

# Saratoga Quarry Park Master Plan

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# Presentation Overview

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- Project Process & Schedule
- Overview of Draft Master Plan
- Overview of ISMND
- Public Comments and Responses



# Process & Schedule



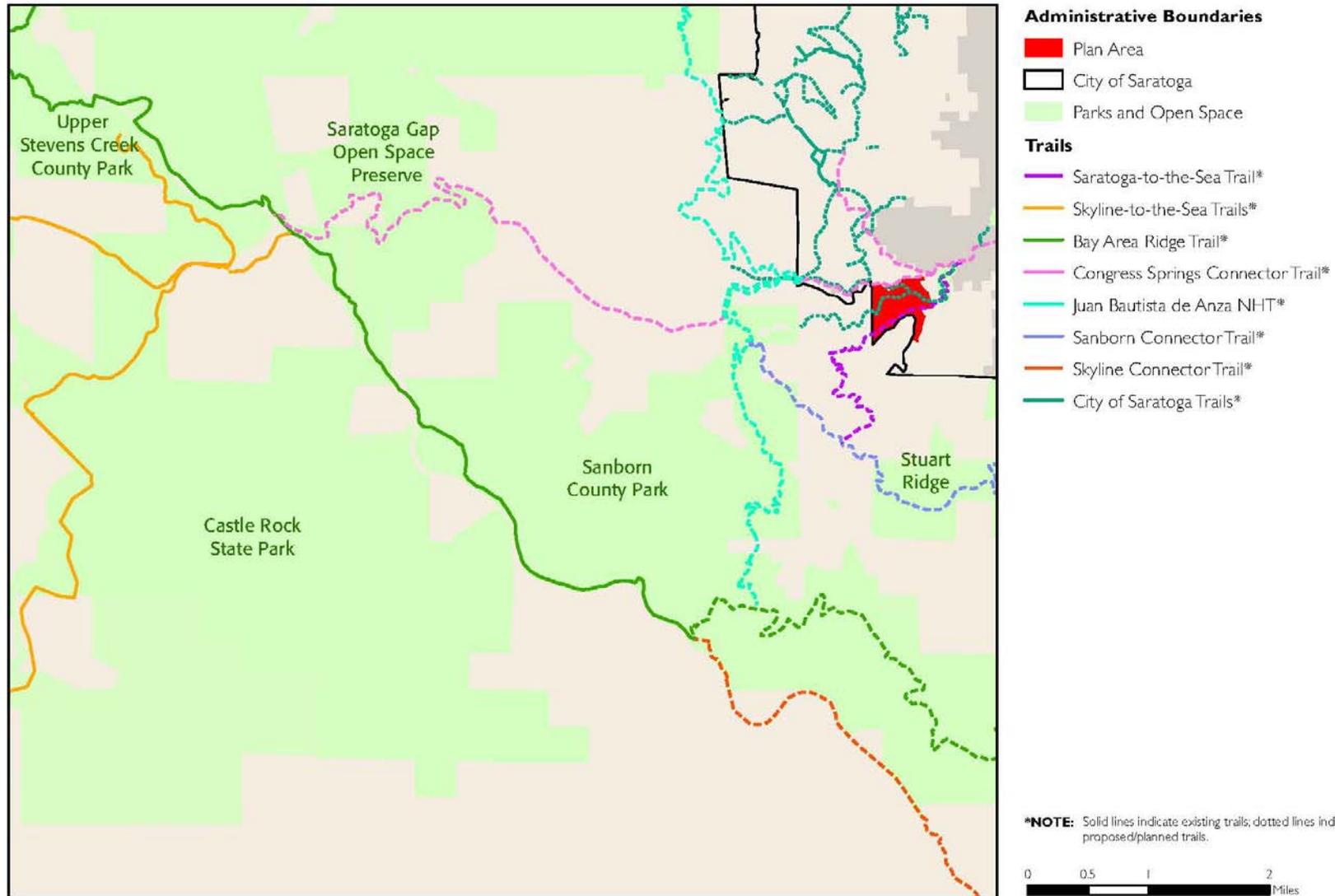
# Overview of the Draft Master Plan

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## Plan Contents:

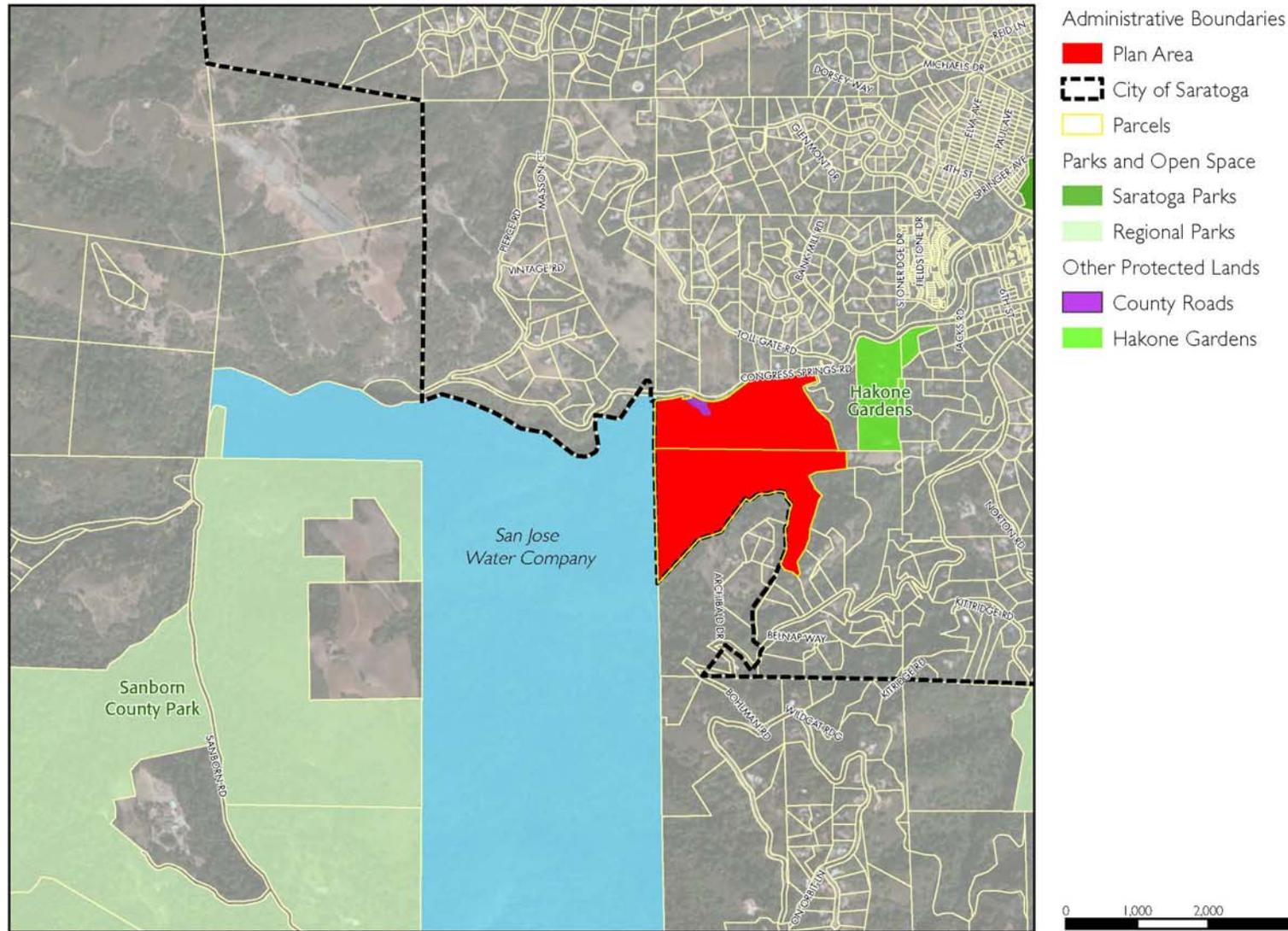
- Introduction
- Vision and Goals
- Existing Conditions, Opportunities, and Constraints
- Preferred Design
- Design Guidelines
- Interpretive Program
- Management Guidelines
- Implementation and Phasing

# 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.

# Regional Context and Connectivity



# Quarry Park Site

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c. 1948

# Vision Statement

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*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.*



