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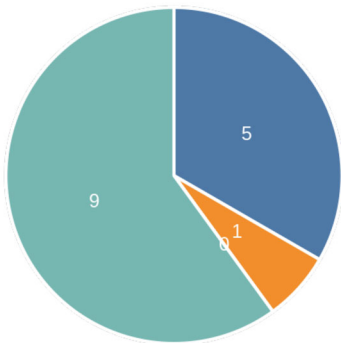
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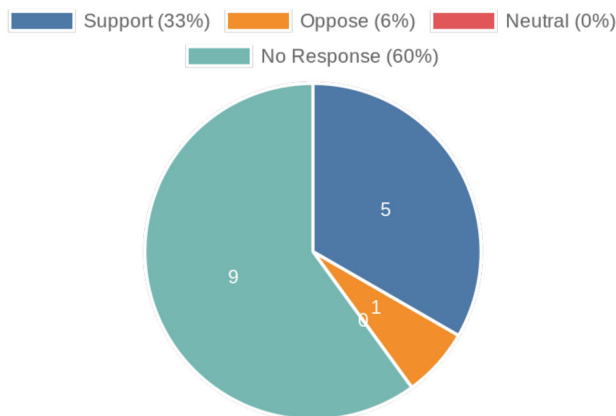
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2. Approval of Parks and Community Enrichment Commission Follow Up Log File ID: 2025-00288	1	0	0	0
3. 2025 Parks and Community Enrichment Commission Draft Agenda Calendar File ID: 2025-00483	1	0	0	0
4. Sutter's Landing Regional Park Updated Site Plan File ID: 2025-00605	8	5	1	0
5. Parks and Community Enrichment Commission 2024 Annual Report File ID: 2025-00570	1	0	0	0
6. Civic Engagement Unit Overview File ID: 2025-00580	1	0	0	0
7. 916 Day Updates File ID: 2025-00579	1	0	0	0
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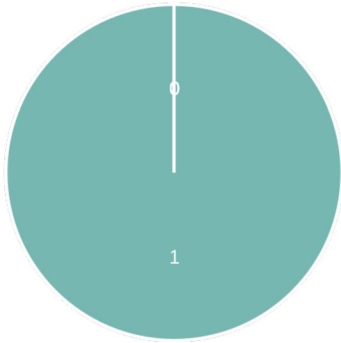
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No Response (100%)



Mark Rodriguez

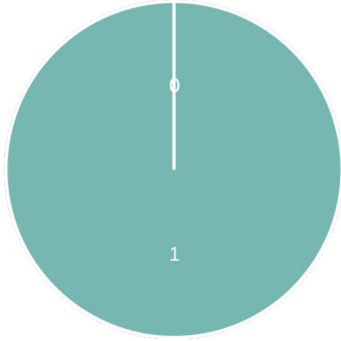
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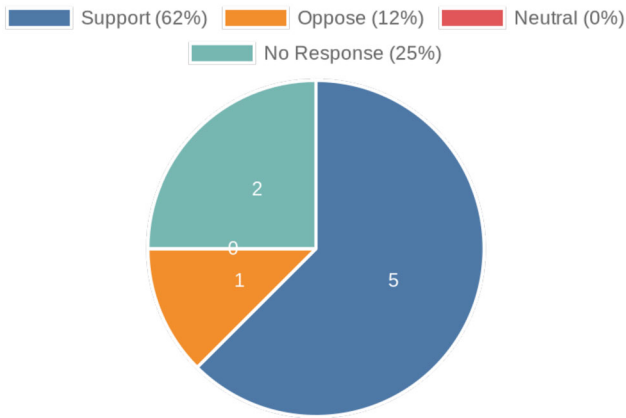
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Ainsley Fong

Location:

Submitted At: 4:11pm 03-06-25

Parks & Community Enrichment Commission, I would like you to consider designating a field at Sutter's Landing Park to be a rugby field. As someone who's played rugby in Sacramento for 5 years, I can attest to the importance of rugby and having an actual rugby field. Rugby has given me more confidence and taught me invaluable skills, including teamwork, organization, and leadership. Rugby has also opened up many opportunities for me and helped me get into colleges, including Bowdoin. As a growing sport in the US and in Sacramento, I think it's really important that we have an actual rugby field to play this sport we love on. Thank you for your consideration.

