a Nature and Rural Preserve in 1976 by the enactment of City Ordinance No. 710. Renaming the site would acknowledge its unique status as a city-designated Preserve. In addition, it was recommended that the parcel previously known as the “Simms property” be hereafter referred to as McClellan Ranch West, and be formally

incorporated into the larger reference to McClellan Ranch Park / McClellan Ranch Preserve. This latter recommendation would be consistent with the City Council's unanimous action on August 4, 2009 to adopt a Parks and Recreation Commission recommendation to integrate the Simms addition into the "nature preserve in a manner that will protect and enhance the natural and cultural resources and create opportunities for education, research, restoration and low-impact recreation."

On April 3, the City Council considered the draft master plan update as forwarded by the Parks and Recreation Commission, and the Commission's related recommendations to rename the properties. The City Council found that the draft master plan update in general was appropriate and warranted endorsement. One area of refinement was the ranking of potential capital improvement projects into tiers. The City Council members took a 'straw vote' and modified the draft rankings. Among the changes were moving the Blacksmith Shop and Environmental Education Center projects to Tier 2. That action was consistent with interest expressed by Council members in considering city-owned creek corridor property beyond McClellan Ranch before implementing major building projects. Another change was upgrading the Historical Assessment of McClellan Ranch structures to Tier 1 and removing the Snyder Hammond home from the scope of the assessment. This latter change included a request that the Cupertino Historical Society, which owns the Snyder Hammond home, perform its own evaluation of the structure. Parking was moved to Tier 3, since the appropriate scope and solutions were deemed to involve decisions regarding Tier 1 and 2 projects.

The City Council considered the Commission's recommendations to re-name McClellan Ranch Park and the Simms property. Those actions are not a necessary part of the Master Plan Update but are related to it. On April 3, the City Council endorsed via a 'straw vote' changing the name of McClellan Ranch Park to "McClellan Ranch Preserve" and endorsed naming the Simms property "McClellan Ranch West." The associated discussion noted that changing the name of the Simms property would not confer any further requirements on the parcel or change its status, and that a future action would be required by the City Council in order to do so.

V. Conclusion

Based on the validated goals of the 1993 *McClellan Ranch Park Master Plan*, community and staff input, and evaluations of the necessity, cost, positive impact, and community support, the Parks and Recreation Commission recommended incorporating the Tier 1 and 2 projects into the five year Capital Improvement Program being prepared in 2012 and the following budget cycles as may be required.

Those projects listed under Tier 3 should be reevaluated in future years in order to determine whether progress on Tier 1 and/or Tier 2 CIP necessitates further action and/or whether further funding sources are available.

Based on inclusion of refinements to the draft document discussed on April 3, 2012 and herein incorporated, the City Council acted on May 1, 2012 to adopt the *McClellan Ranch Master Plan 2012 Update*.

VI. Appendices

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APPENDIX A

McClellan Ranch Park Master Plan
May 1993

McClellan Ranch Park Master Plan

Submitted to

Parks and Recreation Commission, City of Cupertino

by

McClellan Ranch Park Community Advisory Committee

May 19, 1993

**McClellan Ranch Park Ad Hoc Committee
Quinlan Community Center
Cupertino, California**

June 17, 1993

Members of the City Council
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.

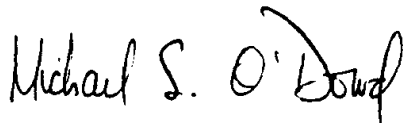
As a long range vision, *the Master Plan* does not designate a specific time for the Simms house to transition to park-related uses. It is our hope that the Management Planning Task Force will outline a series of steps to integrate the Simms property and house into full usage by the community, some in 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,

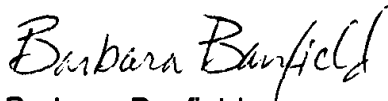
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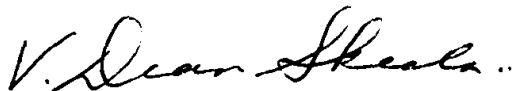
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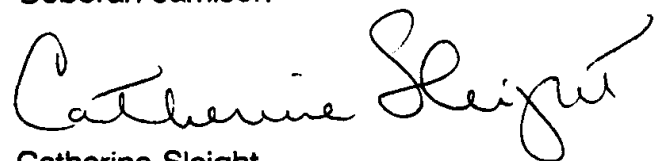
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 - **Proposal for Building Assessment
(Historical Heritage Commission of Santa Clara County)**

Note: Proposal for Building Assessment
is not attached

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 |

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

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

Objective #2 - Develop a Building and Site Use Plan

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

Objective #4 - Ensure an adequate level of funding based on regular assessment of physical needs, in order to safeguard the City's investment.

| 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
McClellan Ranch Community Advisory Committee
May 1993

"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)

Objective #3 - Implement recommended improvements consistent with use plan

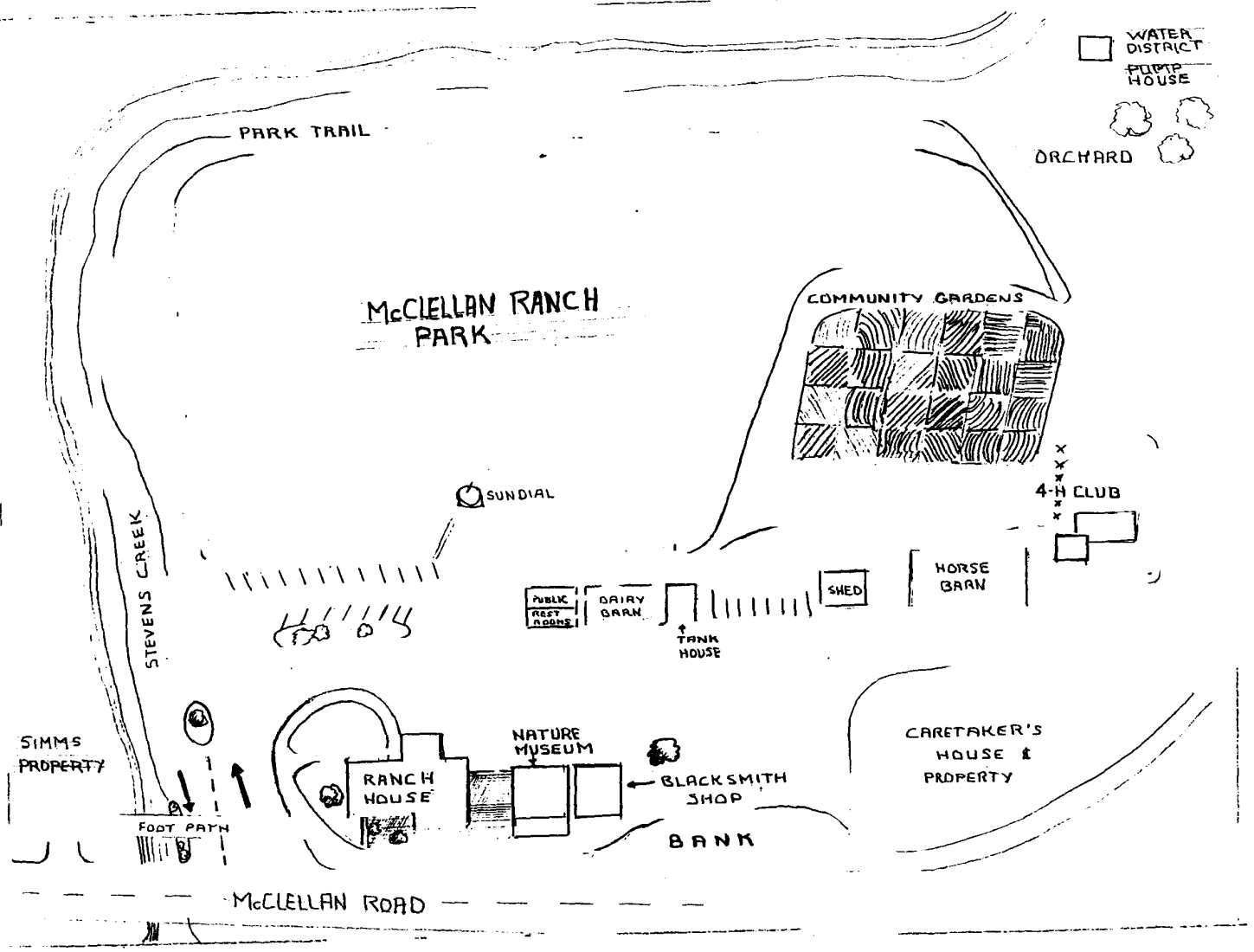
Objective #4 - Ensure an adequate level of funding based on regular assessment of physical needs in order to safeguard the City's investment.

