

Saratoga Quarry Park Master Plan

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Workshop Agenda

- **Welcome and Introductions**
- **Presentation**
 - Project Process & Schedule
 - Vision & Goals
 - Site Context & Analysis
 - Programming
 - Concept Review
- **Small Group Exercise**
- **Report Back**
- **Next Steps**
- **Adjourn**



Process & Schedule



Vision Statement

The historical Saratoga Quarry Park is a portal to the past and a gateway to the Santa Cruz Mountains.

Quarry Park provides opportunities to explore, play, educate, and experience the outdoors to benefit the visitor's physical health and spirit.

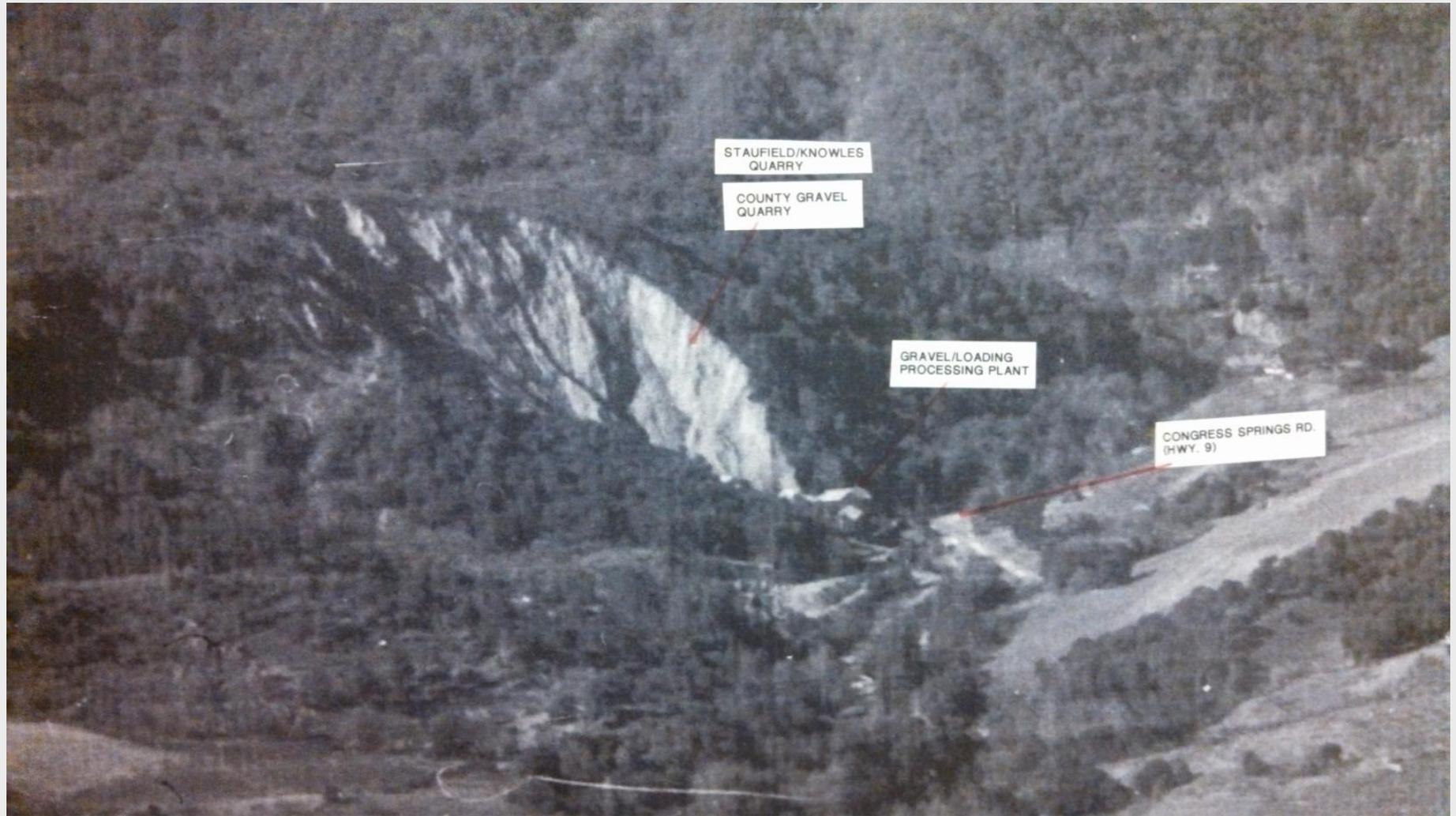


Project Goals

1. Keep open space in public ownership.
2. Use open space to protect viewsheds and natural resources.
3. Use open space for recreation.
4. Enhance connectivity to neighboring communities and open spaces.
5. Maintain natural vegetation to improve habitat diversity and combat climate change.
6. Connect Saratoga to the Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail.
7. Improve public health through air and water quality, recreational opportunities, and connection to nature.