Ainsley Fong

Former Sacramento Youth Commissioner Former player for the Harlequins and Saints rugby teams in Sacramento

Ryan Fong

Location:

Submitted At: 3:26pm 03-06-25

I would like to request that the City designate a field at Sutter's Landing Regional Park to be a rugby field.

Several years ago there was a field within William Land Park (next to Fairy Tale Town) that has a sign pronouncing that it was "Land Park Soccer & Rugby Complex". It had a special goal post that allowed it to be used for both soccer and rugby. However, although the sign remains, that set of goal posts was removed several years ago, eliminating the practical use of the field for rugby games. That was the only rugby field that was publicly available, and had been where Land Park Motley and Harlequins (together forming Sacramento Rugby Union) had practiced and played.

Those outside of the youth rugby community likely have little knowledge of the caliber of youth rugby that exists in the greater Sacramento region, or the opportunities that the game provides these players. In the 2023 Fall 7's

high school girls rugby season, our team, playing as “The Saints” had a perfect season going 17-0 and outscoring their opponents by an average of more than 10 to 1. That team, which by the way included two Sacramento Youth Commissioners, were recruited by the best colleges with the best rugby programs in the nation. Four players on this year’s Harvard Women’s 15’s Rugby Team, the NCAA D1 National Champions the last two years, were Harlequins. We’ve had multiple players recruited to play for Dartmouth and Quinnipiac (prior NCAA D1 National Champions), Bowdoin (current reigning NCAA D2 National Champions), Brown and West Point. That class had girls accepted to all of the top UC’s and CSU’s, with nearly all of the girls choosing to continue with their rugby careers in college.

Rugby draws an incredibly diverse group of players that creates strong bonds to the sport, often for life. Our coaches are all volunteer and most don’t even have a kid in the program any more. Several played for National Championship collegiate programs (UC Berkeley) and two are former members of the USA Eagles, our national team, including a Hall of Fame member.

All we ask is for the City to provide a designated field for our youth to play this sport.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Ryan Fong
Sacramento Rugby Union Treasurer
Father of former Sacramento Youth Commissioner, Harlequin and Saint, Ainsley Fong

Michael Perez

Location:
Submitted At: 3:23pm 03-06-25

Parks and Community Enrichment Commission,

I am writing to express my support for the development of Sutter's Landing Regional Park. As a member of three boards for local youth sports clubs, I strongly recommend that at least one of the sports fields be allocated to rugby. Rugby is one of the fastest-growing sports in the United States, and the greater Sacramento area produces a significant number of rugby players at both the national and collegiate levels.

Currently, six locally grown female players are members of Harvard's back-to-back Division 1 National Championship team. Additionally, we have local rugby players who have represented our country on the U.S. national team, as well as others who currently play for universities such as St. Mary’s College, West Point, Dartmouth, Bowdoin University, Quinnipiac, and Brown.

Despite this growth and talent, Sacramento and Northern California currently lack a designated field for rugby. As rugby is primarily played during the winter months, securing suitable fields with proper lighting has proven challenging. An allocated rugby field from the City of Sacramento would greatly assist us in overcoming permitting issues, as city fields are designated for specific sports when permits are issued.

The Sacramento Rugby Union would love to assist in the conversation regarding the development of Sutter’s Landing Regional Park.

Thank you for considering this important aspect of our community’s sports landscape.

Michael Perez
Sacramento Rugby Union, Youth Rugby club- President
Land Park Soccer Club, Youth Recreational Soccer Club- Vice President
Sacramento Soccer Alliance, Youth Competitive Soccer Club- Member-At-Large

Alex Binck

Location:
Submitted At: 3:02pm 03-06-25

As a Marshall School resident and very regular visitor to Sutters Landing I am asking the parks commission to reject this plan and develop one that is more in line with the expressed needs of the nearby community. It is clear

from letters signed by the local neighborhood associations, other interested organizations, regular users of the park, and the city's own consultation process that the highest priority for this park is one that allows city residents to access a natural area in which to recreate. While I am glad to see that some of this feedback has been incorporated into the plan with respect to the Western and Eastern parts of the park, it's still clear that sports facilities and parking lots remain the highest priority of this plan, despite lower levels of interest in these amenities from the community. There are already multiple sports facilities within walking distance of Sutter's Landing and in virtually every neighborhood in the city. In contrast, there are very few natural areas and none in this neighborhood aside from the narrow, thickly vegetated, and frequently flooded section of riverbank beyond the levy.