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 the feasibility of forming a Friends of McClellan Ranch Park group, with the responsibility of coordinating volunteer activities, fundraising, advising and working with Parks & Rec. Dept. in implementing long range plans.

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.

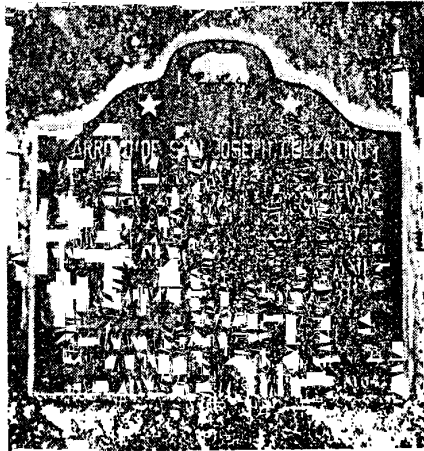
Finally the bear turned and lumbered off into the brush.

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

County of Santa Clara

Historical Heritage Commission

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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



APPENDIX B

CEQA Document Highlights
& Accomplishments to Date

2006 Stevens Creek Corridor Master Plan
and Restoration Plan



**CEQA DOCUMENT HIGHLIGHTS
& Accomplishments to Date
2006 Stevens Creek Corridor Master Plan
and Restoration Plan**

<u>Element</u>	<u>Status</u>
Reconfigure and expand 4H facility; accommodate trail on hillside above	Done
Relocate community gardens	Done
Construct new all-weather trail	Done
Construct bus duckout on McClellan Road	Done
Construct environmental education center	Not Done

APPENDIX C

McClellan Ranch Park Programs & Participation

Activities



School Group Use

- Preschool Field Trips and Parent-Tot programs
- 3rd Grade Creek Study Program
- Other School Nature Programs
- High School Field Studies
- College Field Trips and Research Projects

Community Use

- After-school Nature and Science Classes
- Summer Day Camps
- Programs for Scout or Youth Groups
- SCV Audubon Society – Wildlife Education Day
- Nature Museum Open House Hours
- Nature Program for Families
- Birding Programs
- History Programs
- Rolling Hills 4-H Club
- Community Gardens
- Native Plant Gardening Program
- Offices + meeting spaces for not-for-profit groups
- Walking + Cycling
- Los Madres / Stroller Hikes
- Home School Groups
- Plein Air Painters
- Photographers

Environmental Stewardship Programs

- Helping Hands
- Stevens & Permanente Creeks Watershed Council Monitoring and Stewardship Projects
- Scout and Youth Group Projects
- Cavity Nesters Recovery Program

McClellan Ranch Park Programs and Participation

School Groups				
PROGRAM	CLASSES HELD 2009-2010 ACADEMIC YEAR	PARTICIPANTS/PROGRAM	TOTAL PARTICIPANTS/ 2009-2010 ACADEMIC YEAR	
Preschool Field Trips and Parent-Tot Programs Children are introduced to animals such as turtles, snakes, lizards, spiders, insects, small mammals as well as farm animals. Seasonal outdoor exploration includes activities such as bug hunts & five senses walks.	20/year	12-44/program (numbers incl. parent participant)	414	
3rd Grade Creek Study Program Teachers are provided training and support materials for conducting pre-trip investigations into watershed concepts, storm water and sanitary sewer systems and creek organisms. Classes visit creek aquatic, riparian and adjacent upland habitats to investigate watershed-related issues. Students identify & count aquatic macroinvertebrates in creekwater samples to assess creek health.	36/year spring & fall	40-70 students/day	2,233 (all 3 rd graders in Cupertino School District)	
Other School Nature Programs K-6 outdoor education programs offered to classes on a variety of topics including birds, insects, plants and seeds and habitats.	8/year	17-36 students/day	192	
In-Class Nature Programs Naturalist visits classrooms with animals or other teaching materials.	12/ year	20-35/program	270	
High School Field Studies Biology and AP Biology students from Monta Vista High visit to conduct tree and stream surveys.	18-21/year	25-35/class	600	
College Field Trips and Research Projects De Anza College biology and environmental studies classes visit McClellan Ranch for naturalist-led field trips related to class topics.	9 field trips/year 14 individual student research projects/year	18-35/class	270	
San Jose Conservation Corps Education and employment training opportunities for a diverse population of South Bay youth.	Varies	Groups of 20 student-workers	Varies	
Total number of school program participants in 2009-'10 academic year was 3,979				

McClellan Ranch Park Programs and Participation

Community Groups				
PROGRAM	PROGRAMS HELD 2009-2010 ACADEMIC YEAR	PARTICIPANTS/PROGRAM	TOTAL PARTICIPANTS/ 2009-2010 ACADEMIC YEAR	
After-school Nature and Science Classes Fee-supported classes for elementary students on a variety of subjects.	45	10-15/class	129	
Summer Day Camps Programs for youth ages 4-18 include Nature Camp, Science Camp and Community Service Camp.	20-78 meetings/ year (varies with camp)	18-35/session	205 (Nature Camp) 240 (Summer Science) 74 (Pre-school Science/Nature) 25 (Community Service)	
Programs for Scout or Youth Groups Troops meet with docents or naturalist to meet badge requirements or participate in guided nature activities.	34	8-30	248	
SCV Audubon Society Wildlife Education Day	1	650	650	
Environmental Center Open House Hours Free drop-in and opportunity to view live exhibits or other seasonal displays.	48	6-35/ day	912	
Nature Programs for Families Fee-based weekend and twilight nature programs on a variety of topics aimed at families with children.	24	8-36	248	
Birding Programs Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society (SCVAS) offers bird walks, bird photography classes, evening presentations.	32	6-31	300	
History Programs Offered jointly by the city naturalist and the Cupertino Historical Society, explore the relationship between people and natural resources including soil, plants and animals.	3	13-28	45	
Rolling Hills 4-H Club Entomology, beekeeping, gardening and animal husbandry projects	Beekeeping Entomology Dairy Goats Pack goats Advanced pygmy goats Beginning poultry Advanced poultry Beginning Mini Horses Advanced Mini Horses Steer Sheep & lambs Swine	Beekeeping, 25 (capped) Entomology 17 Dairy Goats, 16 (growing) Pack goats, 10 (growing) Beginning pygmy goats, 0 (being added) Advanced pygmy goats, 10 Beginning poultry, 21 Advanced poultry, 12 (capped) Waterfowl, 0 (being added) Beginning Mini Horses, 6 Advance Mini Horses, 14 (growing) Steer, 6 Sheep & lambs, 6 (new program, growing) Swine, 14 (growing)	Rolling Hills 4H of Cupertino has a membership of 232. It doubled in size last year & is the largest 4-H in the county.	
Total number of community program participants in 2009-'10 academic year was 3,353				