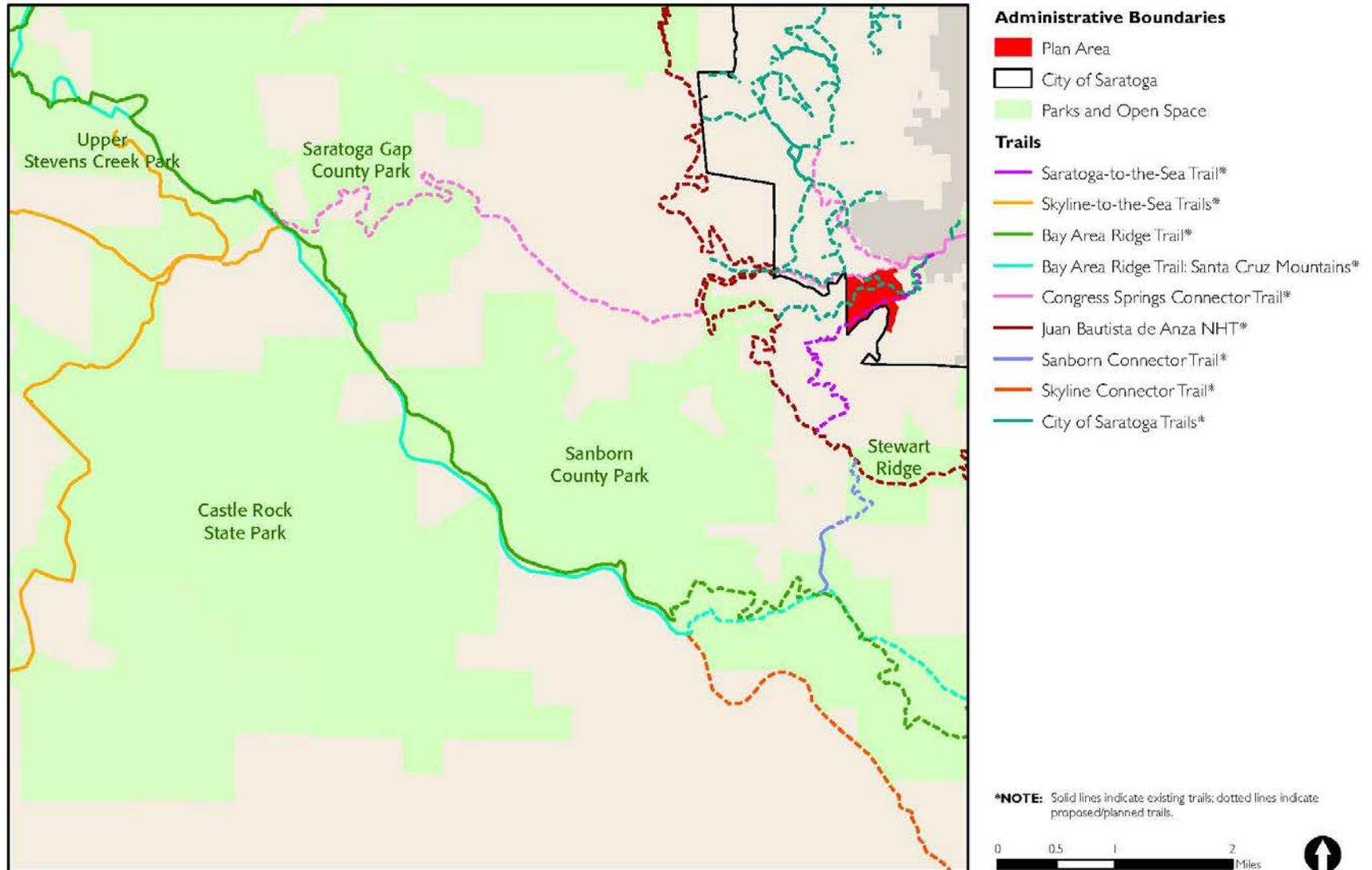


Quarry Park Site



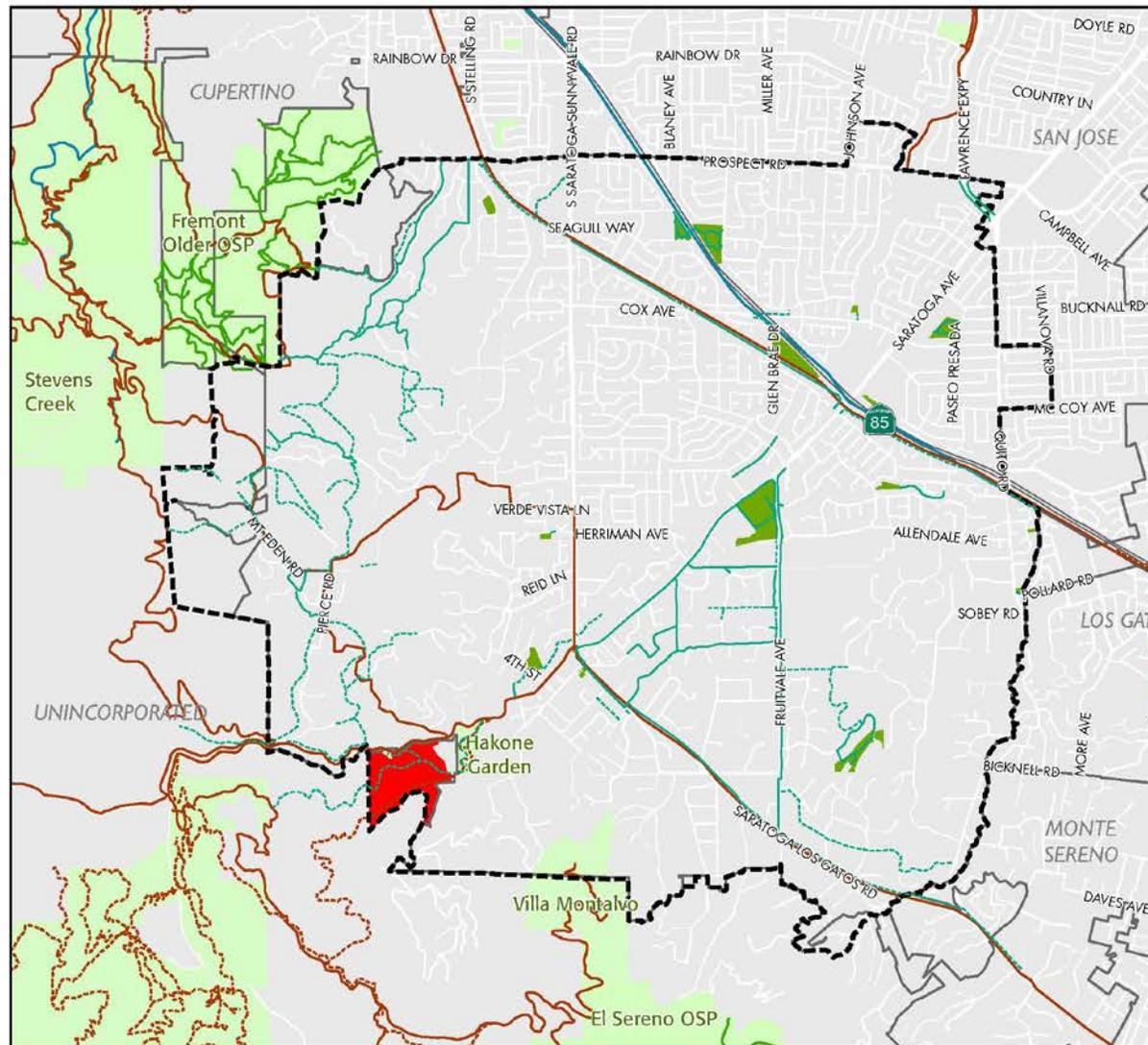
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Regional Context



Source: City of Saratoga, 2013; Santa Clara County, 2013; Midpeninsula Open Space District, 2013; Conservation Lands Network, 2012; The Planning Center | DC&E, 2013.

Saratoga Hiking Connectivity

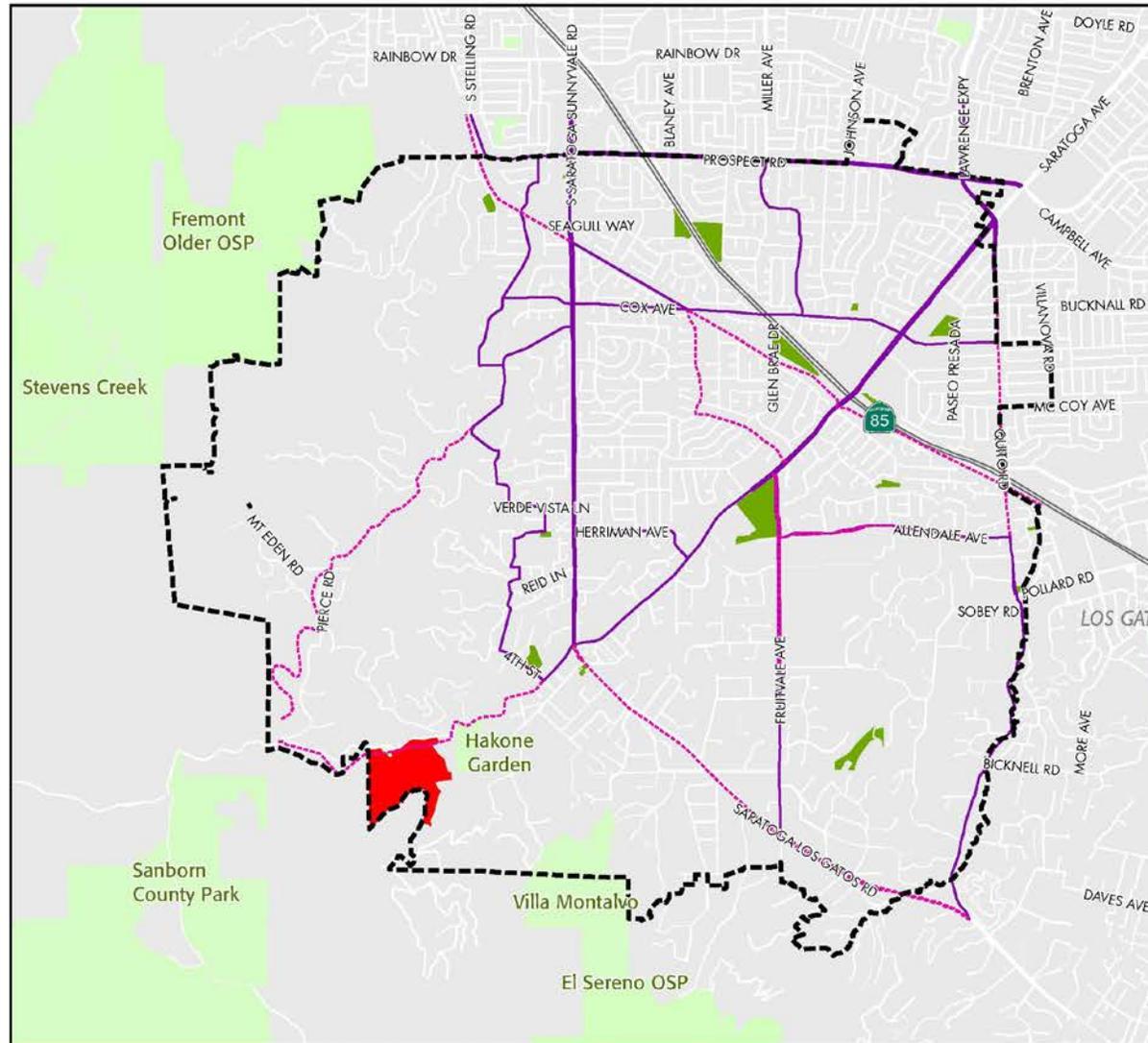


- Administrative Boundaries**
- Plan Area Boundary
- City of Saratoga Trails**
- Existing
- - - Potential
- Santa Clara County Trails**
- Existing
- - - Planned
- Other Trails**
- Midpeninsula Open Space District Trails
- California Major Regional Trails
- Parks and Open Space**
- City of Saratoga Parks and Open Space
- Regional Parks and Open Space