Additional parking lots are a particularly poor use of our scarce parks space--the park already has several very lightly used parking lots which should provide ample parking even if visitation were to increase substantially. Additional parking will add increased hazards for the many Sacramento residents who visit the park on foot and by bicycle. The entrance to the park is already dangerous to cyclists as shown by a fatality that took place there several years ago, and encouraging additional vehicle traffic and additional intersections only increases this danger. Finally, additional parking lots will only make the incredible heat of the park in summer even worse, making the park even more hostile to pedestrian visitors during this season.

The city's General Plan and Climate Action and Adaptation Plan aim for large increases of our active transportation mode share to 6 and then 12% in the coming years. Because we live in a city where the needs of pedestrians and cyclists have been trampled in favor of motorists for decades, these goals will only be achieved if the city is willing to prioritize the safety and needs of vulnerable road users in a serious way instead of continuing the status quo of allowing people to die in our streets every year. This means accommodating the needs of pedestrians and cyclists over an imagined and hypothetical need for additional parking, particularly in one of the few neighborhoods of the city where car-free transportation is actually viable. If in the future the community has a real need for increase parking, we can always build some then.

Please recommend the rejection of this plan and the development of one that takes the cities goals and the desires of the community seriously. As in medicine, with our parks we should first do no harm. I do not believe this plan meets this standard and is therefore not a worthwhile use of scarce parks funding.

Wesley Hilger

Location:

Submitted At: 11:00pm 03-05-25

3/5/25

Parks and Community Enrichment Commission,

I am writing in regard to Sutters Landing Regional Park. I am recommending the city allocate space on the land for a rugby field. Why a rugby field? Rugby is one of the fastest growing youth sports in the United States.

Northern California and particularly Sacramento is a hot bed for youth rugby. Several hundred kids play rugby with local area clubs including the Sacramento Harlequins (middle school and high school girls), Sacramento Motley (Youth and middle school boys), Carmichael Hawks, Sacramento Amazons to name a few. In addition to youth and high school programs, there are several adult teams as well.

Rugby provides opportunities for youth to develop skills that will help them throughout life including grit, discipline, and teamwork. Rugby provides an opportunity for players to get recruited to many great schools. Several players from our club and others in the area have been recruited to top Ivy League colleges, UC Colleges and many other great schools because of rugby.

Sacramento is establishing itself as the NorCal Rugbytown. Sacramento can continue to solidify this rugby legacy by creating a Rugby Field at Sutter Landing Regional Park. This will provide the area youth with an opportunity to continue to play rugby in a safe environment. A dedicated field will also help promote Rugby and encourage new youth players to get active and healthy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Wes Hilger

World Rugby Level 2 Coach

Coach Sacramento Harlequins

Coach Saints Girls Rugby Club

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Corey Brown

Location:
Submitted At: 10:45pm 03-04-25

Support staff recommendation with the addition of designating the “West Sutter’s Landing Park” and “Mound” properties as “Natural Areas” consistent with Parks Plan 2040 “Key Direction 6: Foster Nature and Trail Connections” including “Designat(ing) Natural Areas for the Purpose of Protection and Best Practice Maintenance Planning” to advance the “kind of park areas (the public) value most,”as discussed in my attached letter. Community support letters are also attached. Thank you.

Madeline Noell

Location:
Submitted At: 1:04pm 03-03-25

Attached letter supporting the adoption of a “nature-oriented” Master Plan Update for Sutter’s Landing Park.