McClellan Ranch Park Programs and Participation

Environmental Stewardship Programs				
PROGRAM	EVENTS/ 2009-2010 ACADEMIC YEAR	PARTICIPANTS/ EVENT	TOTAL PARTICIPANTS/ 2009-2010 ACADEMIC YEAR	
Helping Hands A pilot volunteer program was developed in 2009 with the goal of "building community, one park at a time." They have participated in creek clean-ups, invasive plant removal, native plant propagation and planting.	7/Year	8-24/event	38	(Note: 2010-11 program grew to 15-20 meetings/yr, 5-25 persons/visit, 123 participants)
Stevens & Permanente Creeks Watershed Council Monitoring and Stewardship Projects Activities include water quality monitoring, fecal indicator bacteria monitoring, general toxicity testing, benthic aquatic macroinvertebrate monitoring, GPS plant mapping and the Streamkeepers program.	192	4-20	70	
Scout and Youth Group Projects Various scout troops, Rolling Hills 4-H Club and other youth groups have participated in environmental stewardship at McClellan Ranch including construction of compost bins for composting livestock manure, habitat restoration and native plant garden improvements.	7/year	14-31/event	112	
Species Monitoring Project Community volunteers working with volunteer botanists, entomologist, and wildlife biologists survey and record data on various species.	No programs offered this year (McClellan Ranch BioBlitz conducted in previous years)	0	0	.
Community Gardens Program Participants care for and maintain individual garden plots using organic and nontoxic methods.	60 plots (Note: Youth demonstration gardening plot will be created 2012 in the Commtty. Gardens site)	1-4 gardeners/plot typical	60-200	
Santa Clara County Master Gardeners Master Gardeners grow vegetable species for trial and educational purposes and host an annual open house/tour day.	1 demonstration plot	14-30 Master Gardeners	150 attendees typical at open house/tour day	
Home Composting Program Instructors from the Santa Clara County Master Composters Program formerly offered composting classes and support at McClellan Ranch.	None this year (Note: a composting plot will be created 2012 in the Commtty. Gardens site)	None	0	
Total number of stewardship project participants in 2009-'10 academic year was 310 - 450				

APPENDIX D

Buildings and Site Features

information sheets

Buildings and Site Features

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Ranch House

FACILITY

Wood frame structure with plaster walls and wood clapboard siding. Original wood windows replaced with aluminum windows in two cases. Interior has Spanish Eclectic style features with exposed beams in Living Room, interior wood work originally with faux graining and gold leaf stenciling.

CURRENT USE

It is currently used as the Cupertino Environmental Center. Two non-profits, Friends of Stevens Creek Trail and Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society, lease office and shop space in this building. A variety of organizations use the small conference room for meetings.

HISTORY

- 1932-1942: Estimated time of construction of the one story Ranch House.
- 1950-1975: Remodeled and added on to.
- 1980's: Accessibility upgrades made.



Buildings and Site Features



Nature Museum

FACILITY

The Nature Museum is located immediately adjacent to the Ranch House.

CURRENT USE

The 440 sq. foot front room of this building is used by school groups and youth groups for nature programs and after-school classes during the week. In summer it is used by a day camp with a focus on nature. Throughout the year it is open to the public on Saturdays. The City Naturalist's office is in the rear of the building.

HISTORY

This building was the garage for the adjacent Ranch House.

Buildings and Site Features



Blacksmith Shop

FACILITY

Wood framed replica of a blacksmith's shop.

CURRENT USE

Storage. Public use of this structure is not allowed.

HISTORY

This structure was moved to McClellan Ranch. It is listed as a Historic Site in the General Plan.

Buildings and Site Features

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Milk Barn & Restrooms

FACILITY

Shares east end wall with Tank House.

CURRENT USE

Restrooms, west end of building.

HISTORY

1900-1920: Estimated time of construction.

ca. 1977: Milk Processing Room converted to restrooms and tank house moved to the east end of the milking room.



Buildings and Site Features



Tank House

FACILITY

Relocated in the 1970's from the Enoch Parrish property on Stevens Creek Blvd. Built as a "replica" building using some historic materials.

CURRENT USE

Storage

HISTORY

- ca. 1895: Originally constructed by Enoch Parrish
- 1975-1977: Moved to current site from the Parrish property and "re-assembled" with new concrete floor, new wood framing, plywood sheathing under siding.

The Tank House is listed as a Historic Site in the General Plan.

Buildings and Site Features



Gardeners' Shed

FACILITY

Wood frame structure with wood siding.

CURRENT USE

Community garden, 4-H, Stevens + Permanente Creeks Watershed Council, and Parks + Recreation equipment storage.

HISTORY

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Buildings and Site Features

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McClellan Barn

FACILITY

The Barn is a simple, two-story, 40'x60' rectangle. It consists of a heavy timber frame with a classic Gambrel roof. The entire building frame is faced with wood board and batten siding. The gable ends have a triangular, projecting overhang providing cover over the door to the upper level hay loft.

CURRENT USE

4-H, Cupertino Historical Society, and Audubon Society storage.

HISTORY

- 1900-1920: Original Construction - estimated
- 1955 : Horse stalls added
- 1950-?: Tack Room modified - estimated
- 1975: Painted and reroofed when City took over the property

Buildings and Site Features



Community Gardens

FACILITY

There are more than 60 plots in this organic community garden. Plots are available to Cupertino residents and an annual fee is charged.

CURRENT USE

Community Garden

HISTORY

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Buildings and Site Features



4-H Barns

FACILITY

The 4-H Barn complex consists of two open covered barns, a wood frame building known as the Tack Room, and additional animal shelter structures.

CURRENT USE

The Pole Barn and surrounding fenced areas are used to house animals belonging to members of the Rolling Hills 4-H Club. School groups and youth groups tour this area by appointment. The Tack Room is used by Rolling Hills 4-H Club for meetings, projects, and storage. The club currently has over 200 members.

HISTORY

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Buildings and Site Features

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Simms House

FACILITY

The Simms house is a single family residence acquired by the city in 1991 as an addition to the park land and open space along Stevens Creek.

CURRENT USE

Leased for use as a single family residence. Revenue source.

HISTORY

1991: Purchased by the city as an addition to the park land and open space along Stevens Creek.

Buildings and Site Features

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Group Meeting Area

FACILITY

Outdoor seating for 20-75 person groups located adjacent to the Nature Museum and Blacksmith Shop

CURRENT USE

Outdoor classroom and gathering space

HISTORY

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Buildings and Site Features



Stevens Creek

FACILITY

Stevens Creek runs through the Ranch on its way to the San Francisco Bay.

CURRENT USE

Stevens Creek provides space for native flora and fauna to live and grow and serves as an outdoor classroom for students of all ages.

HISTORY

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Buildings and Site Features



Meadow

FACILITY

The Meadow is located between the Ranch House and other structures and Stevens Creek. It is located within the 100 year flood plain.

CURRENT USE

Habitat and open space.

HISTORY

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Buildings and Site Features



Trails

FACILITY

Stevens Creek Trail runs from the McClellan Ranch entrance drive along the paved parking area and south side of the Ranch, eventually making its way towards the northeast end of the site and connecting the Ranch to Blackberry Farm Park.

Other nature trail footpaths wind around the site in and out of the riparian corridor along the creek.

CURRENT USE

The trails are used by many people of all ages as they enjoy the park setting, connect to Blackberry Farm, and exercise.

HISTORY

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Buildings and Site Features



Entry Drive and Parking

FACILITY

The site is accessed via a drive entrance located on McClellan Road. Parking is located in front of the Ranch House and Nature Museum, and some limited parking exists adjacent to the 4-H Barns.

CURRENT USE

Site access and parking

HISTORY

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Buildings and Site Features



Bus Stop and Public Road

FACILITY

Access to the main site is difficult for buses and there is limited maneuvering space in the parking area. The bus drop off along McClellan Road was added to address this constraint and improve safety.

CURRENT USE

School bus drop off area for classroom field trips

HISTORY

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Aerial Map



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|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Ranch House | 10. Simms House |
| 2. Nature Museum | 11. Group Meeting Area |
| 3. Blacksmith Shop | 12. Stevens Creek |
| 4. Milk Barn + Restrooms | 13. Meadow |
| 5. Tank House | 14. Trails |
| 6. Gardeners' Shed | 15. Entry Drive and Parking |
| 7. McClellan Barn | 16. Bus Stop and Public Road |
| 8. Community Gardens | |
| 9. 4-H Barns | |



APPENDIX E

Community Input

November 3, 2011

Parks and Recreation Commission meeting

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McClellan Ranch Master Plan 2012 Update Community Input, Nov. 3, 2011 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

An overview and background information were presented to the study session attendees. Attendees divided into discussion groups and each group submitted its input as summarized below.

