

Livermore Area Recreation and Park District

Staff Report

TO: EBRPD LARPD Liaison Committee

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SUBJECT: LARPD Parks, Recreation, and Trails Master Plan Update

BACKGROUND

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) is updating its Parks, Recreation, and Trails Master Plan to establish a long-term vision for the District's parks, recreation facilities, trails, and programs. The Master Plan will guide District decision-making over approximately the next 10 years, establishing priorities for the existing park and recreation system as well as future investment and expansion.

The update builds upon the District's previous Master Plan, adopted in 2016, and considers changes in the community, anticipated growth and development, and projects completed or advanced over the past decade. The planning process also considered relevant regional and local planning efforts, including the City of Livermore's recently adopted General Plan 2045.

The Plan was developed through a comprehensive assessment of existing parks and facilities, community surveys and outreach, demographic and recreation trends, analysis of park access and service standards, and review of the existing and planned trail network. Coordination with partner agencies has also been an important part of the process. The LARPD Board of Directors has provided direction on the Plan's priorities and recommendations through multiple public workshops.

The Draft Master Plan is currently undergoing public and environmental review, with consideration of adoption by the LARPD Board of Directors anticipated at its regularly scheduled meeting on October 28, 2026.

KEY FINDINGS AND DIRECTION

The planning process found strong community support for Livermore's parks, trails, facilities, and recreation programs, along with significant interest in continued investment in the system. The assessment also identified aging infrastructure and

lifecycle needs across the District's existing facilities, opportunities to improve access and connectivity, and evolving future recreation needs.

The Plan focuses on reinvestment in existing parks and facilities while pursuing strategic expansion and improved connectivity where opportunities arise. To support that direction, the Plan establishes updated park classifications and service standards, evaluates facility condition and lifecycle needs, identifies future recreation and facility opportunities, and provides a prioritized framework for future capital investment.

Trail connectivity is a significant component of the Plan. The updated trail network identifies existing and planned trails, remaining gaps, and priority connections intended to strengthen access between neighborhoods, parks, regional open space, and other destinations.

COORDINATION WITH EBRPD

Several of the District's long-term trail priorities involve or connect directly with EBRPD facilities and regional trail systems. Continued coordination between LARPD, EBRPD, the City of Livermore, Zone 7, Alameda County, and other partners will be important as individual projects advance from conceptual planning toward feasibility, right-of-way acquisition, design, funding, and construction.

Areas of particular relevance to LARPD and EBRPD include the Shadow Cliffs-to-Del Valle connection (T11), extension of the Iron Horse Trail into Livermore (T16), and the Brushy Peak to Los Vaqueros Connector (T22). These projects are intended to strengthen connections between Livermore's local trail network and the broader regional trail and open space system.

The Master Plan establishes the long-term vision and priorities for these connections rather than prescribing final alignments. Future implementation will require continued interagency coordination to evaluate feasible alignments, property interests, environmental considerations, funding opportunities, and agency responsibilities.

NEXT STEPS

After the environmental and public review process is complete, the Master Plan is anticipated to be presented to the LARPD Board of Directors for consideration at its regularly scheduled meeting on October 28, 2026. Once adopted, the Plan will serve as the District's framework for capital planning, partnership development, grant opportunities, and future project implementation, including continued coordination with EBRPD and other agency partners on priority trail connections.

The Public Review Draft and Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration are available on LARPD's Master Plan webpage at www.larpd.org/master-plan-update.