Madeline Noell, Chair
Midtown Neighborhood Association

Mark Rodriguez

Location:
Submitted At: 12:46pm 03-01-25

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Agenda Item: eComments for 5. Parks and Community Enrichment Commission 2024 Annual Report File ID: 2025-00570

Overall Sentiment

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No Response (100%)



Mark Rodriguez

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Submitted At: 12:46pm 03-01-25

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Agenda Item: eComments for 6. Civic Engagement Unit Overview File ID: 2025-00580

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Mark Rodriguez

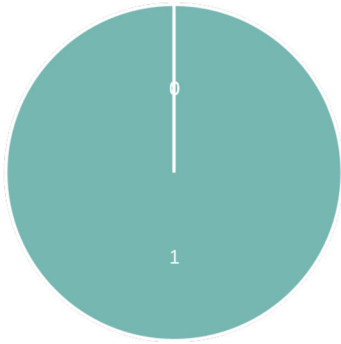
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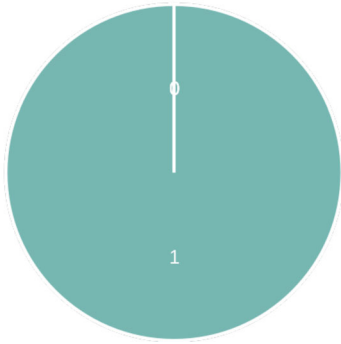
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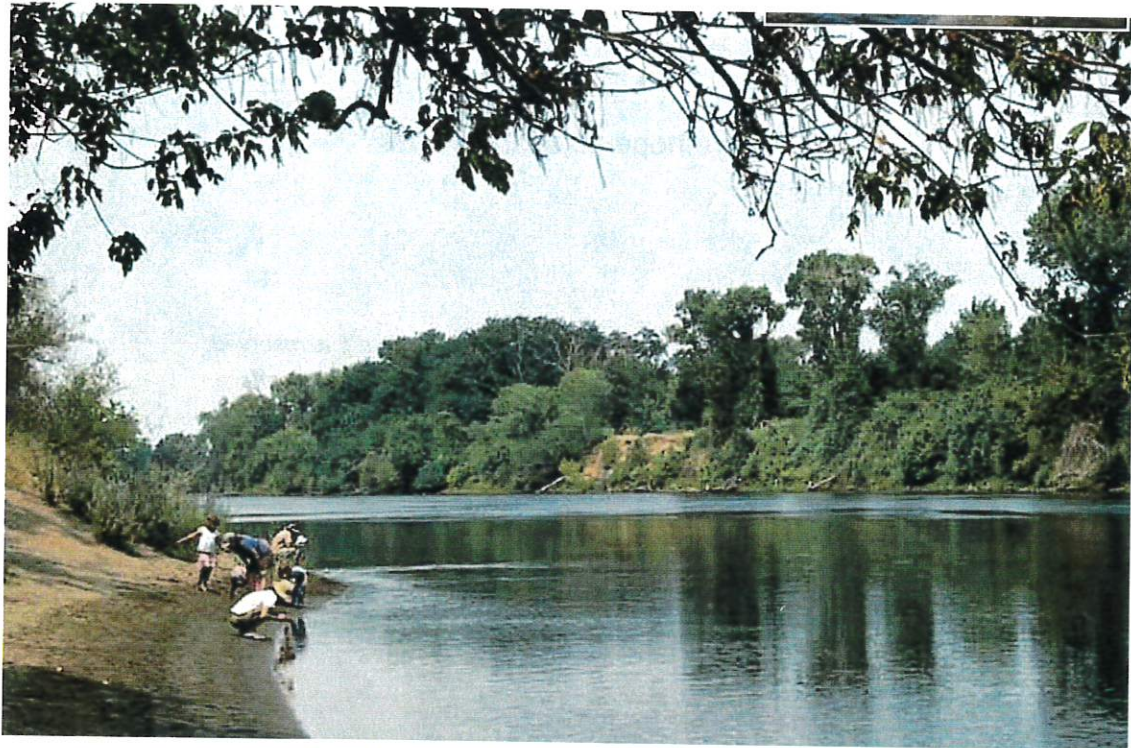
March 8th Plant Walk - Sage LaPena at Sutter's Landing

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Sage LaPena at Sutter's Landing

Sage LaPena will be sharing her knowledge of the plants and place of Sutters Landing on Saturday, March 8th. She has been in a long relationship with Sutters Landing and also holds understanding of its history through her indigenous persons lens. Sage LaPena is a Nomtipm Wintu ethnobotanist and Certified Medical Herbalist, a lecturer, teacher, and gardener specializing in both Native American and Western herbal traditions.

From the age of 7, Sage has been working with local medicine people from her tribe and other neighboring tribes. Sage maintains a strong connection with her tribe through continued participation in ceremonial and cultural activities.

