

The **Conservation, Open Space, and Parks and Recreation Element** provides guidance for the development, management, and preservation of San Mateo’s natural, cultural, and recreational resources.



Draft General Plan Resources



#	Goal	Policy & Action Topics
COS-1	Protect and enhance the City’s natural resource areas that provide plant and animal habitat and benefit human and ecological health and resilience.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Sensitive Natural Communities ■ Interjurisdictional Coordination ■ Site Evaluations ■ Avoidance of Nesting Birds ■ Surveys for Sensitive Natural Communities ■ Surveys for Regulated Waters ■ Surveys for Wildlife Movement Corridors ■ Development Near Wetlands or Water ■ Wetland Development Mitigation ■ Wetland Access Design ■ Marina Lagoon Island ■ Reduced Risk of Bird Collision ■ Environmental Review
COS-2	Ensure that current and future generations will enjoy the environmental, social, health, and economic benefits derived from access to our urban forest, parks, and open spaces.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Preservation of Open Space ■ Sustainable Access ■ Equitable Conservation ■ Shoreline Interpretive Opportunities ■ Marina Lagoon and Shoreline Public Access ■ Sugarloaf Mountain Management and Interpretive Opportunities ■ Improvements to Bayfront Nature Area ■ Volunteer Program
COS-3	Protect and improve San Mateo’s creeks as valuable habitat and components of human and environmental health.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Public and Private Creek Aesthetic and Habitat Values ■ Groundwater Protection and Infiltration ■ Preservation of Beneficial Uses
COS-4	All San Mateo residents should have the ability to breathe safe, clean air.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Air Quality Thresholds ■ Health Risk Assessment ■ BAAQMD Planning for Healthy Places ■ Activity Near Sensitive Receptors ■ Odors ■ Toxic Air Contaminants ■ Air Quality Construction Impacts ■ Truck Facilities ■ Air Pollution Exposure ■ Air Quality Improvement ■ Clean Air Refuges
COS-5	Provide a comprehensive system of park and recreation programs and facilities based on the needs of the city’s residents to encourage healthy lifestyles and ensure access for all.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Active and Healthy Lifestyles ■ Creating Community ■ Creative Outlets ■ Enrichment and Lifelong Learning ■ Parks as Learning Environments ■ Child and Youth Development ■ Aging Adults ■ Community-Led Activity Initiatives ■ Conservation and Nature Awareness ■ Community Gardens ■ Central Park ■ Action Coordination with Education Providers
COS-6	Provide equitable and convenient access to parks, recreational programs, and facilities so that all residents experience the physical and mental health benefits of parks and open space.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Accessible Facilities ■ Recreation Fee Assistance ■ Privately Owned Public Spaces ■ Equitable Access Analysis ■ Customer Service ■ Inclusion and Accessibility ■ Privately Owned Public Spaces Inventory ■ Resident Input ■ Public Information ■ Technology Innovation
COS-7	Provide the appropriate mix of parks and facilities that balances the needs of active and passive facilities, allows formal and informal uses, is accessible for all residents, and meets existing and future recreation needs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Facility Standards ■ Acreage Standards ■ Walkable Parks and Amenities ■ Passive Recreation ■ Active-Use Facilities ■ Master Planning ■ Rehabilitation or Purchase of School Sites ■ Regional Facilities ■ Bay Meadows Community Park
COS-8	Plan and develop well-designed parks and recreation facilities compatible with surrounding uses that promote accessibility, efficient use, and practical maintenance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Rehabilitation Priorities ■ Park Preservation ■ Shared Use ■ Optimum Cost-Effectiveness ■ Sustainability Practices ■ Maintenance Standards ■ Environmentally Sound Park Operations ■ San Mateo City Parks and Recreation Foundation ■ Recreation Facility Infrastructure ■ Design Principles and Park Image ■ Maximized Park Assets ■ Strategic Community Partnerships ■ Neighborhood-Supported Projects ■ School Facility Access
COS-9	Provide stable and adequate operational and capital funding for the parks and recreation system.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Program Fees and Cost Recovery ■ Maintenance and Operating Costs ■ Park Equipment and Maintenance ■ Parks and Facilities in Major Projects ■ Development Fees ■ Cooperative Service Delivery