

Saratoga Quarry Park Master Plan

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Workshop Agenda

- **Welcome and Introductions**
- **Presentation**
 - Project Process & Schedule
 - Overview of Draft Master Plan
 - Overview of ISMND
- **Public Comments**
- **Next Steps**
- **Adjourn**



Process & Schedule

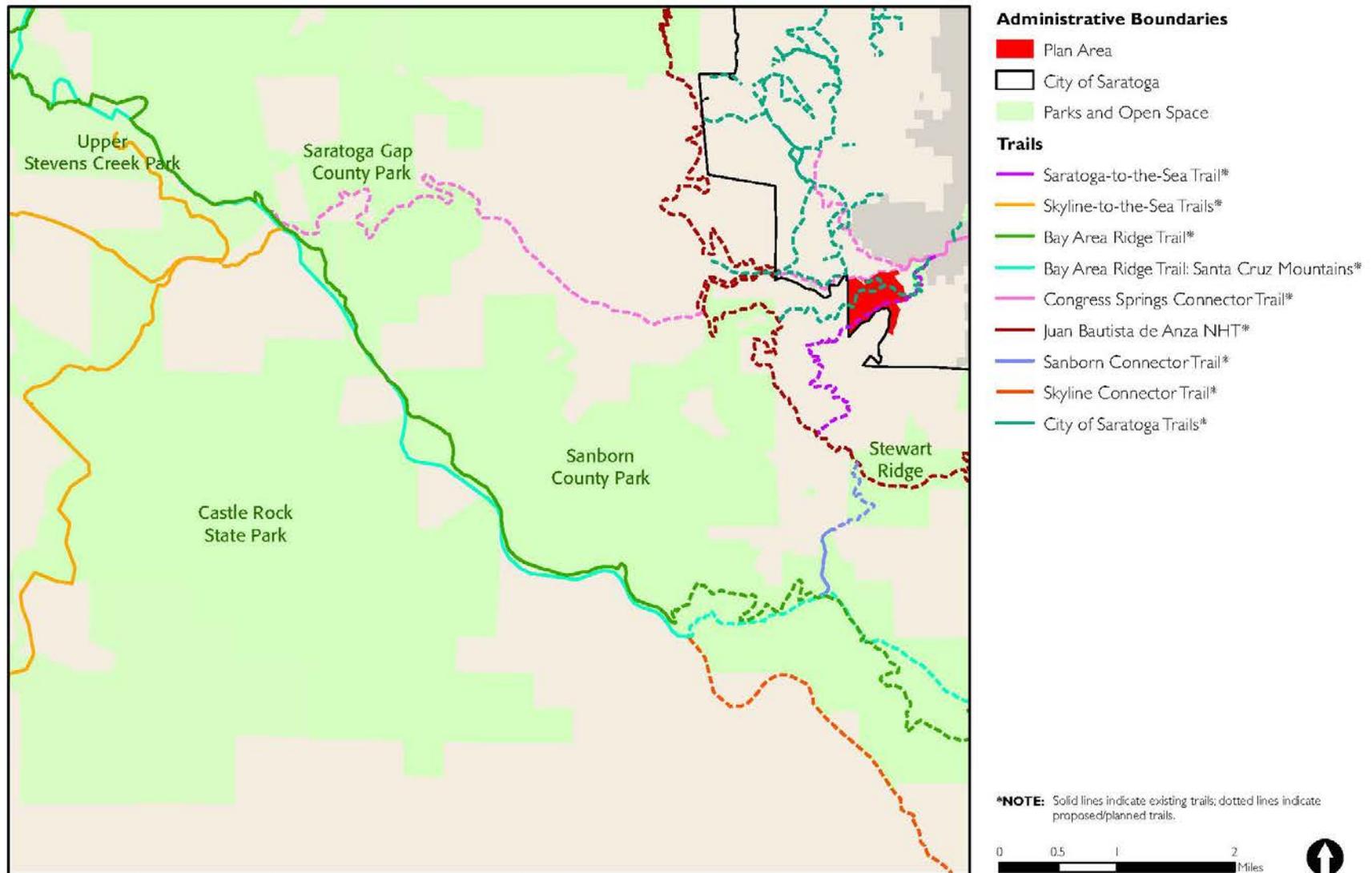


Overview of the Draft Master Plan

Plan Contents:

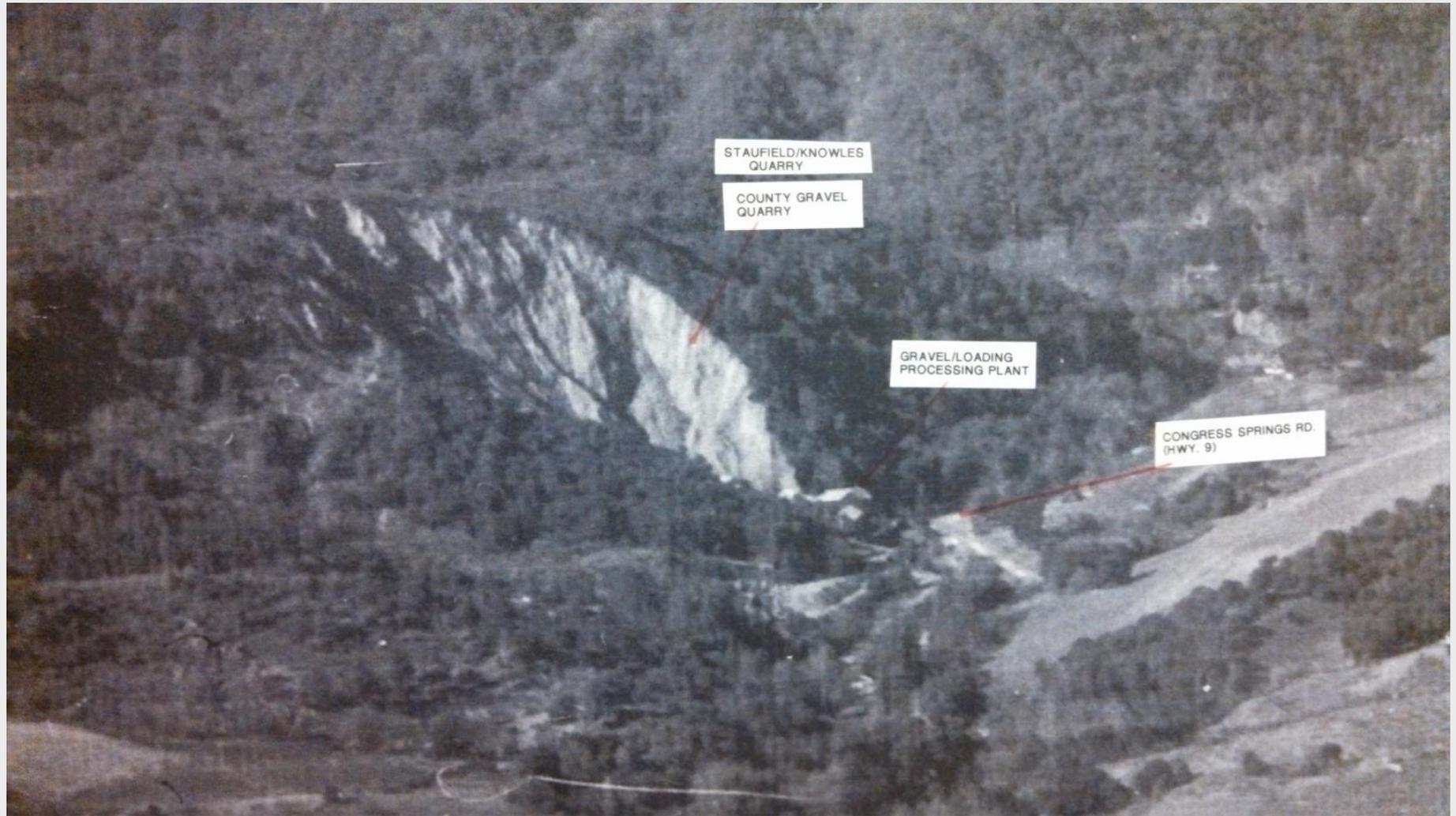
- Introduction
- Vision and Goals
- Existing Conditions, Opportunities, and Constraints
- Preferred Design
- Design Guidelines
- Interpretive Program
- Management Guidelines
- Implementation and Phasing