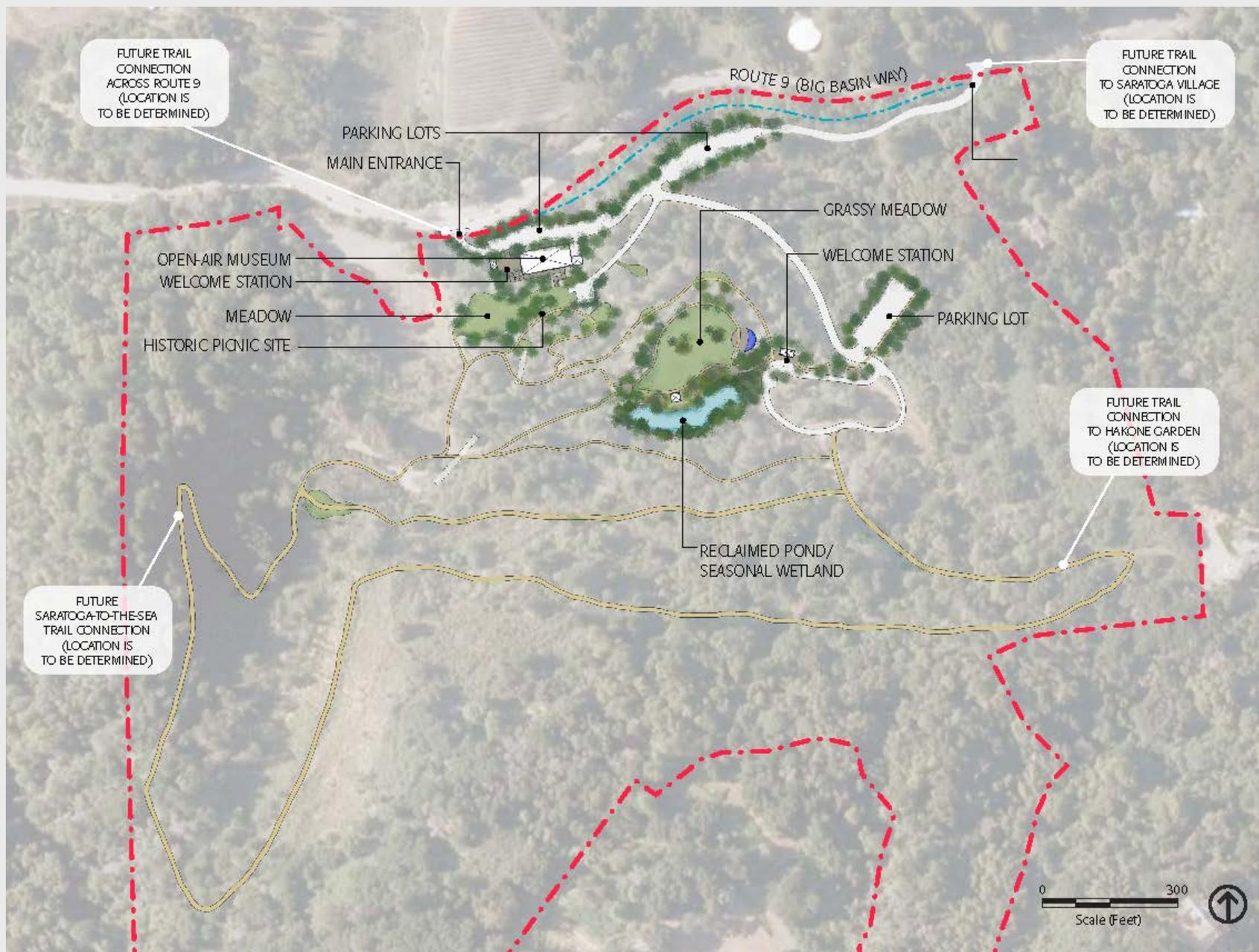
# Project Goals

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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: Concept



# Existing Structures → Key Features

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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



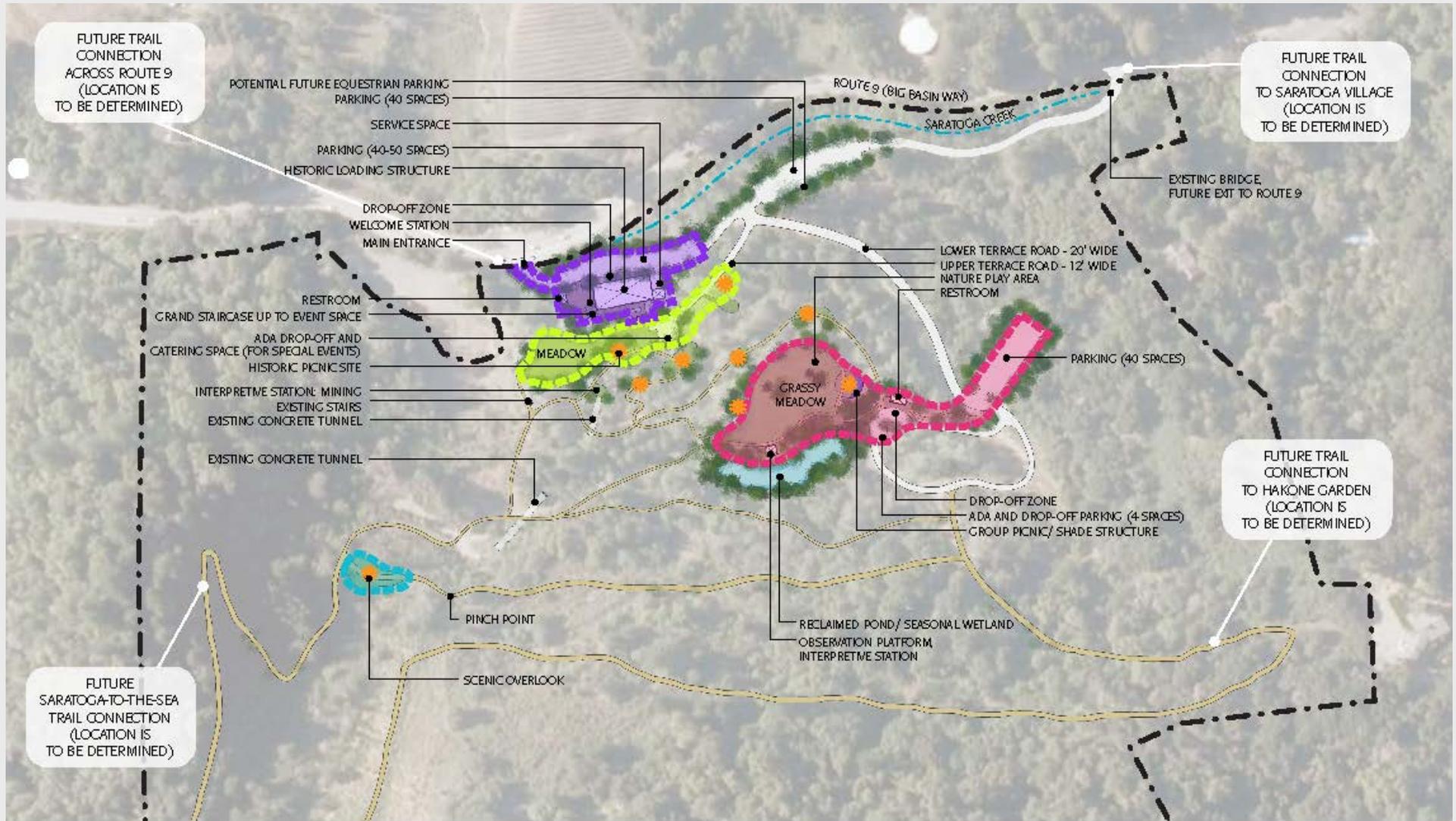
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Restored  
Picnic Areas