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Saratoga Biking Connectivity



Administrative Boundaries

Plan Area Boundary

City of Saratoga Bicycle Facilities

Existing

Planned

Parks and Open Space

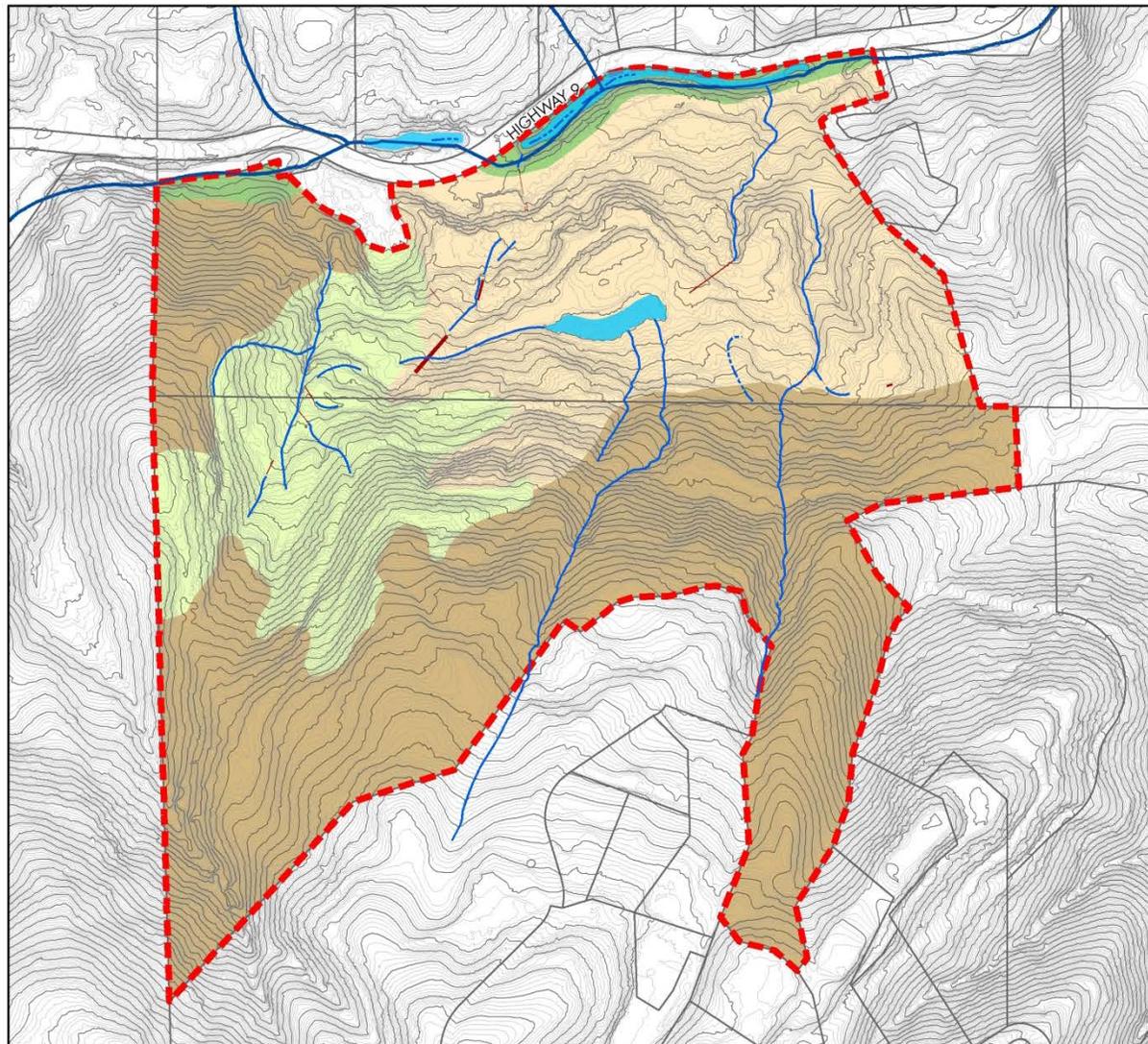
City of Saratoga Parks and Open Space

Regional Parks and Open Space



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Existing Conditions Analysis: Biology



Habitat Type

- Broad leaved Upland Forest
- Mixed Native/Non-native Woodland
- Northern Coastal Scrub
- Riparian Forest
- Wetland