Regional Context and Connectivity



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

Quarry Park Site



c. 1948

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.



Preferred Design: Programming

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



Existing Structures → Proposed Programming

Loading Structure



Mining Era



c. 2013

Open Air
Museum &
Event Space

Concrete-Lined
Tunnels



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Mining
Interpretive
Station &
Bat Habitat

Picnic Facility



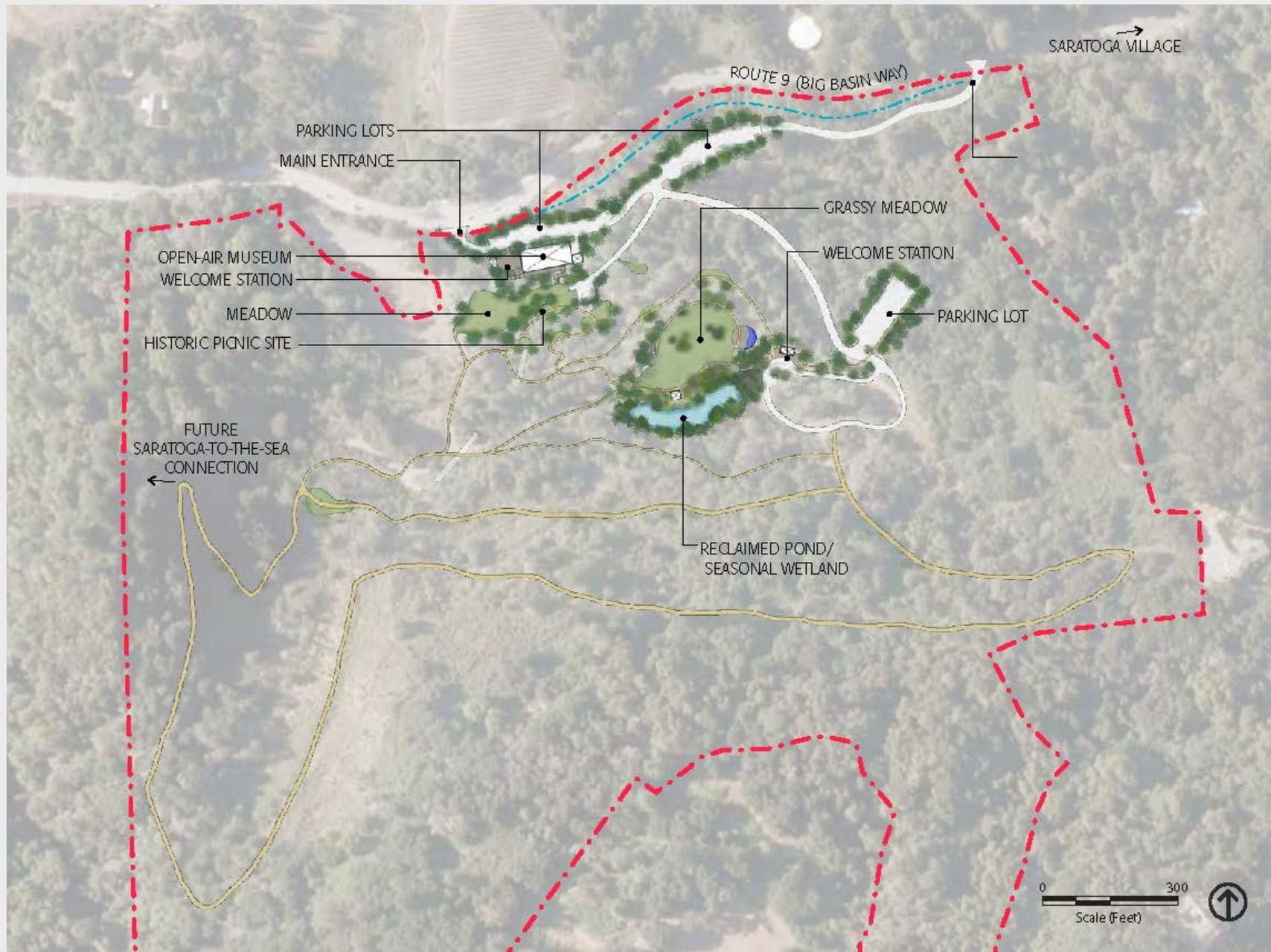
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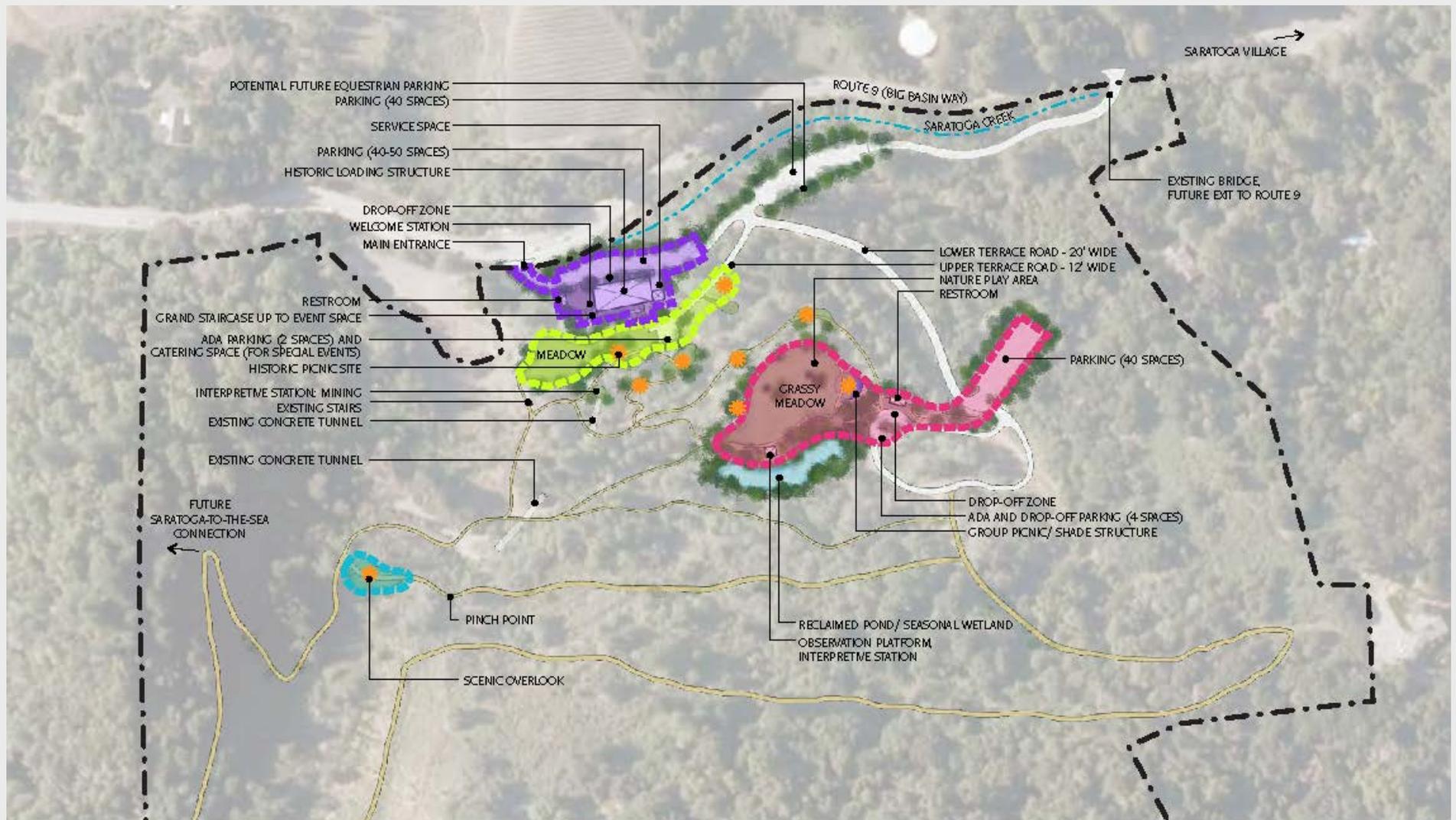
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Restored
Picnic Areas