# Preferred Design: Use Areas

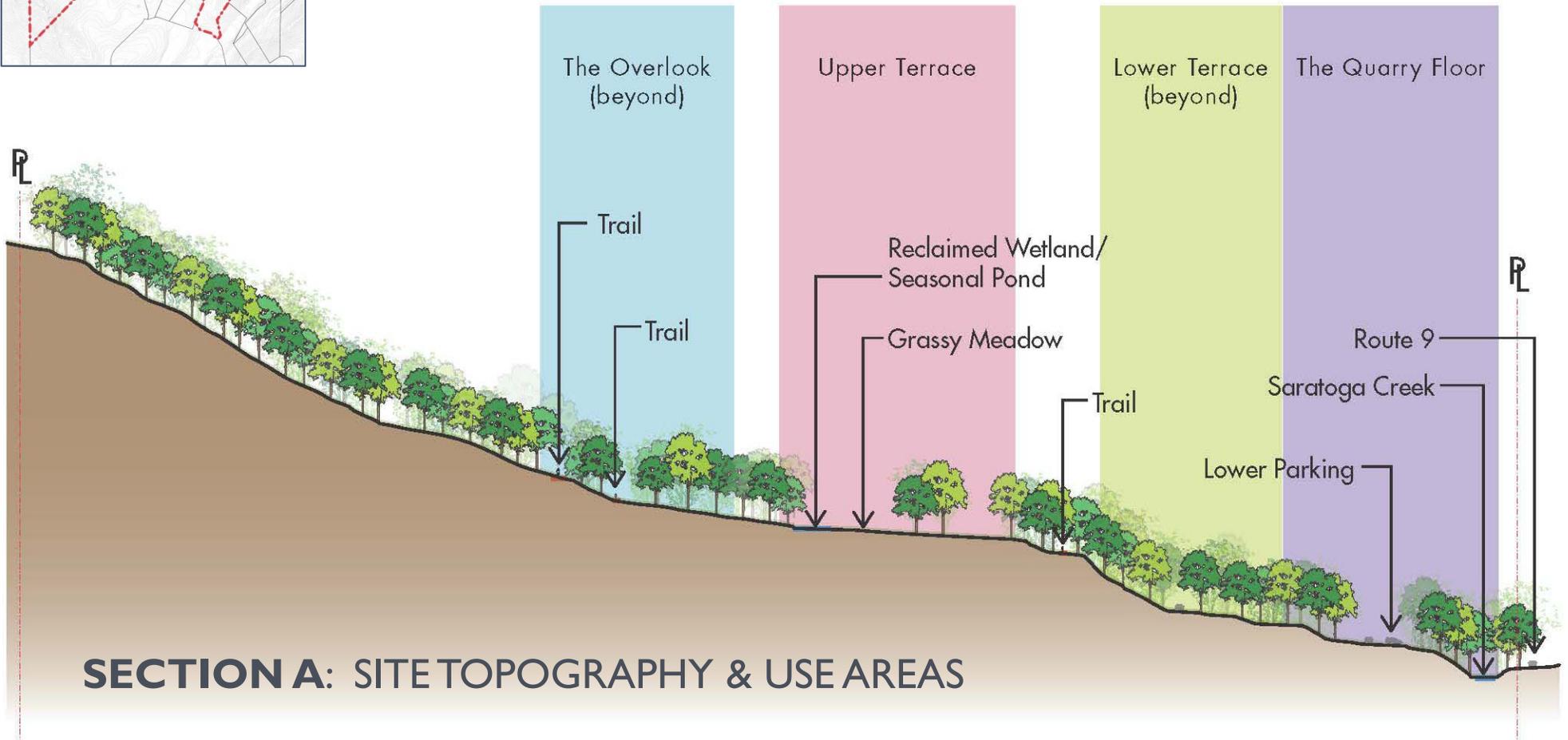
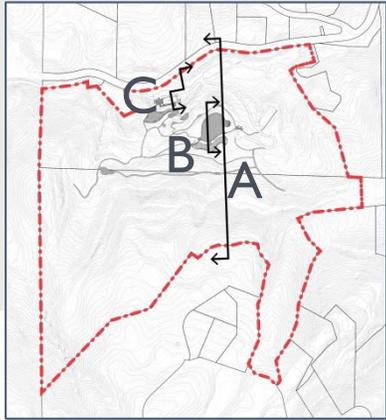