Input from Group 1

- 1 Use Barn for environmental classrooms
- 2 Provide a System of Education, not just a building
- 3 Relocate the black smith shop for education; move it east
- 4 Provide adult education in heritage skills such as beekeeping, blacksmithing
- 5 Provide chicken [raising] classes for adults and families
- 6 Provide a community chicken house
- 7 Combine education with history of environmentalism
- 8 Provide an Environmental Resource Center [meetings, book donations etc]
- 9 Allow multi uses of Simms meadow: such as temporary parking & temporary dog park
- 10 Reevaluate the price of tearing down the Simms House and building an access path for walking
- 11 Open the Simms haul road to dogs on leash
- 12 Set up a faster way for Helping Hands [volunteers] to get fingerprinted
- 13 Adopt a job not just a park; adopt a plant

Input from Group 2

- 1 Complete the restoration of the Historic Building
 1. When does the [big] barn move from a maintenance project to a capital project?
 2. Want to maintain loft for native Barn Owls.
(**two possibly conflicting ideas)
- 2 Restore Blacksmith Shop, use as museum
- 3 Implement creek cleanup/restoration; remove the concrete
- 4 Historic & scientific signage
 1. Uniform signage
 2. Attention to placement & density
 3. Meets goal #4, share history
 4. Draw attention to birds, educational use of area
- 5 More permanent signs for the Preserve & the creekside [nature] trail - NO Dogs
- 6 Install bike rack(s) at creekside trail access by the comnty. gardens & parking area, because bikes are not allowed on the creekside trail.
- 7 City-owned ["horseshoe-shaped"] and Water District easement area north of comnty. gardens & across creek incl. into Park
 1. Now have community trails there
 2. Could we have access from streets at north?
- 8 Add extra parking, possibly at Simms (esp. for animal load/drop off for big events like wildlife education)
- 9 Change/remove gravel road access to Simms house
 1. Remove oil/debris
 2. Offset from the riparian corridor

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- 10 Improve the creekside [nature] trail
 - 1. Repair/replace signs, fences, numbered posts
 - 2. Widen & level the trail
 - 3. Address erosion at creek and trail access

 - 11 Manage flora according to wildlife management plans
 - 1. Fire break mowing
 - 2. Thinning of trees
 - 3. Remove Chinese Tree of Heaven (invasive tree)

 - 12 Provide Science Classroom / Lab
 - 1. With sinks and refrigerator
 - 2. Storage & astronomy tools to use in outdoor classroom/meadow

 - 13 Remove Simms house

 - 14 Larger meeting facility [needed]
 - 1. Indoor would be great (esp. for Feb-April)

 - 15 Improve current buildings to be more functional

 - 16 Provide outdoor classroom adjacent to buildings near parking area

 - 17 Facility upgrade/provide modern features: [ranch house]
 - 1. Provide conference call & projector capability in the indoor conf. room

 - 18 Provide overnight facilities for youth group use (inspired by Hidden Villa)

Input from Group 3

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- 1 Integrate Simms property with rest of Park
 - 1. Remove house
 - 2. Restore land
 - 3. Trail on west side of creek

 - 2 Consider Blacksmith building
 - 1. Restore it? (could be an educational resource)
 - 2. Remove it?
 - 3. Make it a pavilion?

 - 3 Build a better Nature Center Facility

 - 4 Implement limited creek restoration
 - 1. Concrete removal
 - 2. Don't harm trees

 - 5 Reduce fire hazard
 - 1. Beyond fire breaks
 - 2. Mowing/sprinklers

 - 6 Provide stairs from Stevens Creek Trail to the 4-H barns

 - 7 Provide additional non-profit space
 - 1. Don't change ranch building

 - 8 Refresh the meeting space by nature center, Map Area 11 [between milk barn & nature museum;

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- 9 Add sheltered group areas
 1. One large one
 2. Multiple small ones (+/- 10 people)
 - 10 No additional parking at McClellan OR Simms
 1. Use shuttles; Blackberry parking lot
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Input from Group 4

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- 1 Preserve, leave it as **IT IS**
 - 2 Implement creek restoration; remove non-natives and replace with natives
 - 3 Implement habitat restoration; volunteers and groups
 - 4 Implement creek restoration, removing previous use material
 - 5 Provide raptor perch in community gardens area
 - 6 Provide signage in BBF leading people to McClellan Ranch
 - 7 Provide historical signage; Barn, Milk barn, Tank house
 - 8 Provide Nature Center
 1. Wet lab
 2. Exhibit space
 3. Class space
 4. Storage space
 5. Office space
 - 9 [Big] Barn; restore it and make it ready for exhibits- e.g., make soap, churn butter
 - 10 Simms Property- provide native plant nursery, study/research plots
 - 11 Simms Property- plant 6 types of native oaks
 - 12 Provide safe pedestrian entrance at McClellan
 - 13 Provide more canine accessible areas (on-leash)
 - 14 "Horseshoe" [shaped] parcel next to Scenic Circle- zone as park land
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Additional input submitted in writing

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- 1 Milk House Use: To better tell the historical story of the dairy and other farm uses of McClellan, I propose that we remove the restroom from the west side of the Milk House and restore this portion of the building to the milk processing room that it was previously. Until this restoration takes place, it's pretty hard for the kids to see how milking the cows in the east side room gets translated into milk being loaded for shipment to the bottling plant.
 - 2 ...the aging and deteriorated restroom facility could easily be replaced by a prefab building elsewhere on the grounds. I've put a couple of these prefab restrooms in other local parks, and they are relatively low cost and vandal resistant. Also the exterior can be designed to fit in with the style of the existing buildings, complete with porch, etc.
 - 3 Barn Use: I would also like to see the Barn be used by the 4-H program to raise cattle, cows or similar to its original use. A few horses could still be boarded there. This would fit modern needs, while still staying within the Secretary's Standards. That's the way old barns are often re-utilized in my area, rather than building a whole new facility for the animals.
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- 4 All activities in McClellan Ranch, which includes the west side Simms Addition, should be consistent with the McClellan Ranch Mission and the Regulations and Guidelines.
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- 5 No new or moved buildings on open land that provides wildlife habitat, nature enjoyment, 4H activities and community garden. Exception is the pad that remains after the trailer home that housed the caretaker for many years was removed. This is the area that a new nature center should be built, even though it is shaded and may not be feasible to mount solar panels on the roof.
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- 6 The new nature center should provide adequate space and equipment
- for class and other meetings
 - for wet lab facilities (with water, electricity, microscopes, & other equip. that provide for nature & ecology study)
 - for an office that accommodates the city naturalist, other staff, and volunteers
 - for exhibit space
 - for storage space for teaching materials
- It is time for Cupertino to provide a modern, professional, fully equipped nature center as many other cities have had for decades. The building should use "green" building materials and methods.
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- 7 The historic McClellan Ranch Barn must be saved from decay and disintegration! Whatever that involves should be included in the new plans. The rebuilt or renovated barn should be repurposed for public access, programs, and exhibits.
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- 8 No additions to the historic McClellan Ranch house, but adequate upkeep, repair, and renovation for the use of environmental groups, that is groups whose primary purpose is nature and rural education, conservation and enjoyment. SCVAS should be allowed to remain as long as the organization wishes to locate their offices and nature store in the house. The house was named the Cupertino Environmental Center in the MR Master Plan.
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- 9 All other historic building should be repaired, renovated, and made attractive and useful to fulfill the mission of MR.
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- 10 The native plant garden around the ranch house must not be allowed to again deteriorate due to neglect. The city should facilitate the maintenance of the garden, whether that involves a volunteer group or specially trained city staff, or a combination. It must remain attractive and illustrative, for educational purposes, of the benefits of a native plant garden. This garden was established in the memory of Nancy Hertert with monetary and in-kind donations. Her legacy in Cupertino, especially her key role in saving both the McClellan Ranch and Simms properties for nature and rural preserves designation and mission should continue to be honored and respected.
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- 11 The goals and objectives of the 1993 master plan should be revived and pursued. This includes especially the removal of concrete blocks and slabs from the creek where feasible without destabilizing creek banks or irreparably damaging desirable habitat. It also includes riparian habitat restoration on both sides of the creek.
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- 12 No new trails.
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- 13 The meadow should be managed for optimal habitat values and research projects.
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- 14 The area of the orchard not planted with native plants could be restored as a nut and fruit orchard and used in the manner described in the MR 1993 Master Plan should an interested group express interest in doing that.
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- 15 The recommendations of the Simms Task Force should be adopted. This includes:
- removal of the base rock deposited by the private McNair house building project and the driveway.
 - removal of the Simms house for the reasons described by the task force. This is contrary to the recommendation of the MR Master Plan.
 - native plant restoration of the riparian zone
 - no parking
 - removal of chain link fencing along McClellan Rd. and construction of a white fence similar to the one within the main area of McClellan Ranch.
 - Recognition that it was added to McClellan Ranch in 1990 as a logical designation for the property purchased to fulfill the open space section of the General Plan. Dropping the name Simms from all future references in city documents, statements, and signage.
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- 16 Changes to the 1993 Master Plan - There is no longer a desire for a bridge connecting the northern area of the Simms Addition to the main section of McClellan Ranch. The Scenic Circle bridge in Blackberry Farm fulfills the ability to make a circular route for nature walks.
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- 17 The Simms house should be removed. It has no historical value, it is too close to the creek bank, it costs the city to maintain it, it is not ADA accessible, and it should not be used for rental as a private residence as this use is not consistent with the mission of McClellan Ranch.
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APPENDIX F