Preferred Design: Concept



Preferred Design: Use Areas

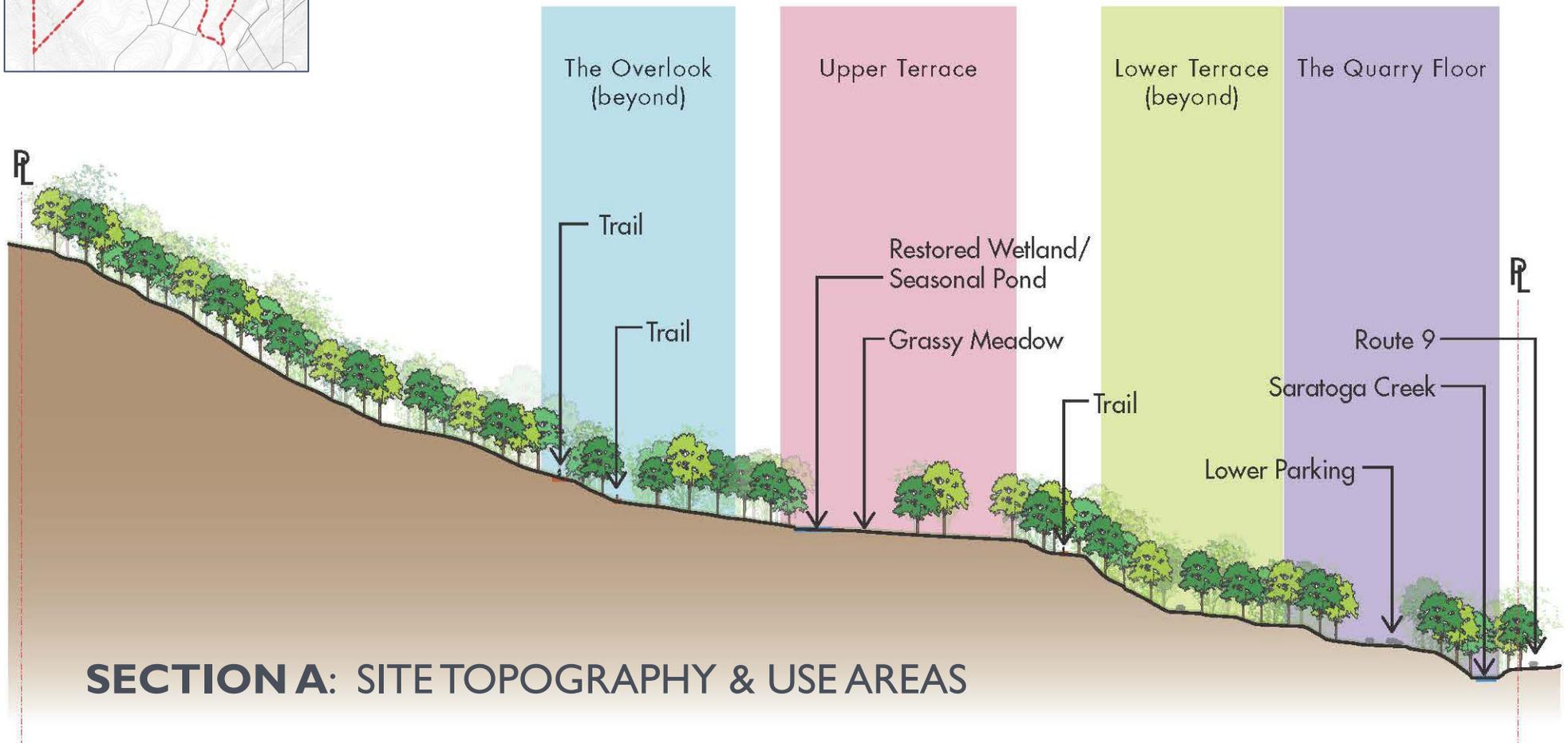
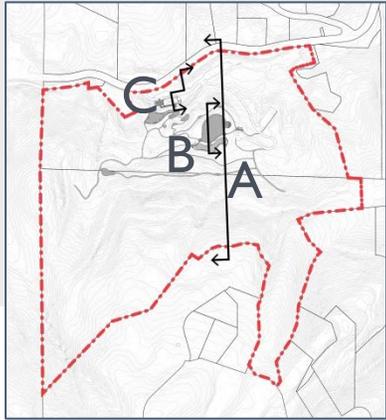