## LEGEND

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

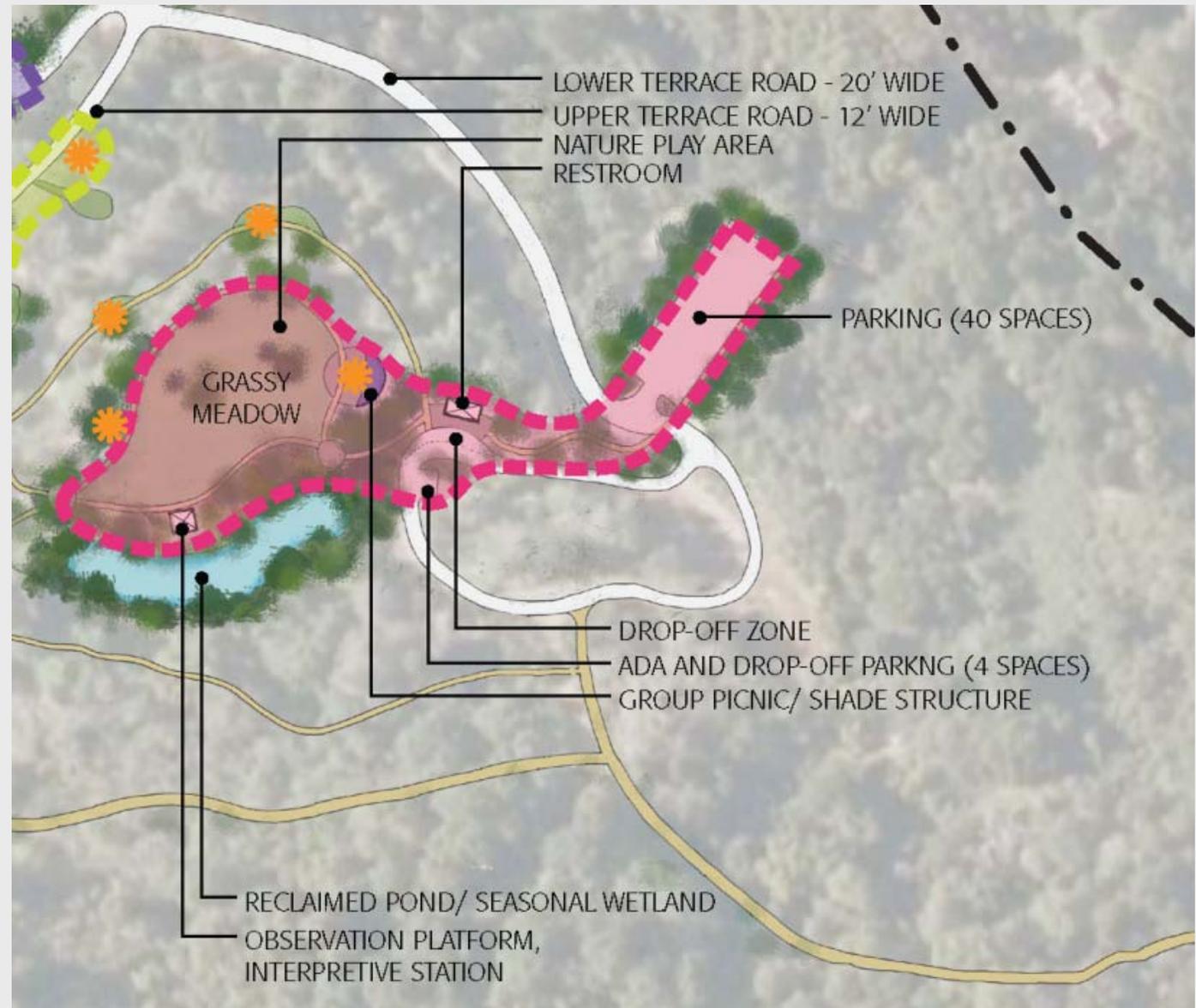


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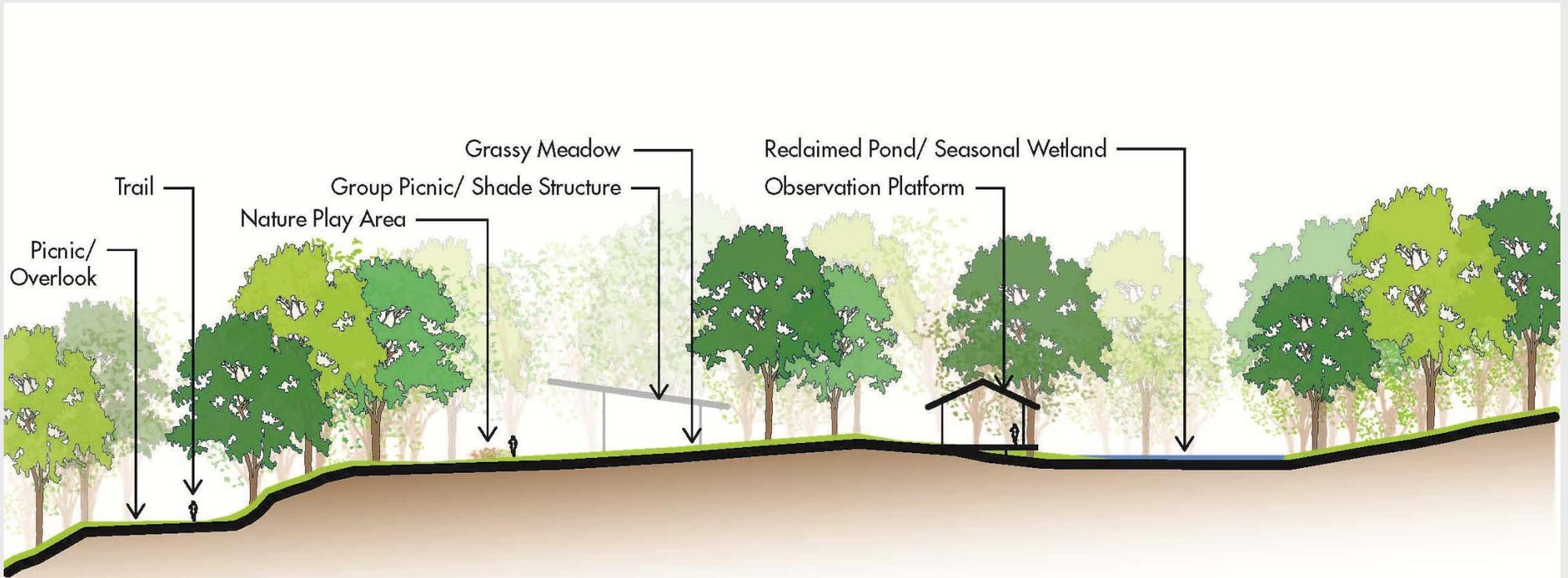