Community Input from Nov. 3, 2011 meeting
& staff suggestions –
Non-CIP Projects

Community Input from Nov. 3, 2011 meeting & staff suggestions – Non-CIP Projects

Suggestions below were not capital improvement projects & were forwarded to appropriate City departments

Maintenance (& minor improvements below CIP threshold)

- Renovate creekside nature trail
- Reduce fire hazard (mowing, sprinklers etc.)
- Facilitate maintenance of native plant garden at Ranch House
- Add bike racks
- Provide raptor perch/tree at community gardens area
- Provide Ranch House audio video & speakerphone
- *Repair Gardeners' Shed*
- *Upgrade Community Gardens irrigation & install meter*
- *Replace Community Gardens fencing at main walkway*

Programs/Operations/Policy

PROGRAMS & EDUCATION:

- Provide adult education in heritage skills [blacksmithing, beekeeping etc]
- Provide chicken raising classes
- Combine education with the history of environmentalism
- Provide a system of education, not just a building

OPERATIONS:

- Provide safe pedestrian entrance at McClellan - evaluate
- Provide stair from trail to driveway near 4-H
 - suggestion appears infeasible except at significant expense due to code requirements
 - evaluate operational options
- *Develop vegetation/habitat management plan*
 - responds to suggestion, Manage Plants for Wildlife Value, including remove invasives etc.
- *Better utilize existing parking* - evaluate
- *Evaluate vehicle/pedestrian circulation behind milk barn*
- *Upgrade dumpsters/trash handling/recycling area*

VOLUNTEERS:

- Help volunteers/helping hands get fingerprinted faster
- Provide orchard at property adjacent to McClellan Ranch if a group is interested
 - this use involves policy & coordination with property owner
- Adopt a job not a park; adopt a plant
- *Create a program for trained volunteers for restoration areas*

POLICY:

- Provide access to creek corridor from northwest side of creek
 - approx. opposite downstream end of McClellan Ranch & Water District property
- Provide more dog paths
- Open McClellan Ranch West [Simms] 'haul road' to dogs on leash
- Community chicken house
 - policy, program & staffing considerations
- Provide overnight facilities for youth group use
 - policy, program & staffing considerations
- No additional parking at McClellan or McClellan Ranch West [Simms]
- No new trails
- Preserve everything, leave as is
- Do not refer to McClellan Ranch West [Simms] parcel as Simms
- Do not add a creek bridge at McClellan Ranch West [Simms] parcel
- Zone 'horseshoe' shaped parcel 357-07-029 as Park land
- Activities in McClellan Ranch & Simms Addition to be consistent with mission, regs & guidelines

APPENDIX G

Potential CIP Projects by Category

McClellan Ranch Master Plan 2012 Update
Potential CIP Projects by Category
May 1, 2012

TIER ONE PROJECTS

New Structure

\$\$ - \$\$\$ **Outdoor Gathering Shelter**

Renovate / Evaluate Existing Structure

\$\$ **McClellan Barn Evaluation & Renovation Plan**

\$\$ **Historical Significance Assessment, McClellan Ranch structures**
(does not include Snyder Hammond home to be evaluated by Historical Society)

Infrastructure / Support Facility

\$\$ **Develop Signage Program**

TIER TWO PROJECTS

New Structure

\$\$\$\$ **Environmental Education Center**

Renovate / Evaluate Existing Structure

\$\$\$ **Blacksmith Shop Relocation & Renovation**

Habitat & Creek Restoration

\$\$\$ **Repair Creek Access Area & Creek Bank** – *seek grant funding*

\$ - \$\$ **Creek Corridor Restoration** at McClellan Ranch, near-term actions – *seek grant funding*

TIER THREE PROJECTS

Recommended for future consideration

Manage Parking

Renovate Central [Bleachers] Area

Improvements at McClellan Ranch West / former Simms property

Extensive Creek Restoration

Possible Restroom Building

Estimated budget range

\$ = >\$15K, < \$50K

\$\$ = >\$50K, < \$100K

\$\$\$ = > \$100K, < \$500K

\$\$\$\$ = > \$500K

APPENDIX H

Evaluation sheets for Potential CIP Projects



Date: April 3, 2012

Project: McClellan Ranch Master Plan 2012 Update
Evaluation of potential CIP projects

PROJECT NAME:

Environmental Education Center & Site Plan

TYPE OF PROJECT:

New Structure

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Construct a new building to support McClellan Ranch activities and programs, city naturalist programs, and environmental education & stewardship programs. Develop an updated site plan.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The 2006 Master Plan for Stevens Creek Corridor proposed a new environmental education center building which has not yet been implemented. There is wide interest in expanding the environmental education potential of McClellan Ranch, but the site lacks an indoor space that can house groups and environmental programs year round. A relatively small structure could greatly increase the usability, educational possibilities and enjoyment of the site. A building program could include space for classrooms & meetings; a wet lab; a resource center with reference material; exhibits; storage; office space for the city naturalist, docents & volunteers; and rest rooms.

The new building could be located at McClellan Ranch near the other structures, or at McClellan Ranch West (former Simms parcel) which has ample space. An updated site plan for the parcels would be prepared during the early design work. It would address the location for the new center plus the blacksmith shop and new structures such as outdoor gathering shelter which will affect each other and the use of the site.

BENEFITS/SUPPORTS

GROUPS, PROGRAMS, GLS:

Goals Supported:

- Fosters stewardship of earth by providing environmental education, leadership and resources
- Continues partnership with local schools and environmental groups
- Helps create a positive, healthy and connected community

Benefits of CIP Project to Current Programs:

- School fieldtrips can have alternate program site
- Camps can use site
- Larger meeting area for recreation classes, community groups, and tenants
- Improved area for interpretive displays and activities
- Improved facilities for City Naturalist programs
- Secure storage for program supplies

Possible Opportunities for New or Expanded Programs:

- School programs can expand
 - Larger-sized classes and programs possible
 - Higher senior participation likely with protected indoor venue available
 - Wet lab facilities would support expanded creek studies and biology activities
 - Multiple meetings, classes or programs can occur simultaneously
 - Venue for larger interpretive displays and activities
 - Greater workspace available for staff, docents and volunteers
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CHALLENGES:

Updated CEQA clearance likely needed

Multiple potential visitors, users & activities may involve need for flexible spaces

Floodplain location possible

Parking demand may increase

ESTIMATED TIME FRAME:

2-1/2 years

ESTIMATED COST RANGE:

\$\$\$\$ - \$251K State grant is secured for new center completed by Dec. 2014

Project & its funding could be phased, with year 1 for programming, updated site plan & design, and year 2 for construction

Environmental Ed Center could provide operating cost recovery and revenue if space is rentable for special instruction or special events

Construction may be eligible for further grants



Date: April 3, 2012

Project: McClellan Ranch Master Plan 2012 Update
Evaluation of potential CIP projects