LEGEND

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|  | 1. The Quarry Floor |  | 4. The Overlook |
|  | 2. Lower Terrace |  | Picnic Areas |
|  | 3. Upper Terrace |  | Property Line |

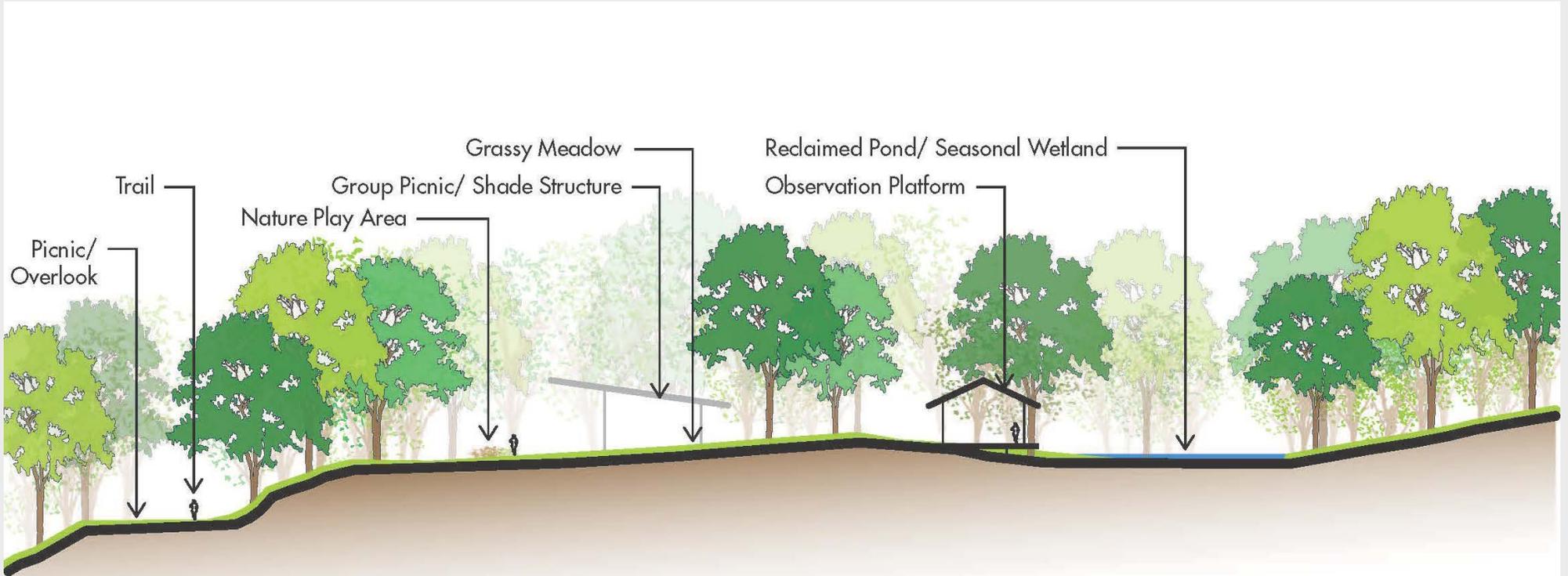


Preferred Design: Use Areas

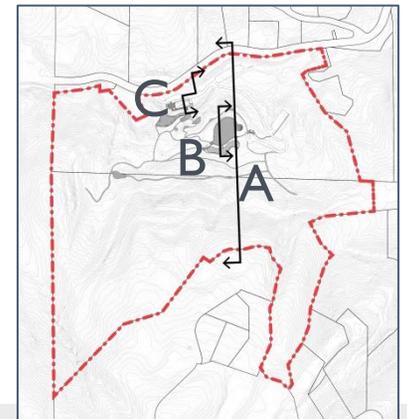


SECTION A: SITE TOPOGRAPHY & USE AREAS

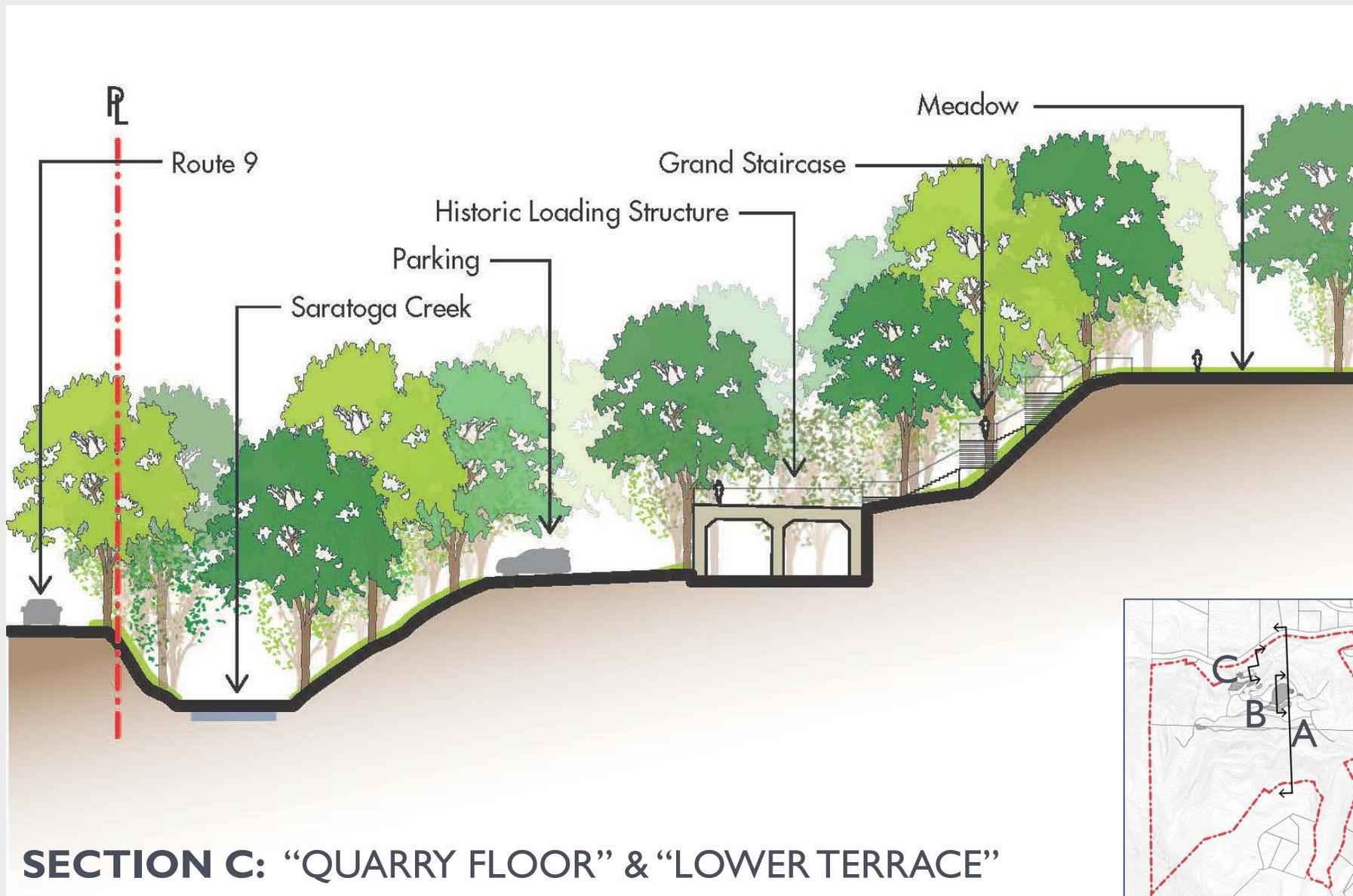
Preferred Design: Use Areas



SECTION B: "UPPER TERRACE"