She has been teaching "Ethnobotany of California native plants" for over twenty years and leads plant walks throughout the state. Her professional life is extensive as is her understanding of the land. You'll find articles and interviews of Sage LaPena online. They provoke new thoughts and ways of being as we walk the trails along the rivers edge and elsewhere.

We're grateful to her for guiding us on a plant walk at
Sutter's Landing, March 8th from 10am until around noon.

We hope you can join us!

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Sutter's Landing Park

Connecting Sacramento Families with Nature



Fully Protected White-Tailed Kite



Threatened Swainson's Hawk

Families enjoying Sutter's Landing Park and the adjacent American River Parkway. Sensitive wildlife species on the "Mound" area of the park.

THEME 2: HEALTH & WELLNESS

Sacramento’s parks and programs contribute to physical health, mental health, and community wellbeing in many ways. Engagement participants noted the ways in which active lifestyles, personal fitness, team sports, social interaction, skill development, peacefulness, the availability of garden-grown vegetables, and nature access are all fostered by parks and greenspace. Especially during the pandemic, many described the significant impact that parks and open space had on community wellbeing.

Many participants said they want the City to invest in parks, trails, greenways, facilities, and programming to support public health.

Trails, walking routes, and bike paths were also emphasized as important elements that contribute to community walkability and health. In response to the question, “What kind of park areas do you value most?” participants indicated that places to walk, bike, picnic, socialize, play, and spend time in nature were most valued. Research shows that each of these contributes to our health.

Figure 4-7. Maptionnaire Top Responses on Valued Park Areas
What kind of park areas do you value most?

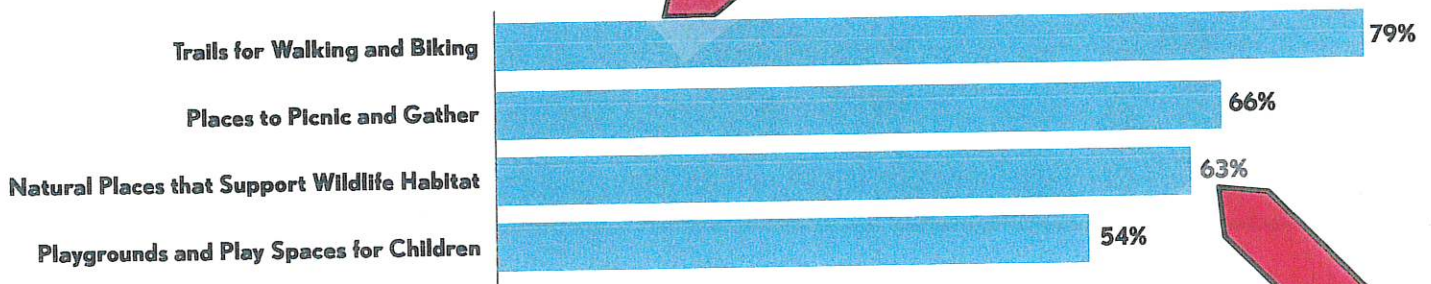
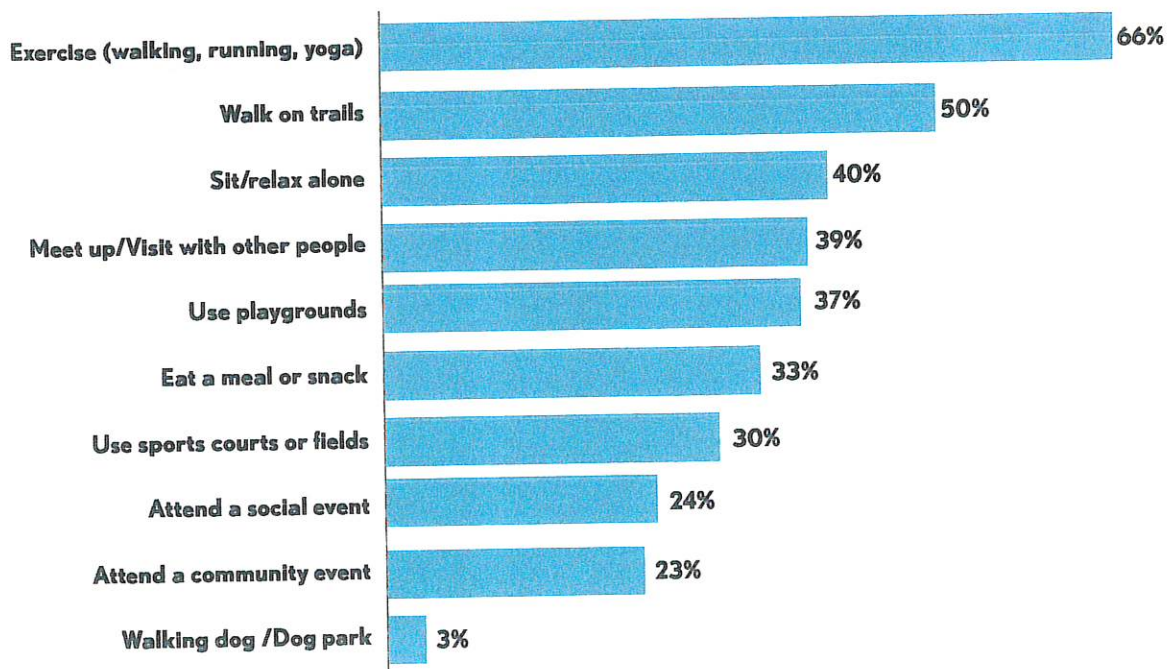
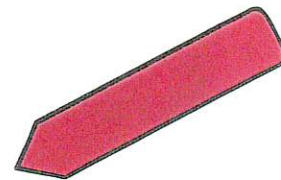