PROJECT NAME:	Outdoor Gathering Shelter
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TYPE OF PROJECT:	New Structure
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	Construct covered outdoor gathering area to provide shelter from summer sun and winter rains
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:	McClellan Ranch is a popular venue for a wide variety of groups and programs. The creek studies program alone brings over 2,200 third grade students to McClellan Ranch annually. However there is no sheltered area large enough to protect school classes or other groups from inclement weather. Teachers avoid scheduling visits during rainy months that comprise more than half the school year. An approximately 600 square foot covered open-air shelter large enough to accommodate school groups is recommended, and would serve other groups and activities as well.
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BENEFITS/SUPPORTS GROUPS, PROGRAMS, GLS:	<p>Goals Supported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Helps create a positive, healthy and connected community• Continues partnership with local schools and environmental groups• Fosters stewardship of earth by providing environmental education, leadership and resources• Utilizes area for enjoyment and study <p>Benefits to of CIP Project to Current Programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• School fieldtrips can have a sheltered program site• Camps can use site for shelter from rain or sun• Larger meeting area for recreation classes, community groups, and tenants• Provides multiple meeting sites to accommodate more than one group activity at a time• Sheltered rest site for trail users <p>Possible Opportunities for New or Expanded Programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• School programs can expand into rainy months• Larger-sized classes and programs possible• Multiple meetings, classes or programs can occur simultaneously• Facilitates special events activities
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CHALLENGES:	Shelter requires accessible route Careful siting needed to support existing & proposed activities, allow good circulation & flexible uses
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ESTIMATED TIME FRAME:	1 to 1-1/2 years
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ESTIMATED COST RANGE:	\$\$ - \$\$\$ depending on design
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Date: April 3, 2012

Project: McClellan Ranch Master Plan 2012 Update
Evaluation of potential CIP projects

PROJECT NAME:	McClellan Barn Evaluation & Renovation Plan
TYPE OF PROJECT:	Renovate/Evaluate Existing Structure
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	Evaluate condition of the large barn and develop a renovation plan for its repair and rehabilitation
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:	The McClellan Barn is not in adequate condition for public use. The 40' x 60' barn dates to the early 1900's and is one of the oldest structures in the city. Further deterioration of the structure may jeopardize future restoration efforts. Community members and staff suggest repairing and rehabilitating it for potential purposes such as noted below. Because its structural condition is unknown and its historic status has not been evaluated under current standards, those aspects should be investigated and future use(s) determined to create an appropriate renovation plan.
BENEFITS/SUPPORTS GROUPS, PROGRAMS, GLS:	<p>Goals Supported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preservation of historically significant structure• Improve park aesthetics• Sharing the rich history of site with the community <p>Benefits of CIP Project to Current Programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• School fieldtrips can view interior & use a sheltered program site• Camps can use site for shelter from rain or sun• Park visitors can view interior of structure• Secure storage can be provided for program supplies <p>Possible Opportunities for New or Expanded Programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Area for history displays for general public; ranch and/or blacksmith tools & equipment, wagons, & similar items• Develop living history programs for elementary schools- California & local history• Exhibits or demonstrations of farm and ranch activities & implements• Environmental instruction• Possible sheltered group gathering area• House 4H animals and feed• Video monitoring of nesting Barn Owls
CHALLENGES:	Unknown structural condition; may need extensive or costly upgrades Updated historic assessment recommended Code compliance evaluation needed (incl. State Historic Building Code, ADA) Floodplain location CEQA likely needed Parking demand could increase depending on selected use(s) Loft occupied by nesting barn owls Items stored inside may need storage elsewhere
RECOMMENDED PROJECT:	Initiate a feasibility study & structural evaluation to identify condition of building & upgrades needed; architectural/historical considerations; desired use(s) and programming; associated budget needs
ESTIMATED TIME FRAME:	12+ months for study & evaluation
ESTIMATED COST RANGE:	\$\$ for study & evaluation Renovated barn could provide operating cost recovery or modest revenue if space is rentable for special instruction or special events Renovation may be eligible for grants



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Project: McClellan Ranch Master Plan 2012 Update
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PROJECT NAME:	Blacksmith Shop Relocation & Renovation
TYPE OF PROJECT:	Renovate Existing Structure
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	Relocate and renovate the Blacksmith Shop
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:	The Blacksmith Shop is in deteriorated condition and not suitable for public access. It currently sits under a large oak tree and cannot be used for blacksmithing. This project would relocate it away from the tree, restore the façade, repair and renovate the structure for re-use. Use would be appropriate to its designation as a local Historic Site, for possible purposes such as noted below.
BENEFITS/SUPPORTS GROUPS, PROGRAMS, GOALS:	<p>Goals Supported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preservation of historically significant structure• Improve park aesthetics• Sharing the rich history of site with the community• Housing for valuable collection of William Baer blacksmithing tools <p>Benefits of CIP project to Current Programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• School fieldtrips can view interior• Park visitors can view interior of structure• Living history programs can occur for elementary schools exploring California and local history <p>Possible Opportunities for New or Expanded Programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Area for history displays for general public; blacksmith tools & equipment• Site for blacksmithing demonstrations and classes
CHALLENGES:	Unknown structural condition New foundation & utilities needed CEQA update may be needed Code compliance needed Historic building & tools; specialty consulting Floodplain location likely
ESTIMATED TIME FRAME:	2+ years
ESTIMATED COST RANGE:	\$\$\$ (building only) Could be phased: design year 1, construction year 2 Project could provide modest revenue generation/operating cost recovery if building is rentable for special instruction or special events Project may be eligible for grants



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PROJECT NAME:	Develop Signage Program
TYPE OF PROJECT:	Infrastructure/Support Facility
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	Develop a signage program for McClellan Ranch and the creek corridor
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:	<p>Stevens Creek Corridor Park and Restoration Phase 1 completed in 2009 now links McClellan Ranch Park to Blackberry Farm via a year-round trail. The Phase 2 project will extend the trail to the Stocklmeir site and Stevens Creek Boulevard. The public park lands along Stevens Creek are rich in interpretive opportunities and are attracting an increasing number of year round visitors. A number of groups are interested in implementing interpretive programs or signage. Appropriate signage can better support current and future programs and enrich visitors' experience. Developing a signage program for the creek corridor lands is recommended.</p>
BENEFITS/SUPPORTS GROUPS, PROGRAMS, GLS:	<p>Goals Supported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fosters stewardship of earth by providing environmental education• Utilizes area for enjoyment and study• Sharing the rich history of site with the community• Improve park aesthetics <p>Benefits to of CIP Project to Current Programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facilitates self-guided tours and visits• Creates consistent signage throughout corridor• Educates visitors about possibly unknown amenities & programs being offered• Encourages park users to follow posted rules by educating the public about resources the rules protect <p>Possible Opportunities for New or Expanded Programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facilitates interpretive tours on varied topics
CHALLENGES:	<p>Variety of elements that merit signage Variety of stakeholders and interested parties Create consistency within corridor while respecting unique settings</p>
ESTIMATED TIME FRAME:	1 year
ESTIMATED COST RANGE:	\$\$



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PROJECT NAME:

Repair Creek Access Area & Creek Bank

TYPE OF PROJECT:

Habitat and Creek Restoration

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Repair the creek access area and associated bank of Stevens Creek in McClellan Ranch

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The nature footpath along Stevens Creek in McClellan Ranch is a popular amenity. It includes a gathering area at the creek's edge that is used by the creek studies program and other groups. The creek bank at this location has scoured and the site longer accommodates creek access. This project would reconfigure the bank and gathering area to promote long term stability and provide a venue for school groups and creek study.