Preferred Design: Use Areas



Design Guidelines

All park components should be designed and constructed to be consistent with the Park's historic character and environmental setting.



Interpretive Program

Themes:

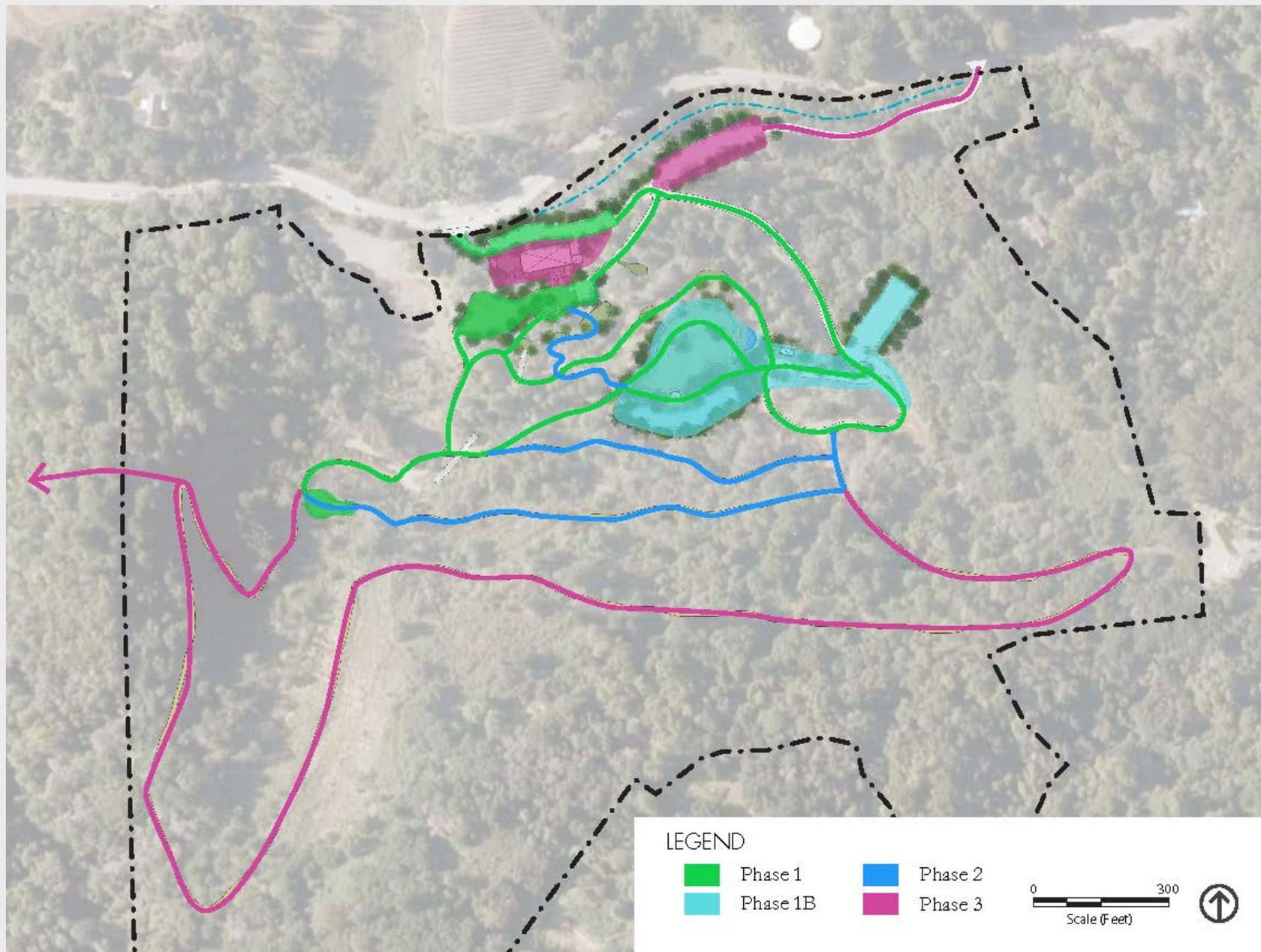
- Open Air Museum
“The Treasure Chest”
- Hidden Playground
- Tunnels into the Past
- Retired Tools
- Sculpted Landscape
- Habitat Enhancement
- Unexpected Arboretum