Waters and Drainage

- Culverts
- Creeks
- Stream
- Drainage

Administrative Boundaries

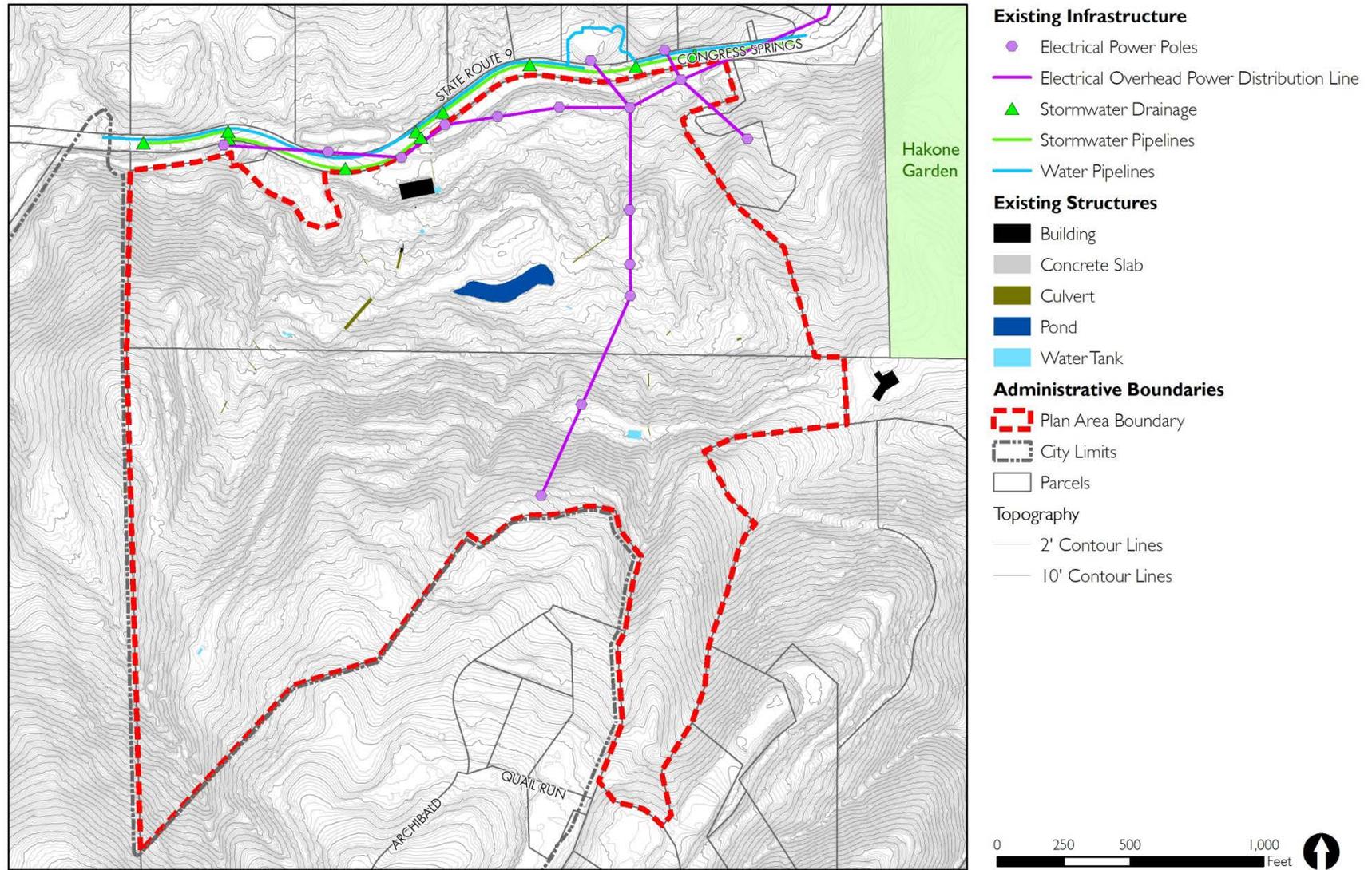
- Plan Area Boundary
- Parcels

Topography

- 2' Contour Lines
- 10' Contour Lines

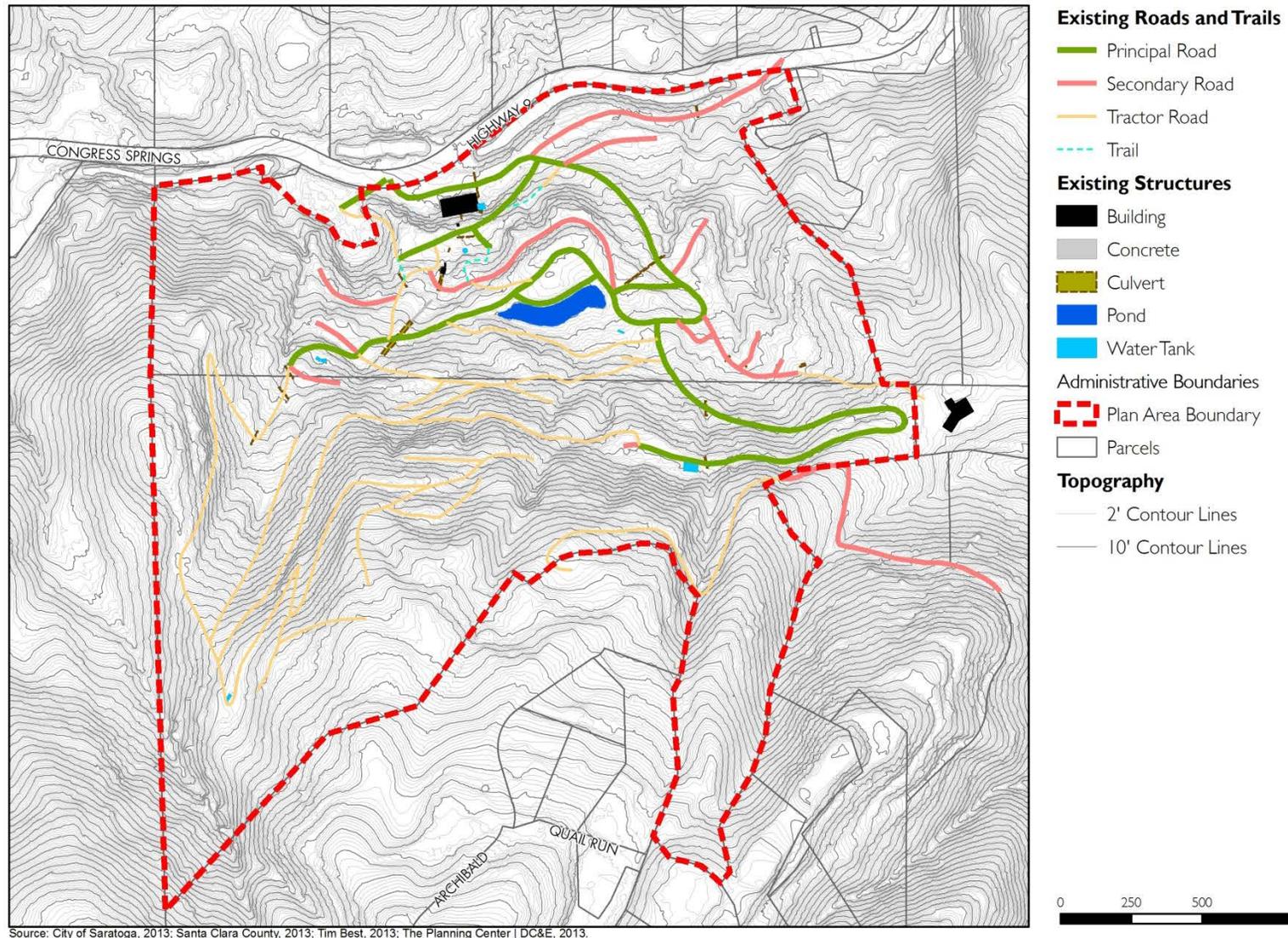
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Existing Conditions Analysis: Infrastructure



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Existing Conditions Analysis: Roads and Trails



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Conservation Easement

The purpose of the Conservation Easement is to assure that the Property (Quarry Park) will be retained in perpetuity in its natural scenic and open space condition, to prevent any use of the Property that will significantly impair or interfere with its open space values, to promote public access for hiking and other recreation, and implement restoration and erosion control measures on the Property. Accordingly, this Easement restricts the use of the Property to activities involving recreation (hiking, picnicking, nature research and study), enjoyment of views, open space, natural habitat and environmental protection, restoration and related uses which are consistent with this Easement.

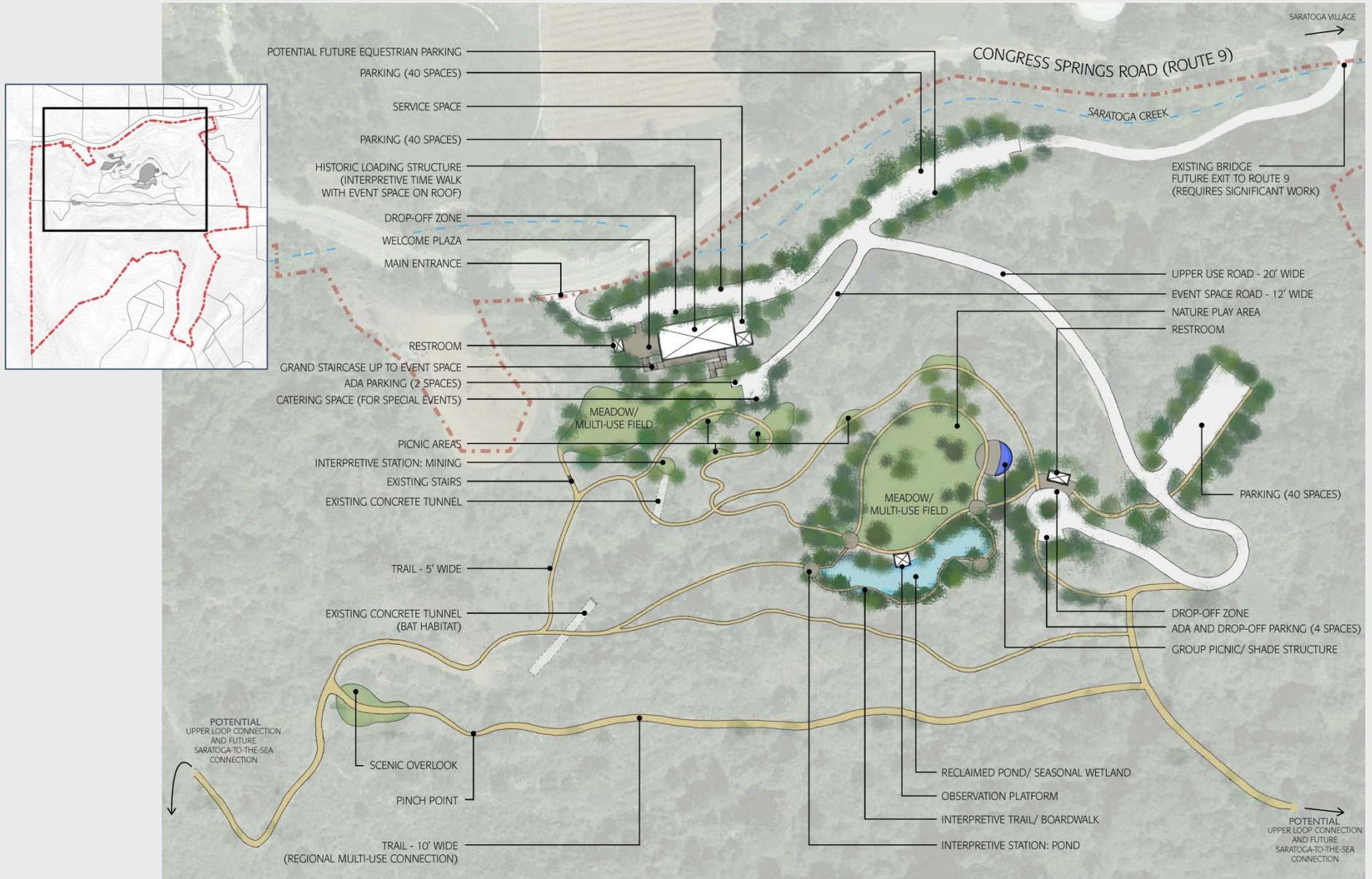
PROGRAMMING RESTRICTIONS: Ziplines, Bocce Ball Courts, Frisbee Golf Courses, Ropes Courses, etc. are not consistent with this Easement. (Purpose; Section 6.3)