**SECTION A: SITE TOPOGRAPHY & USE AREAS**

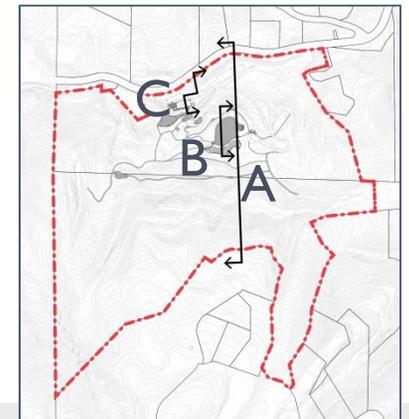
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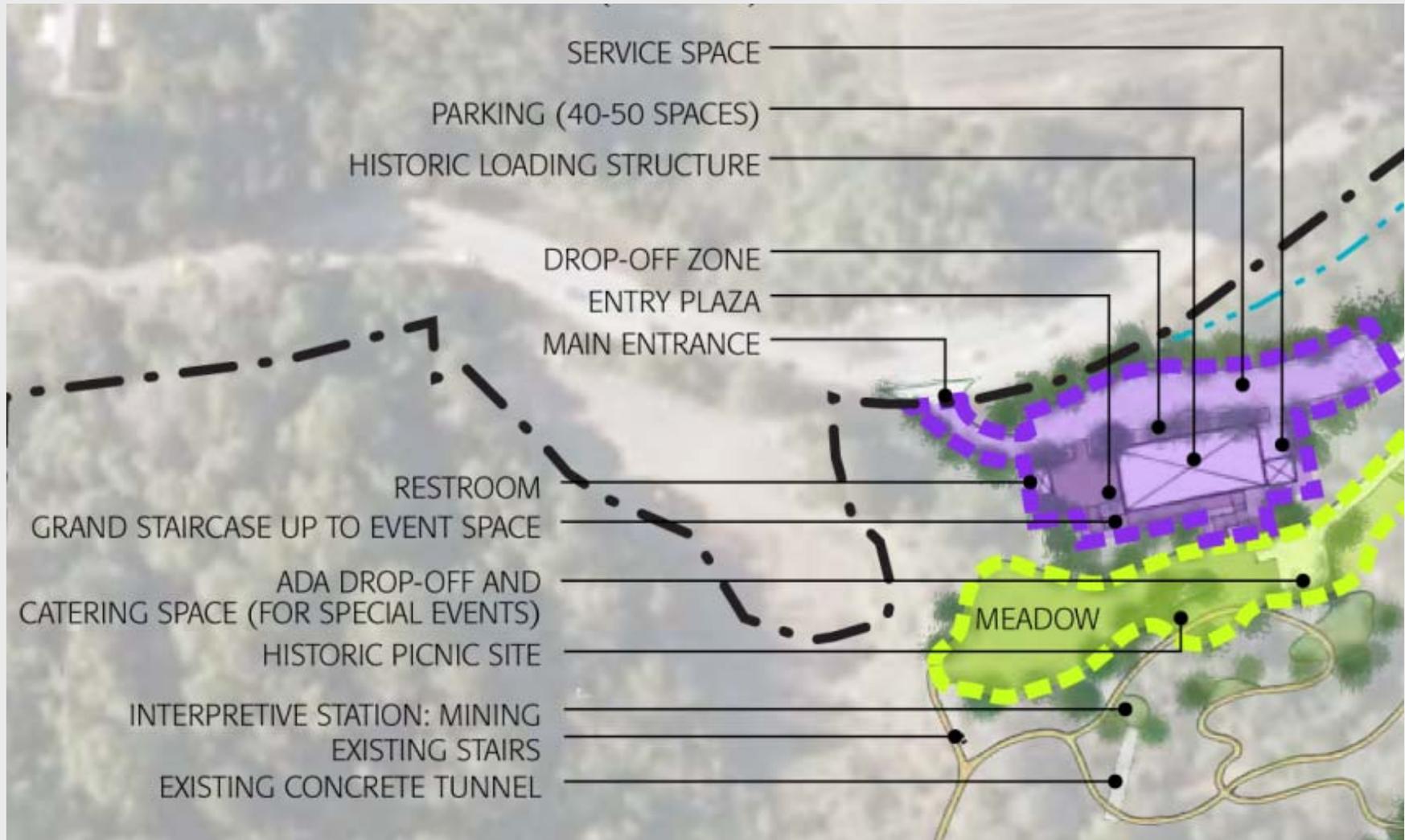
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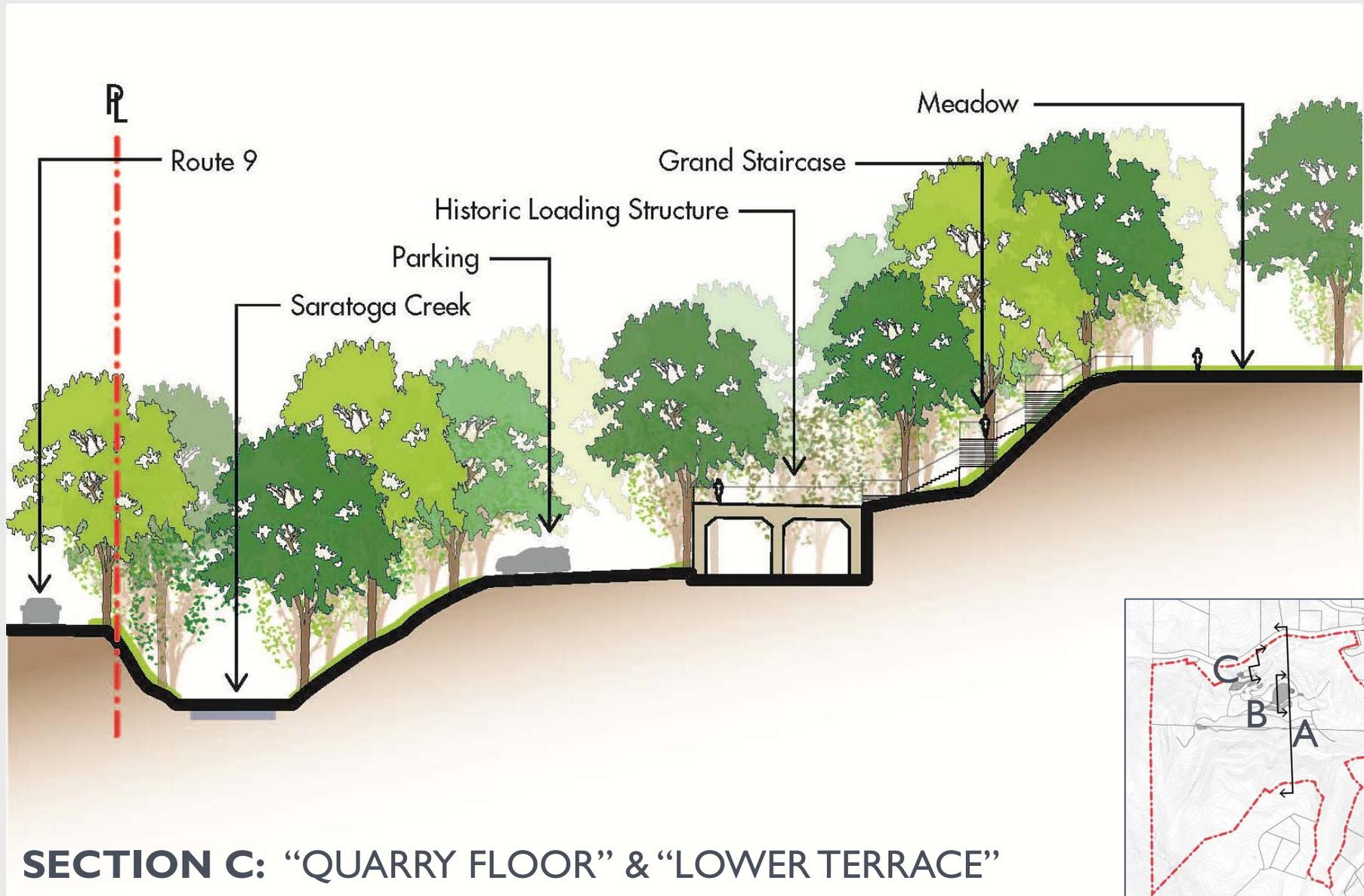
**SECTION B: "UPPER TERRACE"**



# Preferred Design: “Quarry Floor” / “Lower Terrace”



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**SECTION C: “QUARRY FLOOR” & “LOWER TERRACE”**

# Design Guidelines

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



# Interpretive Program

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## *Saratoga Quarry Park: A Treasure Trove!*

- Open Air Museum  
Hidden Playground
- Tunnels into the Past
- Retired Tools
- Sculpted Landscape
- Habitat Enhancement
- Unexpected Arboretum



# Management Guidelines

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- Infrastructure Operations and Maintenance
- Natural Resources
- Conservation Measures