BENEFITS/SUPPORTS

GROUPS, PROGRAMS, GLS:

Goals Supported:

- Fosters stewardship of earth by providing environmental education, leadership and resources
- Maintains & protects ecology of the area; protects & preserves natural habitat
- Conserves natural features & scenic values
- Continues partnership with local schools and environmental groups
- Utilizes area for enjoyment and study

Benefits to of CIP Project to Current Programs:

- School fieldtrips can have access to water's edge
- Supports the third grade creek studies program
- Provides improved gathering and instructional venue for classes, groups, educational activities, wildlife observation

Possible Opportunities for New or Expanded Programs:

- Possible location for learning or signage educating visitors about clean water practices, habitat restoration, or steelhead protection efforts
- Renovated site would be an ideal location to expand creek visits for summer and nature camp programs

CHALLENGES:

Multiple agencies involved

Work on creek banks or active channel affects protected wildlife; involves complex permitting which is time-consuming and costly

Water District has channel ownership & may wish to reserve mitigation opportunity

Reconstruction of storm outfall involved

Accessible route to water's edge difficult at existing location; design must also be wildlife and flood compatible

ESTIMATED TIME FRAME:

3 years

ESTIMATED COST RANGE:

\$\$\$ Grant funding may be possible for this project & should be pursued



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PROJECT NAME:	Creek Corridor Restoration at McClellan Ranch
TYPE OF PROJECT:	Habitat & Creek Restoration
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	Implement creek and habitat restoration work in McClellan Ranch
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:	<p>Stevens Creek has been extensively restored within Blackberry Farm Park. The creek within McClellan Ranch could also benefit from restoration actions. This part of the creek is a year-round rearing zone for federally-threatened steelhead, making its habitat value particularly important. Old abutments and structures along the creek banks should be removed, riparian plantings could be expanded, and additional restoration actions may be warranted. Community input supported undertaking relatively modest restoration actions in the short term that can be implemented at lower cost and more quickly than a comprehensive restoration.</p>
BENEFITS/SUPPORTS GROUPS, PROGRAMS, GLS:	<p>Goals Supported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fosters stewardship of earth• Maintains & protects ecology of the area; protects & preserves natural habitat• Conserves natural features & scenic values• Utilizes area for enjoyment and study <p>Benefits to of CIP Project to Current Programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• School fieldtrips can view progress of restoration as habitat areas evolve• Current volunteer groups can participate in restoration efforts as needed• Steelhead protection and restoration practices can be used to educate museum visitors, camp/class participants, school groups <p>Possible Opportunities for New or Expanded Programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• College or secondary school study of restoration areas• Potential stewardship group or community involvement to establish or care for restoration areas
CHALLENGES:	<p>Multiple agencies may be involved depending on scope</p> <p>Work on creek banks or active channel affects protected wildlife; involves complex permitting that adds time and cost</p> <p>Water District has channel ownership & may wish to reserve mitigation opportunity</p>
ESTIMATED TIME FRAME:	1-3 years
ESTIMATED COST RANGE:	\$ - \$\$ for modest actions; varies depending on scope



Date: May 1, 2012

Project: McClellan Ranch Master Plan 2012 Update
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PROJECT NAME:

Historical Significance Assessment, McClellan Ranch Structures

TYPE OF PROJECT:

Renovate/Evaluate Existing Structure

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Evaluate structures at McClellan Ranch for historical significance under current standards

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In 1995-96, four structures at McClellan Ranch were evaluated for condition, possible uses, historic status and applicable building codes. The buildings included the McClellan Barn, Parrish tank house, milk barn and ranch house. Thereafter the tank house and the blacksmith building were designated as historic resources and listed as Historic Sites in the city's General Plan.

Since that time there have been changes in the standards and methods for evaluating potential historic resources and to the applicable building codes. Various structures on the property may now be eligible for historic status and may qualify for coverage under the 2010 California Historical Building Code.

Historic status or eligibility may also qualify such structures for grant funding. An evaluation of the McClellan Ranch structures which meets current standards and criteria is recommended so that the structures' significance will be properly identified and they can be properly repaired and protected.

BENEFITS/SUPPORTS

GROUPS, PROGRAMS, GOALS:

Goals Supported:

- Preserves historically significant structure(s)
- Shares the rich history of site with the community
- Will support use of the area for enjoyment and study

Benefits to of CIP Project to Current Programs:

- Provides City staff and volunteers with accurate knowledge to relate to classes, groups, educational activities, wildlife observation
- Proper repairs will protect the longevity of current programs that access the facilities

Possible Opportunities for New or Expanded Programs:

- May support developing living history programs for elementary schools exploring California and local history
- May increase staff access to facilities and enhance participants' experience (i.e. summer campers may be able to enter McClellan Barn or a working milk barn display)
- Volunteer Docent programs to provide tours and history talks

CHALLENGES:

Involves specialty consulting

ESTIMATED TIME FRAME:

1 year

ESTIMATED COST RANGE:

\$\$

APPENDIX I

Community input from Feb. 2, 2012 meeting



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PRIORITY: (1) Need new modern structure + FOR museum
It is so 50's wet lab, offices.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS & USES: School uses - does the school or private groups contribute to the S
Need curated shows, move nature museum into the 21st century
Tenants - program obligations
Blacksmith, AH etc. need Public education commitment

KEY COMPONENTS: Open air barn. Looking at Rancho San Antonio as model.
The educational center needs to be connected outdoors center
ADJACENCIES: Quid pro with other tenants.

OTHER COMMENTS: All organizations that wish to use the facilities must have a public education component.



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PRIORITY:

KEY CONSIDERATIONS
& USES:

- Minimize "expansion"
 - Fiscal responsibility - let's not borrow to build.
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KEY COMPONENTS:

ADJACENCIES:

OTHER COMMENTS:

- Maybe minimalist is better here. Trying to get closer to nature rather than being indoor.
 - Learn more on the signs for educational purpose.
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PRIORITY:

KEY CONSIDERATIONS
& USES:

a) Can we do a "This Old House" modern renovation, placing EnvEd center ~~at the~~ inside shell - perhaps a modern, environmentally conscious design.

KEY COMPONENTS:

b) we're more interested in having this space functional rather than ~~preservation~~ restored to historical space

ADJACENCIES:

c) Historical restoration isn't necessarily the best for
H-H

OTHER COMMENTS:



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PRIORITY:
High?

KEY CONSIDERATIONS & USES:

~~Pnt inside~~

Convert barn interior to modern center w/
nice floors, insulation, windows, electricity.

Place to show off all uses, prior studies (tons
of data), policy making, etc. - nice opportunity
to show how McClellan may be historic but is modern
in use from variety of perspectives

KEY COMPONENTS:

may drive need for signage & parking
so folks know how can come to visit!

Need to consider where 4H Hay goes...

ADJACENCIES:

Pnt inside barn.

Nature Museum could go here & Barbara could oversee.

OTHER COMMENTS:

Wasn't renovation of Nature Museum
already intended years ago? If so, this
should be respected.



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PRIORITY:

KEY CONSIDERATIONS
& USES:

From 4-H perspective, people are using the barn regularly,
Needed for hay storage (animals there need hay).

KEY COMPONENTS:

Livestock + feed storage.

ADJACENCIES:

OTHER COMMENTS:



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PRIORITY: High

KEY CONSIDERATIONS
& USES: Need for student groups / kids

KEY COMPONENTS:

ADJACENCIES: Put in current space of bleachers.
^{OR}
On west side (by blacksmith shop)

OTHER COMMENTS:



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PRIORITY:

KEY CONSIDERATIONS
& USES:

Keep it simple (very simple), rather than elaborate.
Rustic. Could even serve the purpose of the
environmental ed. center.

KEY COMPONENTS:

Perhaps a simple structure with a tin roof.

ADJACENCIES:

OTHER COMMENTS:



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PRIORITY:

**KEY CONSIDERATIONS
& USES:**

move to west side of creek

KEY COMPONENTS:

ADJACENCIES:

OTHER COMMENTS:



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PRIORITY:

Connect with education

KEY CONSIDERATIONS
& USES:

Rent out blacksmith shop
to blacksmith groups.
Independent.

KEY COMPONENTS:

smoke, clinker, organization of working tools.
design to bring visitors
through while they
work.

ADJACENCIES:

OTHER COMMENTS:



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PRIORITY:

KEY CONSIDERATIONS
& USES:

presenting buildings?
Given the history - ~~this~~ low priority
let's look for a better way to
exhibit these in a functional setting

KEY COMPONENTS:

ADJACENCIES:

OTHER COMMENTS:



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PRIORITY:

Makes sense from an historical + an educational perspective.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS
& USES:

May help with off-setting need for a more extensive educational center.