Proposed Programming: Recreation/Education

- Hiking/Equestrian Trails
- Regional Multi-Use Trail
- Picnicking
- Bird-watching
- Scenic Overlooks
- Natural Play
- Curated Displays
- Interpretive Signage
- Walking Tours
- Special Events



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CONCEPT PLAN

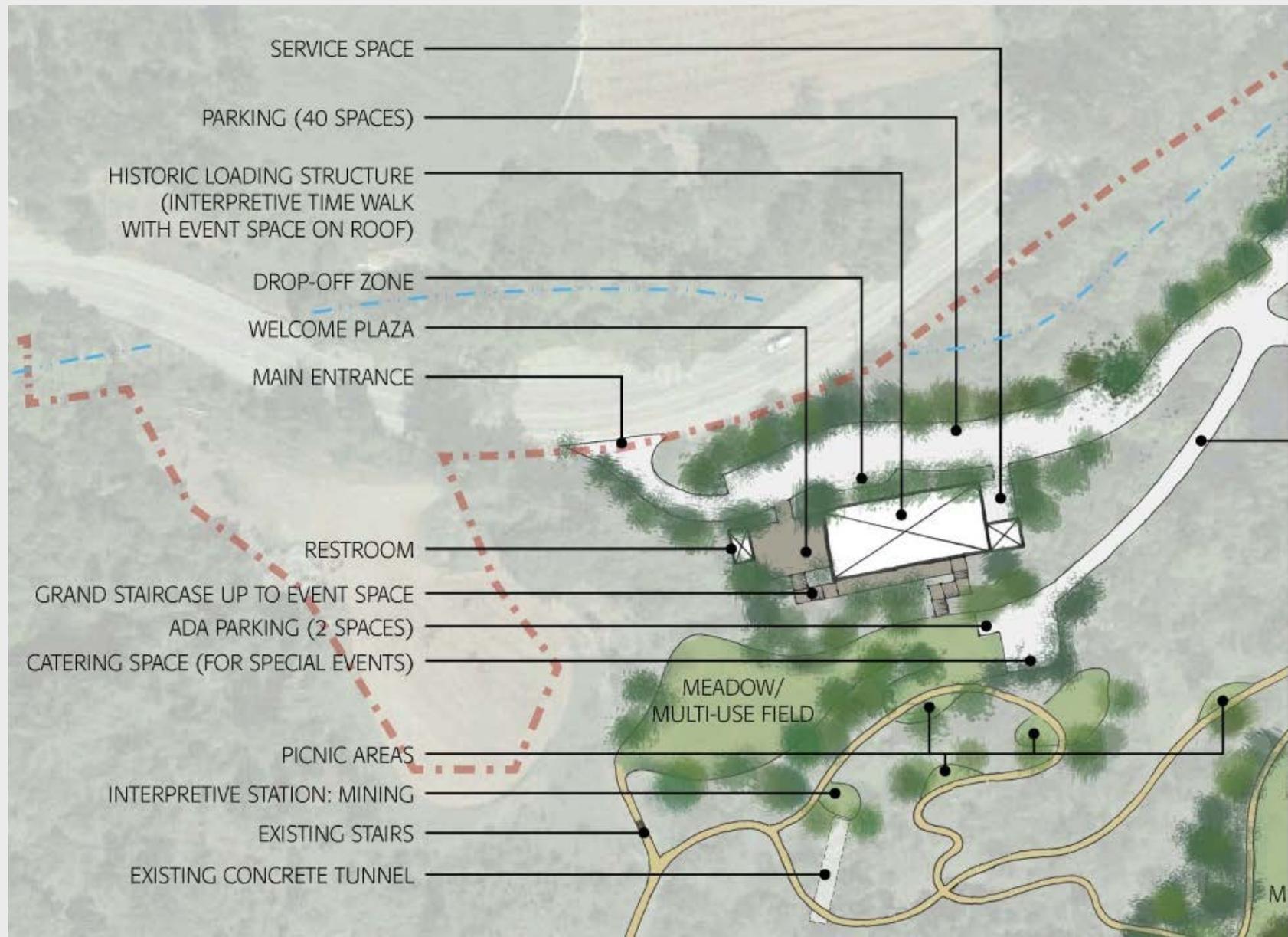
Site Amenities

- Hiking and Equestrian Trails
- Open Air Museum and Event Space at Loading Structure
- Multi-use Fields/ Meadows (Special Event Space)
- Pond Boardwalk, Observation Platform, and Interpretive Station
- Potential Regional Multi-use Trail Connection

Site Amenities

- Dispersed Picnic Areas around Historic Picnic Site
- Upper Picnic Area at Scenic Overlook
- Concrete Tunnels: Visual Educational Access to first, Bat Habitat in second
- Interpretive Signage/ Kiosks with QR Codes and Audio Tour that emphasize Mining History and Tree Species Diversity

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CONCEPT PLAN ENLARGEMENT: LOWER USE AREA

Existing Structures → Proposed Programming

Loading Structure



Mining Era



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Open Air
Museum &
Event Space

Concrete-Lined
Tunnels



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Mining
Interpretive
Station &
Bat Habitat

