Parkland Acquisition Plan: Urban Phase

Acquisition History

Background and Analysis -

At the March 29, 2011 BOS review of the Parkland Acquisition Plan: 2011 Update, the Board directed the administration to “prepare information on the development of a formalized acquisition program to address urban and suburban park needs, consistent with the County's historical role, while still maintaining the County's commitment to the acquisition of regional parklands……”, In an effort to clarify the “County’s historic role” in parkland acquisition the attached spreadsheet has been developed. The document illustrates acquisition projects funded from the Park Charter Fund from fiscal year 1990 onward. In 1989 the Park Charter Fund established dedicated funding levels for operations, CIP, and acquisitions. As a result the data collected from this year onward is more complete as compared to earlier years, providing a more confident level of accuracy.

Within the document, projects are characterized by as falling within a City’s Urban Service Area or not, total acres, cost, level of significance, and the acquisition criteria which applied to the project are shown. The result of our analysis reveals the following:

- A total of 65 projects were enabled through the Park Charter Fund from fiscal year 1990 to the present, with 62 (12,400 acres / $113M) of those representing an acquisition,

- Of the 62 acquisitions enabled through the Park Charter Fund from fiscal year 1990 forward, 14 (484.5 acres / $36.4M) fell within or runs through the Urban Service Area of one of the 15 Cities of the County,

- All 14 urban acquisitions were tied to expansion of existing park facilities or were tied to growth of the Countywide Trails Master Plan,

- Of the 62 identified acquisitions from fiscal year 1990 forward, all can be characterized as having countywide significance,

- The County has divested itself of ownership or operational responsibility for all acquisitions of neighborhood significance.
  
  o Bol Park (1971)– annexed by the City of Palo Alto,
  
  o Garland Ave. (1982) – sold for non-park purposes,
  
  o Knowles Dr. (1982) – sold for non-park purposes,

A review of the projects data shows that the Parks and Recreation Department has adhered strongly to the acquisition criteria in effect at the time, and in particular the concept of countywide significance. Furthermore, the criteria allowed for a continued County Parks presence within the more urban areas of the county (14 of 62 acquisitions within the Urban Service Areas).
## Santa Clara County Parks
### Parkland Acquisitions FY1990 to Present

**Proj #** | **Project** | **Associated County Park** | **Acq. Year** | **Sum of Acres** | **Acquisition $** | **Significance** | **CRITERIA** |
---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
**Rural (48)** | | | | | | | |
40 | Antonacci, Michael | Land Bank (Stuart Ridge) | 1991 | 2.87 | $1,050,000 | R | X | X | X |
41 | Arata, Patricia J. | Mt. Madonna | 1991 | 123.00 | $1,200,000 | R | X | X | X |
38 | Azzarello, James | Lexington | 1990 | 178.00 | $2,540,000 | R | X | X | X |
59 | Posi Fkns Trust etc | Coyote Lake - Harvey Bear | 2007 | 1,946.06 | $14,375,256 | R | X | X | X |
12 | Beatty Property | | 2008 | 56.90 | $950,000 | R | X | X | X |
56 | Brang, M. & N. | Calero | 1997 | 31.85 | $0 | R | X | X | 7 |
15 | Blair Property | | 2008 | 686.00 | $1,000,000 | R | X | X | X |
36 | Boy Scout Mem. Found. | Land Bank (Stuart Ridge) | 1990 | 177.00 | $2,225,000 | R | X | X | X |
42 | Christensen, John L. | Sanborn | 1993 | 57.66 | $750,000 | R | X | X | X |
45 | Cooperage Dev. (Rosendin Property) | Anderson Reservoir | 1993 | 116.00 | $0 | R | X | X | X |
53 | D'Anno, Desmond | Coyote Lake - Harvey Bear | 1997 | 1.18 | $69,000 | R | X | X | X |
46 | Dickson, Robert J. | Sanborn | 1994 | 24.07 | $260,000 | R | X | X | X |
28 | Feehan, James | Lexington | 1990 | 50.00 | $750,000 | R | X | X | X |
29 | Foster, G. | Sanborn | 1990 | 1.30 | $137,500 | R | X | X | X |
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