Management Guidelines

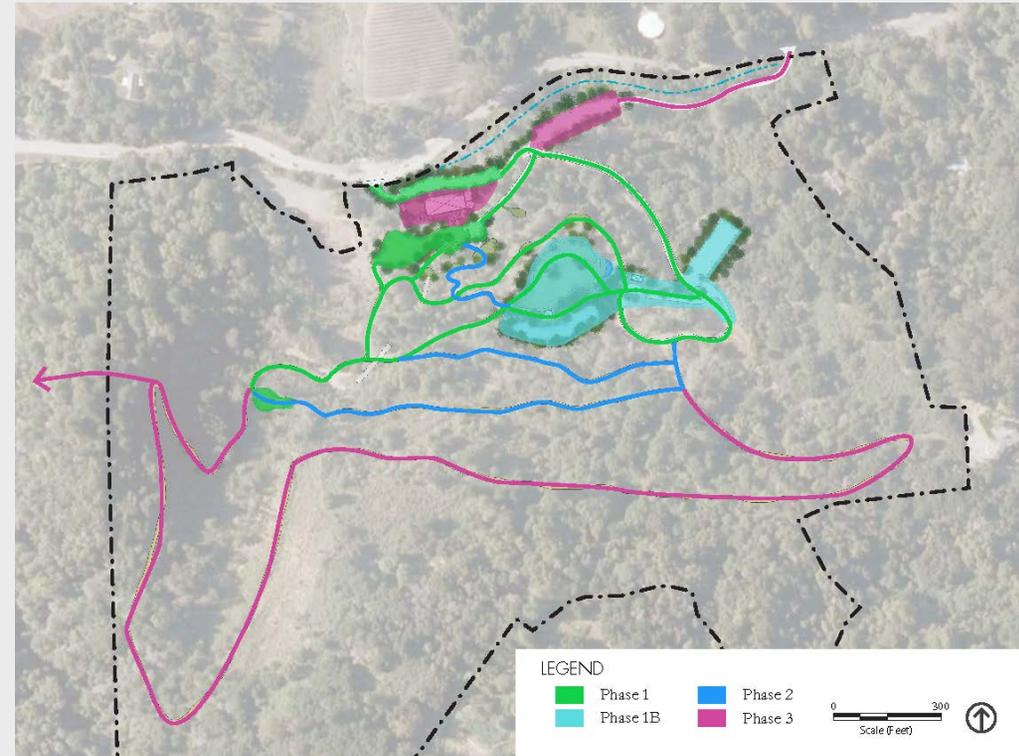
- Management Guidelines:
 - Infrastructure Operations and Maintenance (park access, facility security)
 - Natural Resources (riparian buffers, protection of special-status species habitat, invasive species control, revegetation)
- Conservation Measures:
 - Prepare/Present a Worker Environmental Awareness Program
 - Stormwater Pollution Prevention BMPs
 - Minimize Impacts on Special-status Plants; Sensitive Natural Communities, including Wetlands; Special-status Amphibian/Reptile Species; Nesting Birds; San Francisco Dusky-footed Woodrats

Implementation & Phasing



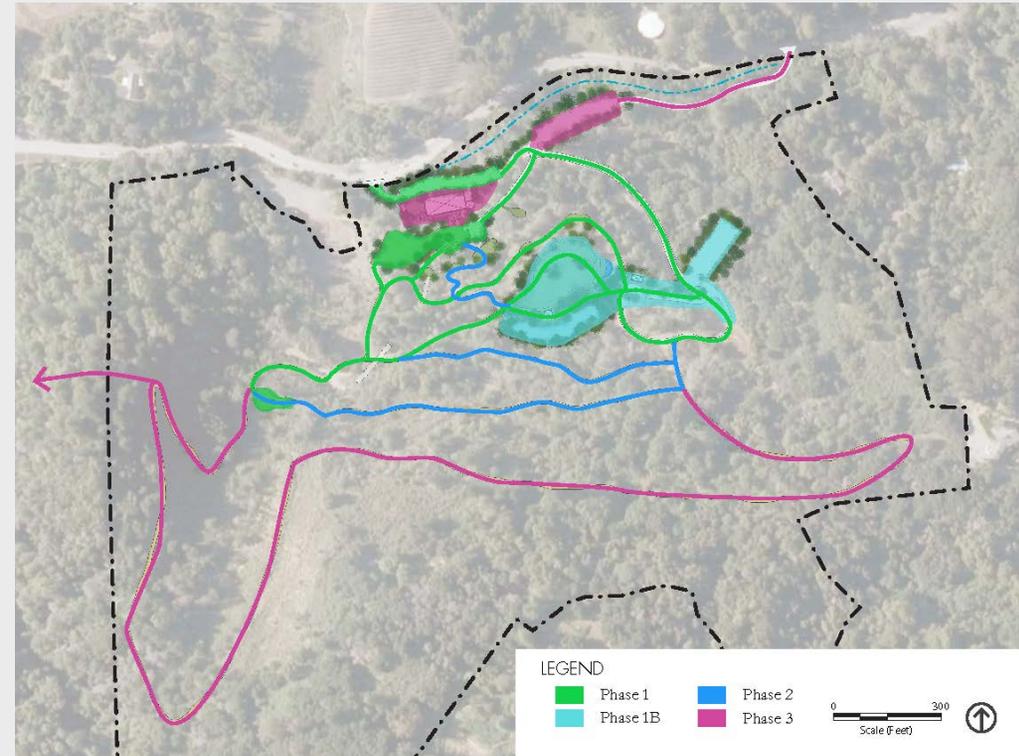
Phase 1: Potential Site Amenities

- Staging Area with Informational Kiosk
- Hiking/Equestrian Trails
- “Lower Terrace”
 - Renovation of Historic Picnic Area
- “Scenic Overlook”
 - Benches and/or Picnic Table
- Potential Regional Multi-use Trail Connection