Picnic Facility



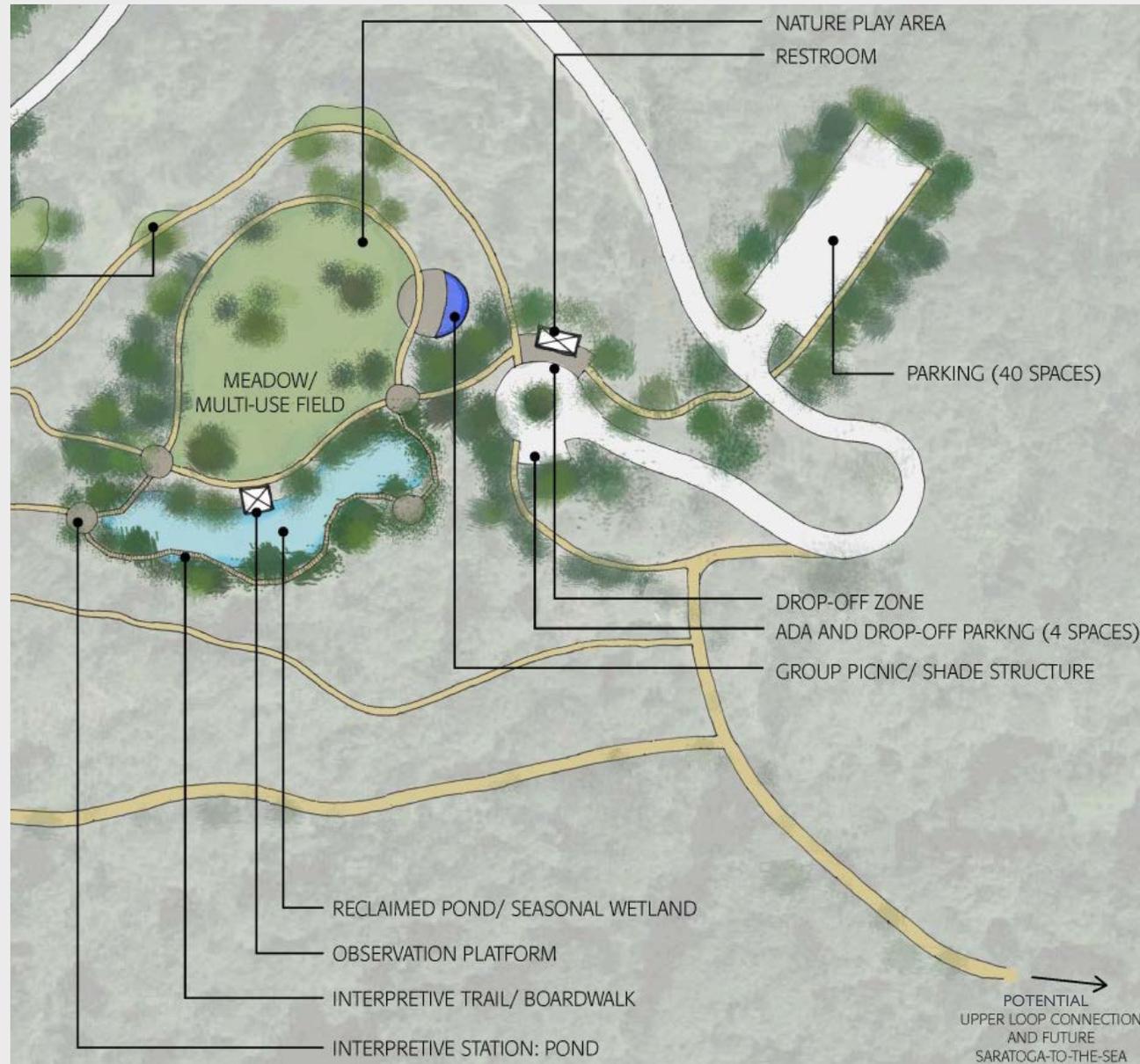
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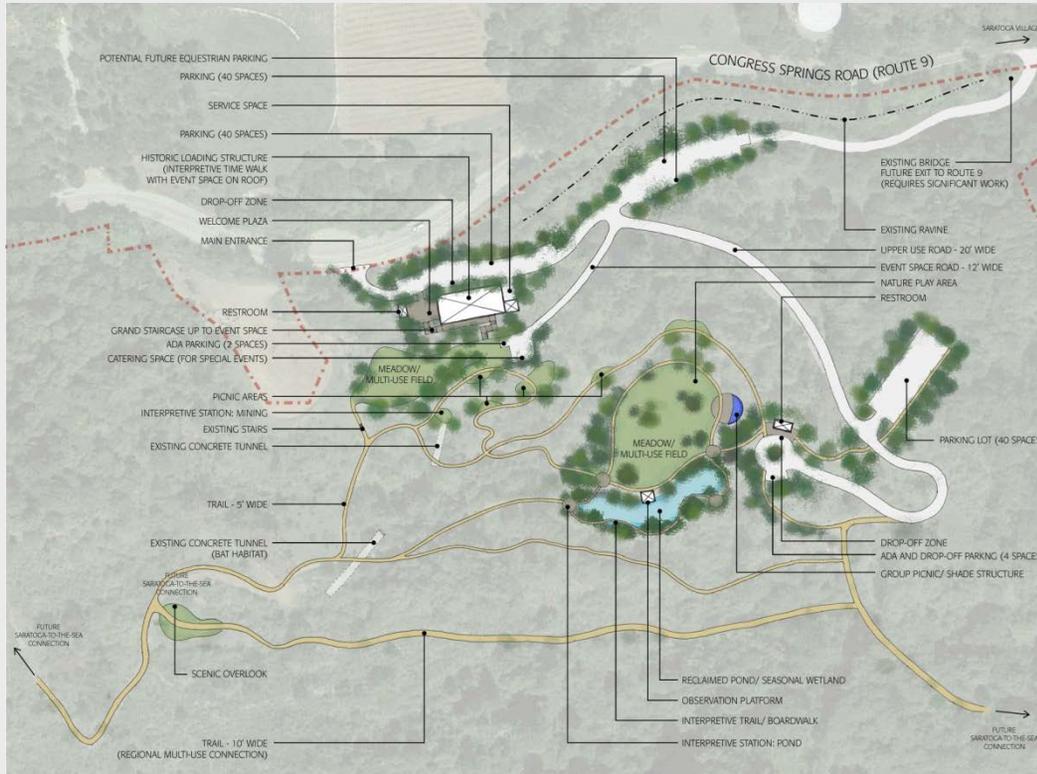
Restored
Picnic Areas

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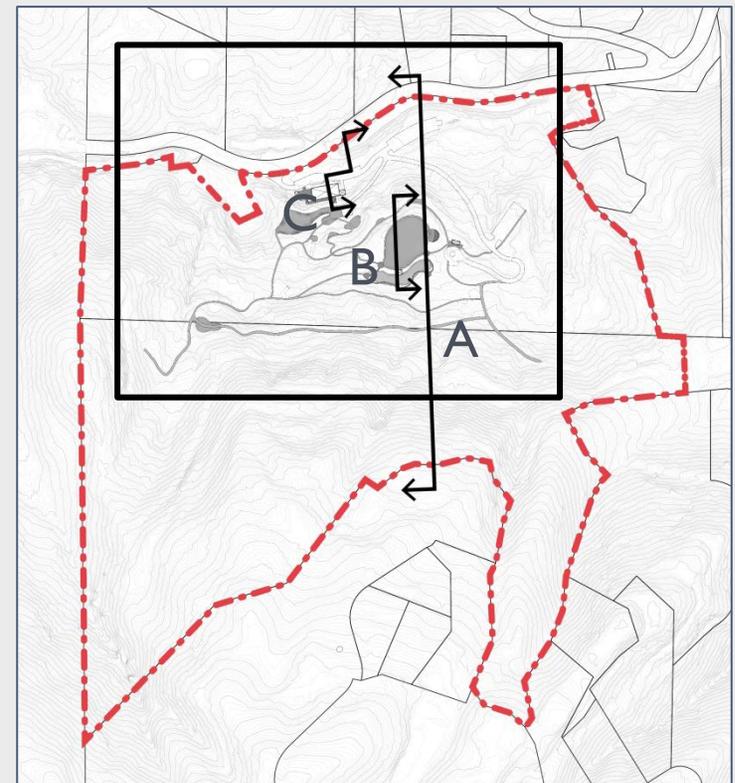
CONCEPT PLAN ENLARGEMENT: UPPER USE AREA

