

CHAPTER 12: PARKS AND TRAILS

Parks and trails provide important resources for recreation, relaxation and alternative modes of transportation. These community facilities, and the land uses surrounding them, should be designed to facilitate public access and provide opportunities for a broad range of recreational activities. New development is encouraged to provide parks, play areas, pedestrian spaces, trails, and community open space wherever possible. Trails should be designed in conformance with the City's Bikeways and Trails Master Plan. Where parks and trails are to be owned and/or operated by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD), the site plan and layout should be coordinated with LARPD and conform to LARPD's Master Plan, Trail Master Plan and other applicable documents.

CHAPTER SECTIONS

- A. Parks
- B. Trails



A. Parks

1. Site Planning

GUIDELINES

- 1.1.1 Parks should be sited in a manner that allows visibility and open access from surrounding streets, trail systems and other land uses.
- 1.1.2 Neighborhood parks should be sited in a manner that limits common boundaries with residential development. Parks should be bounded by streets, trails and open space areas where possible.
- 1.1.3 Parks should be sited and designed to preserve public views of scenic vistas.

2. Program Activities

GUIDELINES

- 2.1.1 Parks should provide a variety of recreational opportunities for a broad range of users, regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, economic status or physical capabilities.
- 2.1.2 Parks should provide opportunities for structured and unstructured play areas, creative children's play areas, family picnic areas, seating areas, and landscaping and natural areas.

3. Landscaping

GUIDELINE

- 3.1.1 Native plant species should be planted within and adjacent to parks and other open space areas wherever possible.



Shaded neighborhood park accessible from surrounding streets.

B. Trails

1. Trail Sites

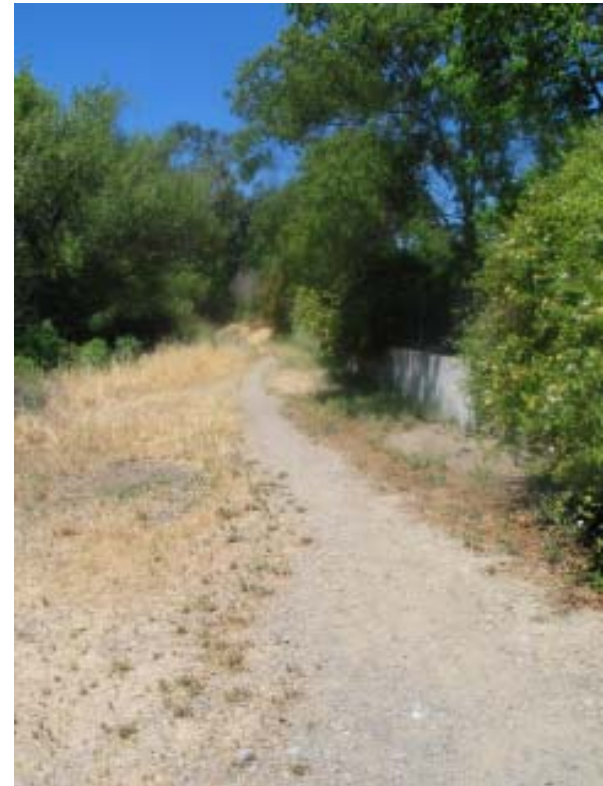
GUIDELINES

1.1.1 Trails should be sited in a manner that allows visibility and open access from surrounding land uses.

1.1.2 Trails should be sited and designed to preserve public views of scenic vistas.

1.1.3 Where trails run through or alongside residential, commercial, industrial and other land uses, these uses should provide landscaped buffers, fences, and sufficient setbacks along the trail.

1.1.4 Sufficient setbacks and landscape buffers should be provided between trails and roadways.



Trail alongside residential development with landscaped buffer.

2. Trail Access

GUIDELINES

- 2.1.1 Open visual access should be provided at all trailheads and at as many points as possible along the trail for surveillance purposes.
- 2.1.2 Where new development adjoins a trail, pedestrian connections should be made from the new development to the trail system.
- 2.1.3 Community resources, such as schools, shopping areas, transit stops, employment centers, residential communities, parks and open space areas should connect to the City's trail system or other multi-use pathways wherever possible.
- 2.1.4 Connections to trails should separate bicycle and equestrian access where feasible.

3. Landscaping

GUIDELINE

- 2.1.9 Native plant species should be planted adjacent to trails wherever possible.



Trailhead adjacent to public park.