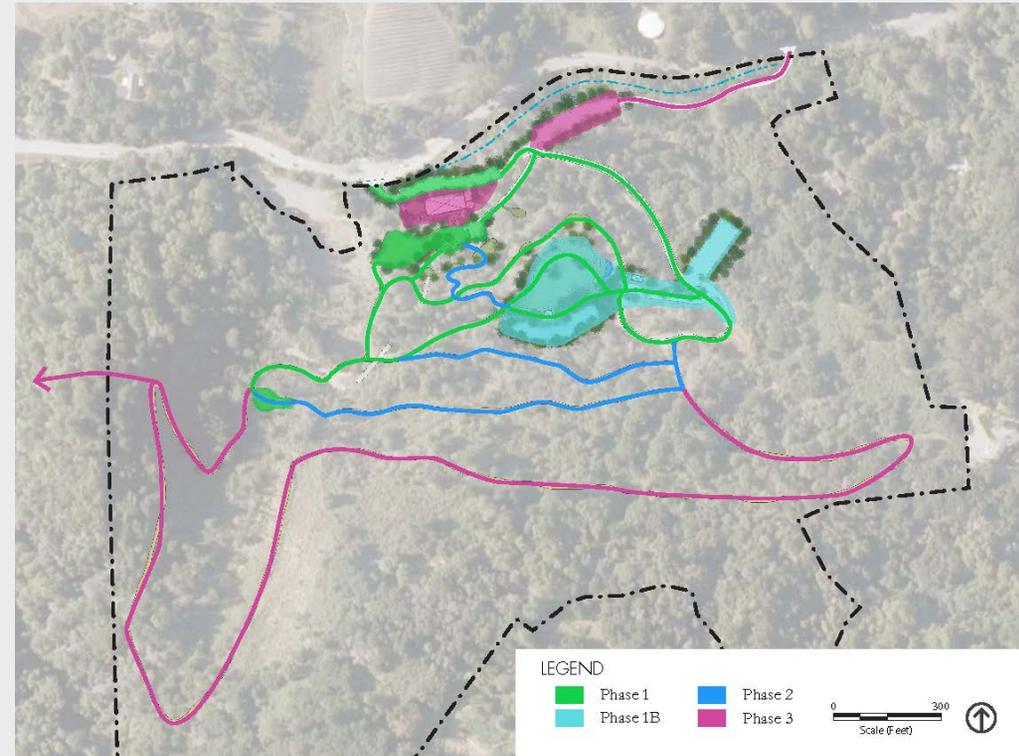
Phase 1B: Potential Site Amenities

- “Upper Terrace”
 - Upper Parking Lot, ADA drop-off
 - Welcome Station (restroom, benches, drinking fountain)
 - Meadow, Natural Play Area, Group Picnic Shelter
 - Pond Restoration, Observation Platform
- Interpretive Stations



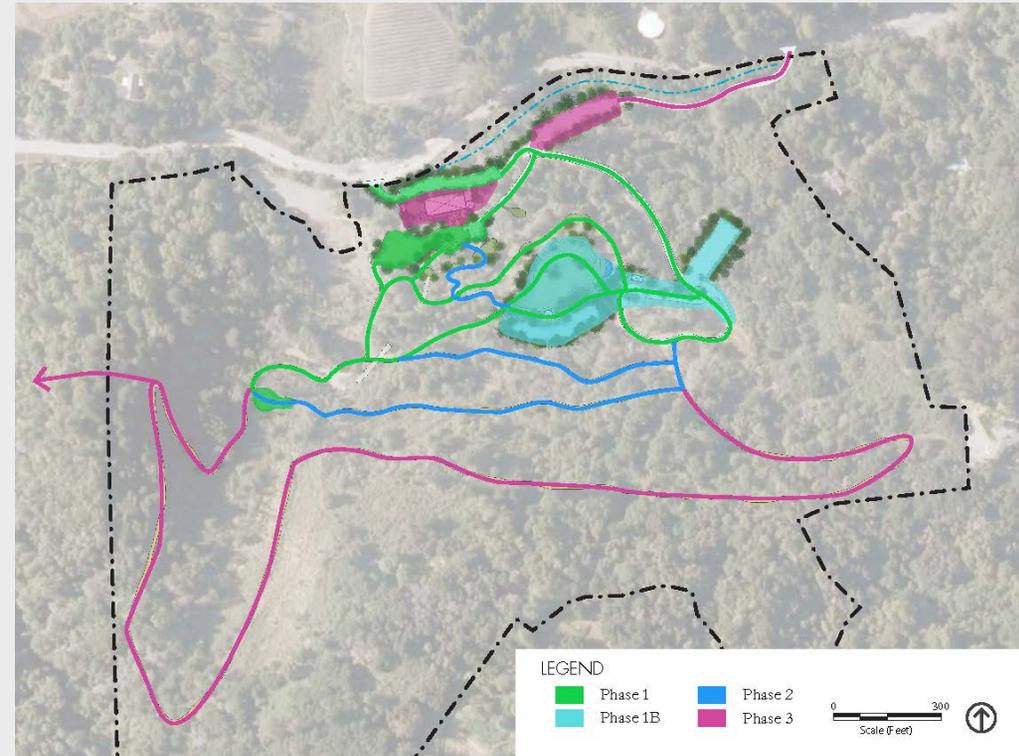
Phase 2: Potential Site Amenities

- Additional Hiking Trails (new construction)
- Interpretive Elements and Picnic Areas