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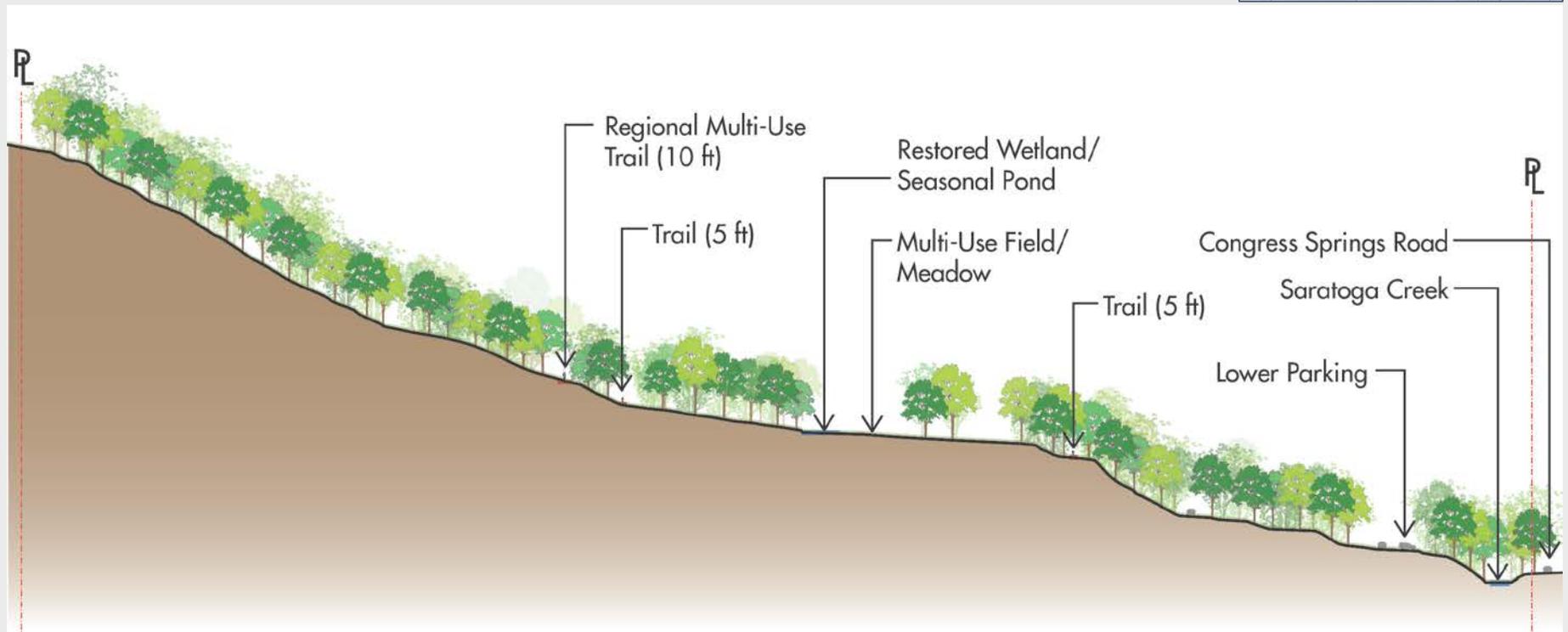
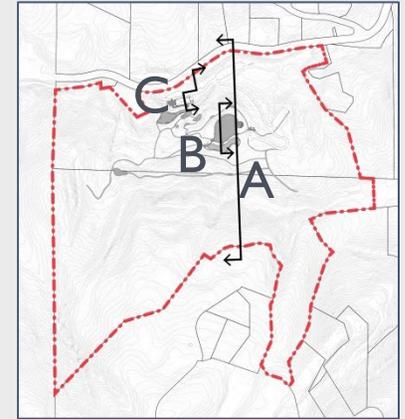


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SECTIONS

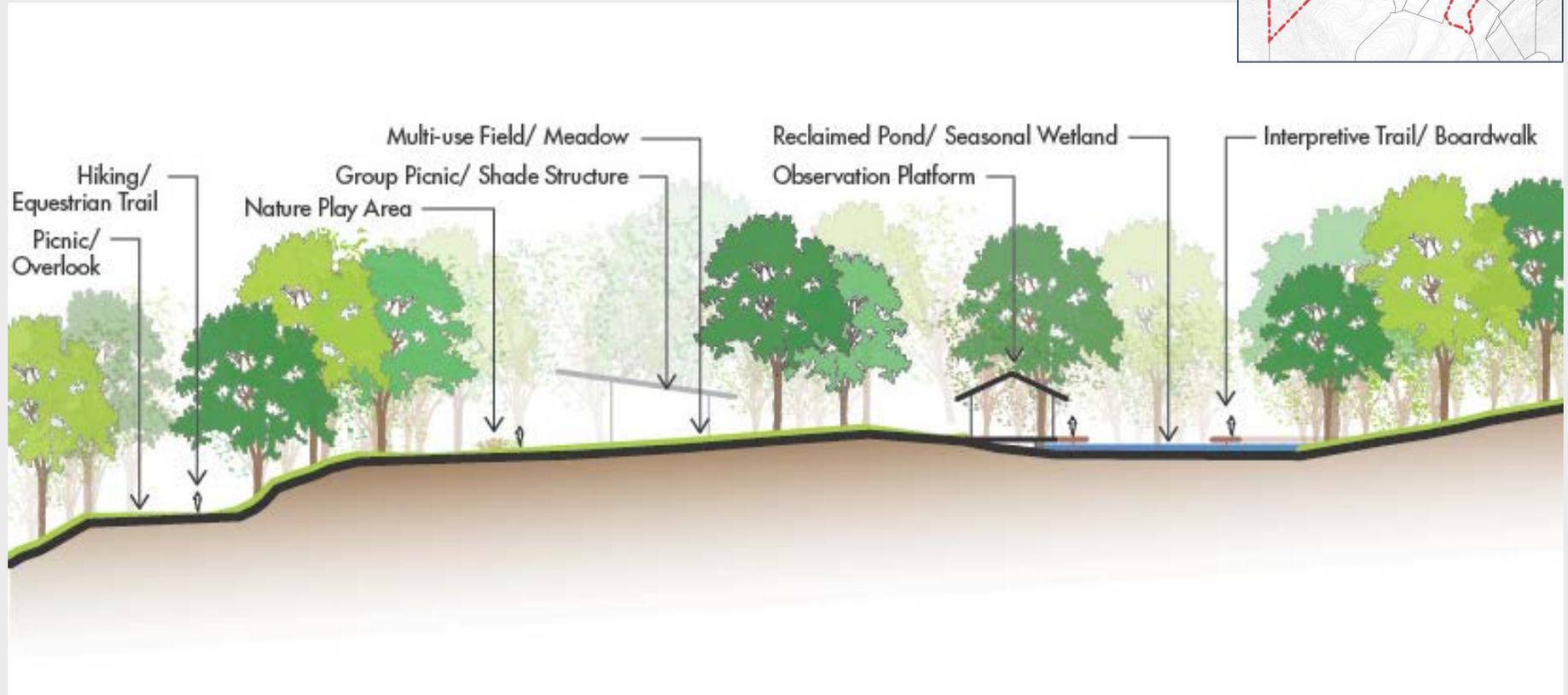
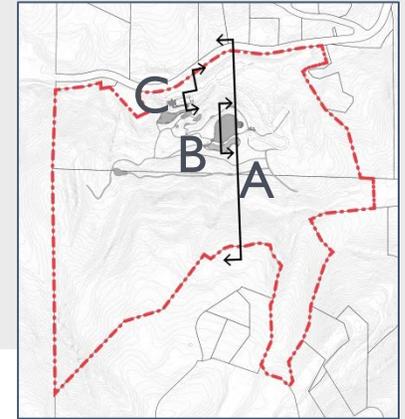