Figure 4-8. Park Prioritization Survey Responses on Typical Activities in Parks (n=600)
What do you and your household typically do when visiting City of Sacramento parks?



KEY DIRECTION 6: FOSTER NATURE AND TRAIL CONNECTIONS



As noted in Chapter 4, community outreach priorities favored fostering connections to nature, as well as to other people, parks, programs, and places via trails and social opportunities across Sacramento. Specifically, to support trail and nature connections, YPCE should implement the following recommendations:

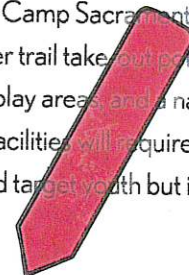
- Collaborate to improve trail connections.
- Expand nature-based recreation facilities and programs.
- Designate natural areas for the purpose of protection and best practice maintenance planning.

COLLABORATE TO IMPROVE TRAIL CONNECTIONS

As noted in Appendix D, YPCE will continue to coordinate and collaborate with Public Works, other City departments, Sacramento County, and other agency partners to improve trail connections to parks, parkway use, and recreation via trails. While YPCE is not the primary provider of the City's shared use paths, the Department brings an important perspective to conversations regarding priorities for shared use paths that support recreation and park access in addition to active transportation. Going forward, YPCE will proceed with the development of planned future parkways, especially where these provide access to rivers, coordinate with the Department of Public Works' Streets for People: Active Transportation Plan to connect missing trail links and encourage the use of off-street shared use paths to access parks and parkways, and provide access to new parks and neighborhoods.

EXPAND NATURE-BASED RECREATION FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS

Chapter 6 identifies opportunities to bring residents closer to nature through park development and programming. While some open space areas are inaccessible and restricted from development, YPCE will inventory and evaluate natural resources to determine where it is appropriate to improve 1) river access; 2) nature exploration in parks; 3) nature interpretation without damaging sensitive natural areas; 4) environmental education programming; and 5) environmental stewardship. While continuing to manage and maintain Camp Sacramento, YPCE will develop an outdoor classroom, water trail take-out points, at least two nature play and two adventure play areas, and a nature-based event space within the city. The new facilities will require expanded nature programming that should target youth but include all ages.



DESIGNATE NATURAL AREAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROTECTION AND BEST PRACTICE MAINTENANCE PLANNING.

Define and inventory designated natural areas, separate from undeveloped and developed parkland, for the purpose of protection and best practice maintenance planning. Explore approaches of designating natural areas via City Council through an environmental impact report, or conservation easement, or State Fish and Wildlife. YPCE will continue to seek out opportunities for nature appreciation and study, environmental education, restoration ecology, and land stewardship offered through public programs with the goal toward becoming a model of engaged environmental conservation and stewardship.



Existing Sutter's Landing Park
Property to Acquire for Sutter's Landing Park