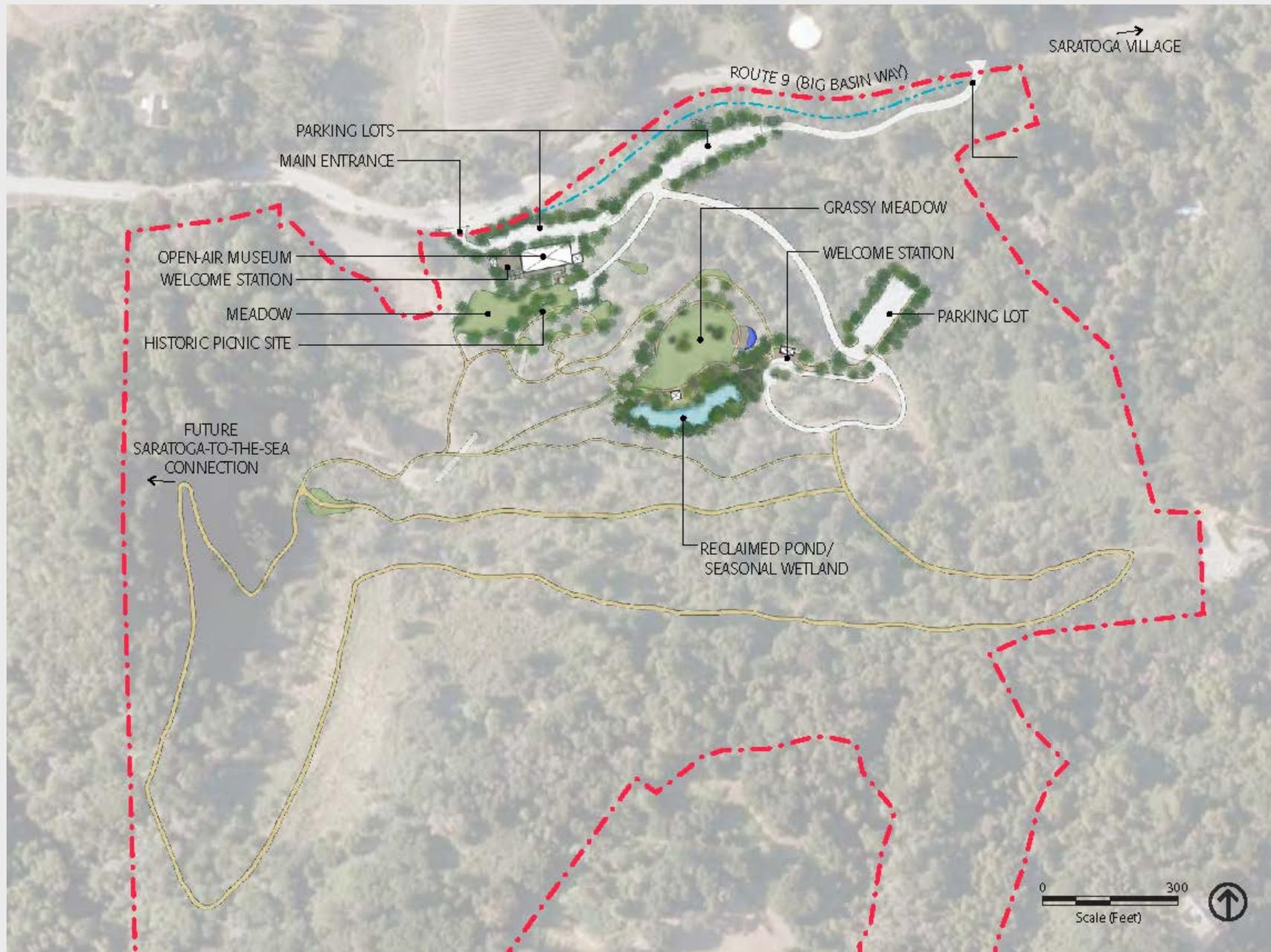


Phase 3: Potential Site Amenities

- Upper Hiking Loop
- “Quarry Floor”
 - Welcome Station (restroom, benches, drinking fountains)
 - Open Air Museum / Event Space at Loading Structure
- Overflow Parking



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Overview of IS/MND

- The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires certain plans to undergo environmental review.
- A Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) is an environmental review document that is prepared if an Initial Study (IS) identifies potentially significant effects with a project, but proposed mitigation measures will avoid or reduce the effects to a point where no significant effects would occur.

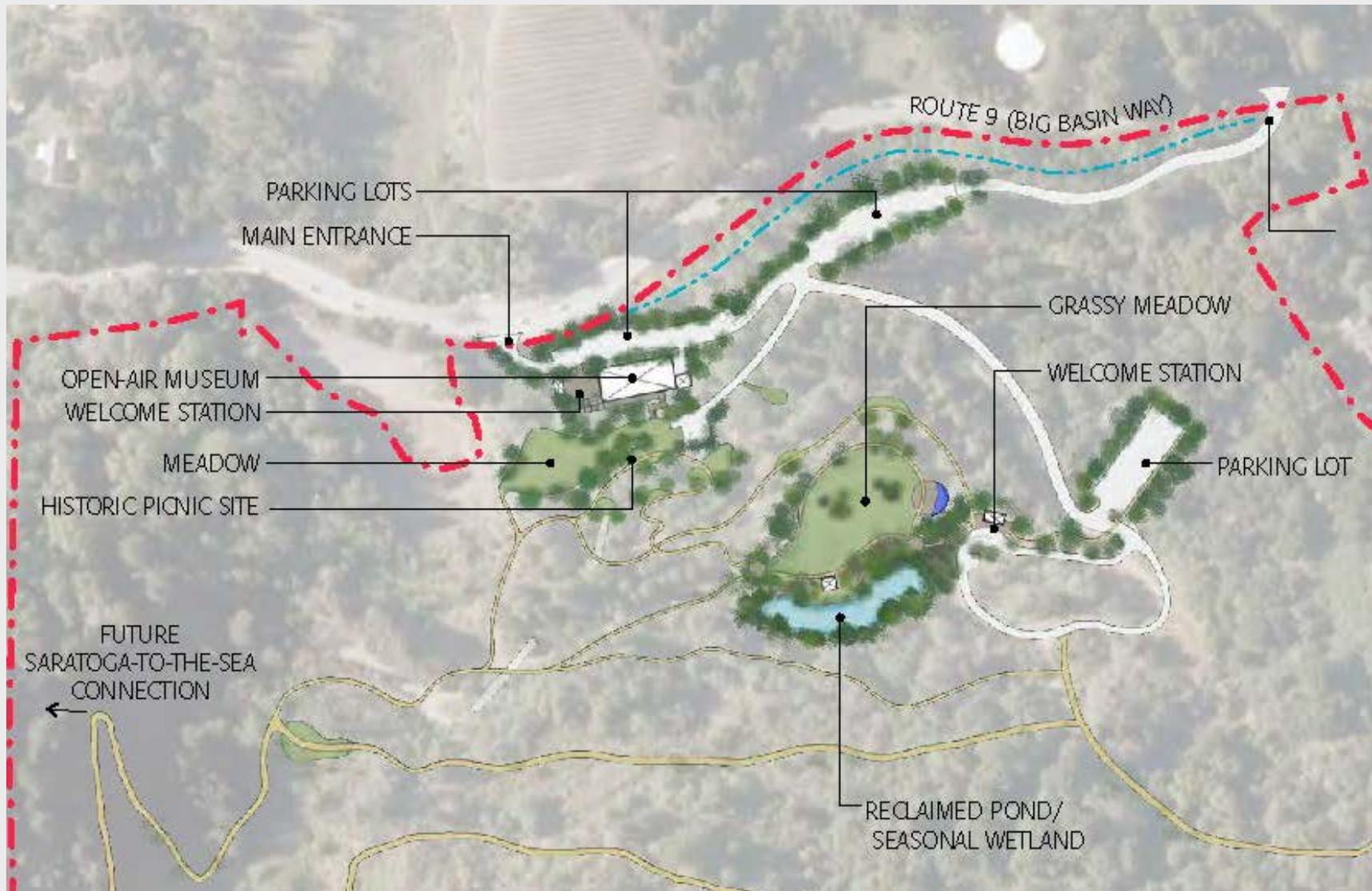
Environmental Issues Addressed in the IS/MND

- Land Use, Plans & Policies
- Aesthetics & Visual Quality
- Agricultural & Forestry Resources
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Climate Change
- Cultural, Historical & Archeological Resources
- Geology & Soils
- Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology & Water Quality
- Noise
- Transportation & Circulation
- Utilities & Services
- Public Services & Recreation

 No significant impacts were identified.

 Public Review Period: April 30- May 29, 2014.

Comments?



Next Steps

- Draft ISMND Published: April 30, 2014
- **Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting: May 13, 2014**
- Draft ISMND Public Comment Period: April 30 to May 29, 2014
- City Council Meeting: June 4, 2014

Additional Comments

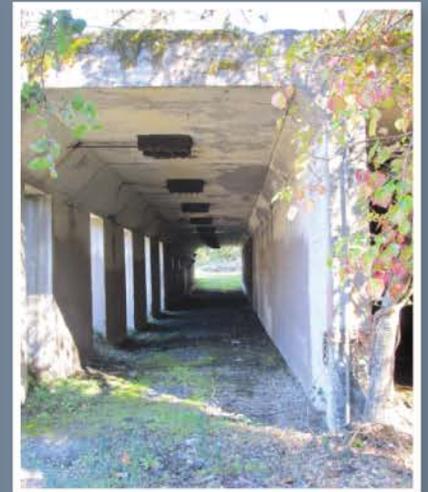
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