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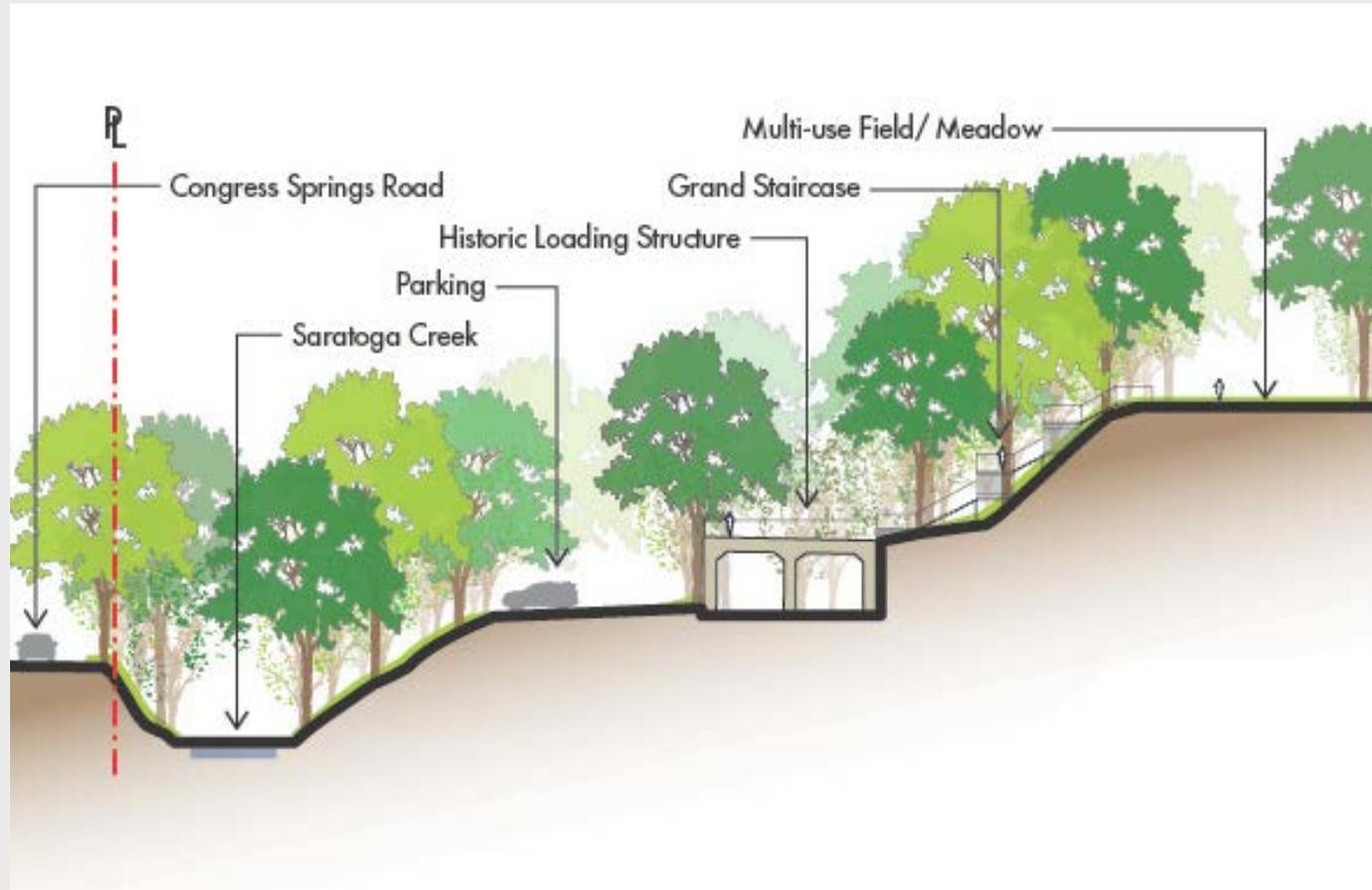
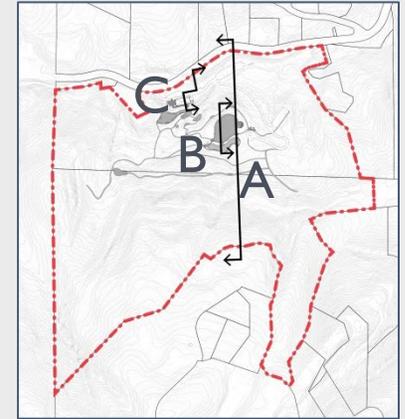
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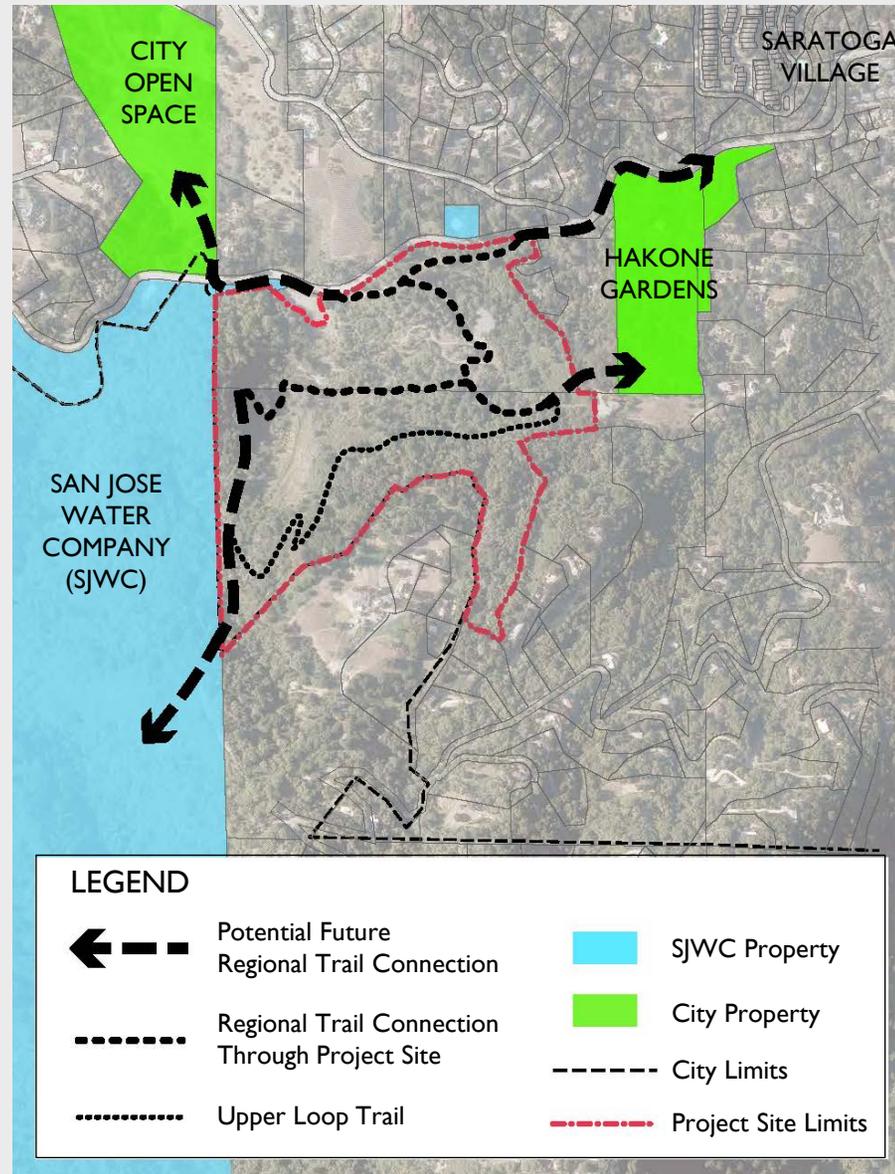
SECTION B: UPPER USE AREA

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SECTION C: LOADING STRUCTURE & GRAND STAIRCASE

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CONTEXT DIAGRAM

Integrated Management Plan & Master Plan

Plan Contents:

Introduction and Vision

- Goals, Objectives, and Policies
- Existing Conditions
- **Quarry Park Concept Plan**
- Design Guidelines
- Interpretive Program
- Natural Resources Management Guidelines
- Implementation and Phasing Plan

Small Group Exercise: Concept Review

1. Concept Plan Review
2. Priorities
3. Implementation
4. Park Character
5. What are we missing?



Report Back



Next Steps

1. Topographic Survey and Tree Survey
2. Administration Draft Initial Survey
3. Integrated Management Plan and Master Plan
4. Community Workshop #4 – February 2014

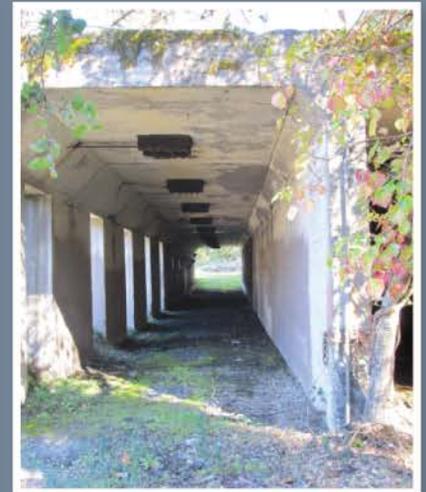
Additional Comments

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