KEY COMPONENTS:

ADJACENCIES:

OTHER COMMENTS:



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PRIORITY:

High

KEY CONSIDERATIONS
& USES:

Promote walking to McClellan from
surrounding community / neighborhoods.

Historical info
Contextual info

Info on restoration / apparent lack (i.e.
concrete slabs)
Also signs inside park.

KEY COMPONENTS:

No dogs clearly indicated in meadow, creek,
w. McClellan (dogs OK on concrete trail)

ADJACENCIES:

OTHER COMMENTS:

Could create paper / laminated
guides for self tours.

Concern over too much verbiage on signs
distracting from nature.

Promote alternative parking (in neighborhoods
w/ signage)



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PRIORITY:

KEY CONSIDERATIONS
& USES:

people in the neighborhood using
signage to invite them to walk
do the ranch (not drive) via various
paths.

KEY COMPONENTS:

inviting entrance and sign at
gates near neighboring homes.

ADJACENCIES:

OTHER COMMENTS:

+ use strollers!
if more people walk ^ less
parking would be needed



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PRIORITY:

(3) Signage focuses on the environmental stewardship aspect.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS
& USES:

Environmental Biological History
not cultural.

KEY COMPONENTS:

ADJACENCIES:

OTHER COMMENTS:



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PRIORITY:

KEY CONSIDERATIONS
& USES:

people visiting could understand
the history of this area and
put what they see in context,

KEY COMPONENTS:

explanation of structures
how/why things are/aren't developed.
the concrete blocks...
the weeds...

ADJACENCIES:

OTHER COMMENTS:



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PRIORITY:

High

KEY CONSIDERATIONS
& USES:

- Only remove debris which will not adversely affect creek flow and erosion.
- Focus on creek accessability points for possible slab removal.
- Slabs out of sight - stay out of mind
-

KEY COMPONENTS:

- Remove slabs of concrete which are unable to move and will not cause undo harm.
- Focus on restoring riparian habitat and plants to both sides of the creek

ADJACENCIES:

OTHER COMMENTS:

The more we can educate the community and encourage our youth to become involved starting at a young age we will be growing future generations of stewards for our park.



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PRIORITY:

High

KEY CONSIDERATIONS
& USES:

Important to prevent damage & erosion
- major area

KEY COMPONENTS:

ADJACENCIES:

OTHER COMMENTS:



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PRIORITY: *Makes much sense. Worth it to remove the concrete
(but still, costs permitting)*

KEY CONSIDERATIONS
& USES:
Make

KEY COMPONENTS:

ADJACENCIES:

OTHER COMMENTS:




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PRIORITY: more important than restoring creek

KEY CONSIDERATIONS & USES:
Needs to have low-grade (not steep) access for
~40 people that could stand above creek,
and ~10 people to go into creek.


KEY COMPONENTS:

ADJACENCIES: think access pt here (near McClellan entrance)
is OK, but one person in our group
suggested access be deeper in park,

OTHER COMMENTS: to inspire folks to hike.



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PRIORITY:

KEY CONSIDERATIONS
& USES:

a) Low priority because of ^{relative} complexity & cost
b) High priority to identify strategy for repair

KEY COMPONENTS:

ADJACENCIES:

OTHER COMMENTS:



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PRIORITY:

KEY CONSIDERATIONS
& USES:

Remove concrete if does not harm trees.
↑
Backbone of ecosystem.
Don't remove concrete & add signage to indicate why still there.
Remove / reroute driveway / road on West side.
Plant west side

KEY COMPONENTS:

ADJACENCIES:

OTHER COMMENTS:

Could be done by youth groups



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PRIORITY:

Mid- to high-. For instance, if we save money on an educational center, then funds should be marked towards creek restoration.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS
& USES:

- would like to start from a high-yield, minimalistic approach (i.e., remove big chunks of concrete, that kind of level)
- It would be nice to bring it to Blackberry Farm restoration level, if we could, but be practical.

KEY COMPONENTS:

ADJACENCIES:

OTHER COMMENTS:



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PRIORITY: 1 Restore Creek and Meadow

KEY CONSIDERATIONS & USES: This needs a management plan, particularly the meadow. mowing schedule - what native plant specialist can be trained to take this

KEY COMPONENTS: Gathering Center with

ADJACENCIES:

OTHER COMMENTS:



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PRIORITY:

Good idea. Would like more input historically.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS
& USES:

KEY COMPONENTS:

ADJACENCIES:

OTHER COMMENTS:



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PRIORITY: *LOW*

KEY CONSIDERATIONS
& USES:

*Please finish!
Doesn't need to hold water, but Tyvek should
be covered.*

KEY COMPONENTS:

ADJACENCIES:

OTHER COMMENTS:



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PRIORITY:

KEY CONSIDERATIONS
& USES:

- Is there a purpose for this? If added value is not sufficient or cost-justified, re-consider the degree of restoration or possible demonstration-based alternatives.
- Maybe just make it "look" like a water tank to minimize costs.

KEY COMPONENTS:

ADJACENCIES:

OTHER COMMENTS:

What does "minimal" repairs mean?
- Siding, paint, fixing rot.



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PRIORITY:

KEY CONSIDERATIONS
& USES:

KEY COMPONENTS:

ADJACENCIES:

HONOR + MAINTAIN MR MISSION

OTHER COMMENTS:

No dog park or add'l access in a nature preserve. It would violate the mission of MR(w). A nature preserve has special + narrower values + permitted activities than a regular multi-use park. It also would have negative impacts ^{on} habitat values + wildlife usage. (1973 not '93)



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PRIORITY:

KEY CONSIDERATIONS
& USES:

KEY COMPONENTS:

ADJACENCIES:

FIELD TRIP!
OTHER COMMENTS: Planners, interested residents, should visit
Ardenwood Farm (Fremont) + other area
nature centers/env. ed. centers for ideas of what
& how other facilities were planned + constructed.
Evaluate pros + cons, what works + what doesn't.



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updates

PRIORITY:

KEY CONSIDERATIONS
& USES:

Modernization of Ranch House Offices
(modern data com, videoconferencing,
room reconfiguration for meeting/work space)

KEY COMPONENTS:

ADJACENCIES:

OTHER COMMENTS:



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PRIORITY:

KEY CONSIDERATIONS
& USES:

Investigate reducing fire hazard from
field
Is it natural? How should it be managed

KEY COMPONENTS:

ADJACENCIES:

OTHER COMMENTS:



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PRIORITY:

**KEY CONSIDERATIONS
& USES:**

Develop "20 yr plan" ~~see~~ with
architectural drawings to help focus
goals

KEY COMPONENTS:

ADJACENCIES:

OTHER COMMENTS:



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PRIORITY: Ranchhouse

05/14

KEY CONSIDERATIONS & USES: evaluate potential, historical importance

KEY COMPONENTS:

ADJACENCIES:

OTHER COMMENTS:



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PRIORITY:

KEY CONSIDERATIONS
& USES:

no dogs in w. McClellan,
no dogs by creek, meadow
dogs ok on concrete trail,

KEY COMPONENTS:

ADJACENCIES:

OTHER COMMENTS:

"OTHER" IDEAS.

- Concerns - consolidate "people" buildings into 1 building
- McClellan Ranch West - don't want a temporary parking area or dog park there.*
- Clearing of McClellan Ranch West.
- Keep the buildings where they are now
- Area "14" on the map - keep it a nice, natural "meadow-like" area (owned by Water District w/ a joint use agreement).
- * Diverging opinion: would like a dog park there, somewhere in McClellan at least.
- General agreement that dogs should be allowed to be on path towards the community gardens.

APPENDIX J

Site Map

Aerial Map



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|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Ranch House | 10. Simms House |
| 2. Nature Museum | 11. Group Meeting Area |
| 3. Blacksmith Shop | 12. Stevens Creek |
| 4. Milk Barn + Restrooms | 13. Meadow |
| 5. Tank House | 14. Trails |
| 6. Gardeners' Shed | 15. Entry Drive and Parking |
| 7. McClellan Barn | 16. Bus Stop and Public Road |
| 8. Community Gardens | |
| 9. 4-H Barns | |