# Implementation & Phasing



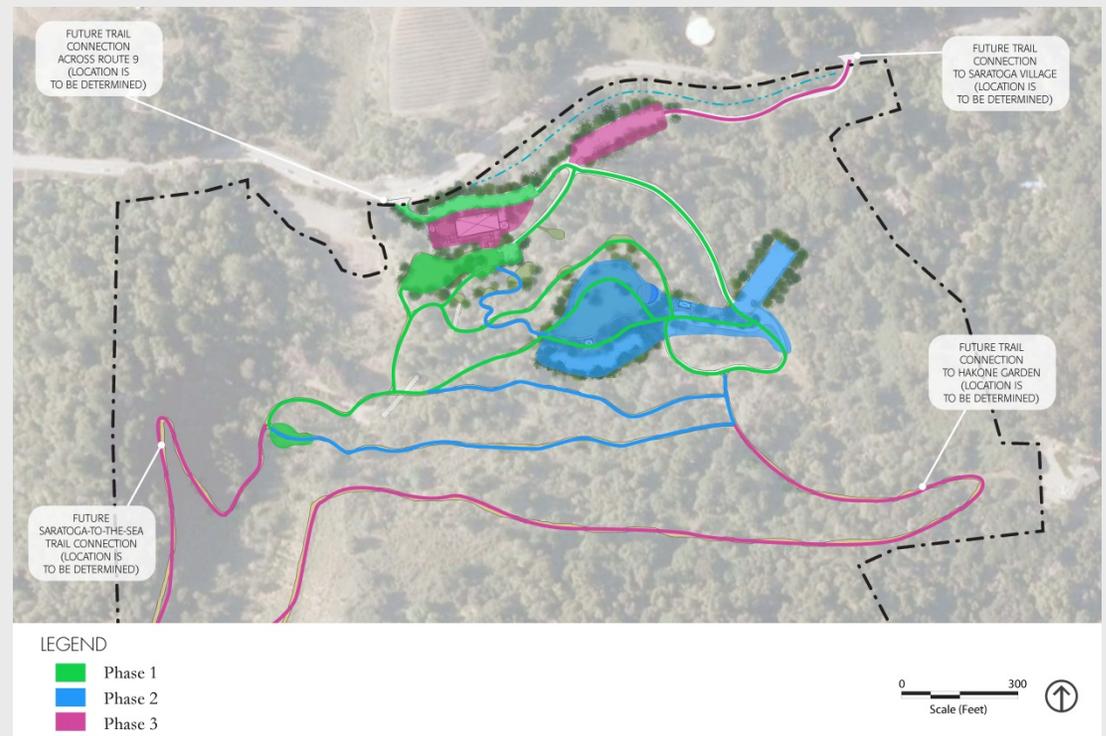
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- Phase 1
- Phase 2
- Phase 3



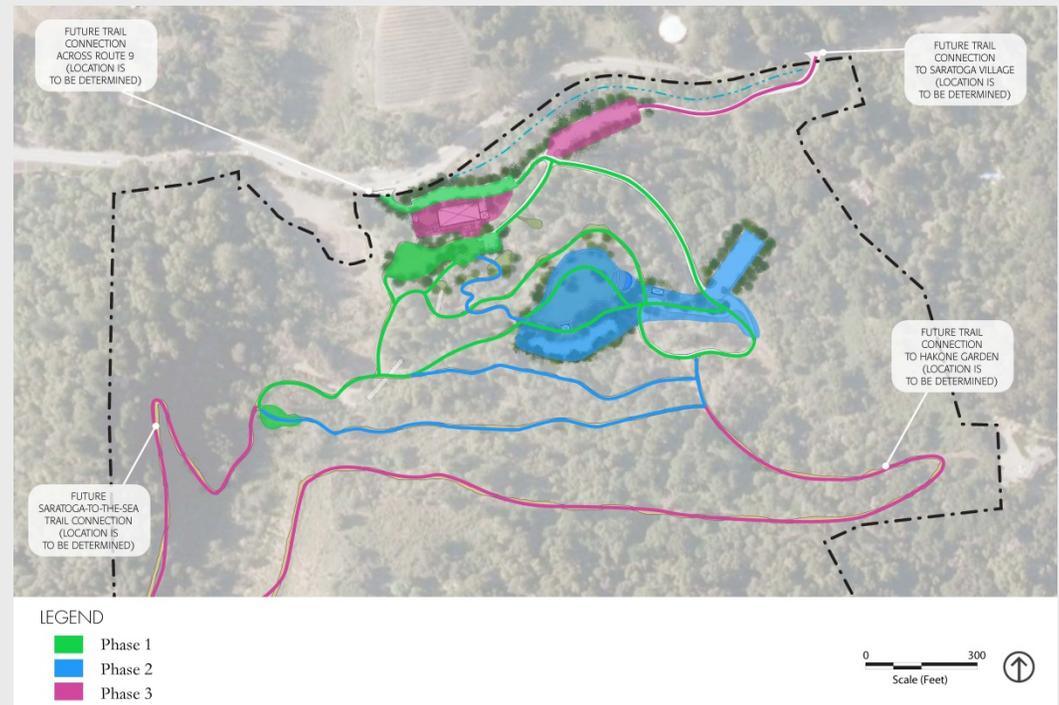
# Phase 1

- Staging Area
- Trails (0.8 miles)
- “Lower Terrace”
  - Renovation of Historic Picnic Area
- “Scenic Overlook”
- Signage and site furnishings



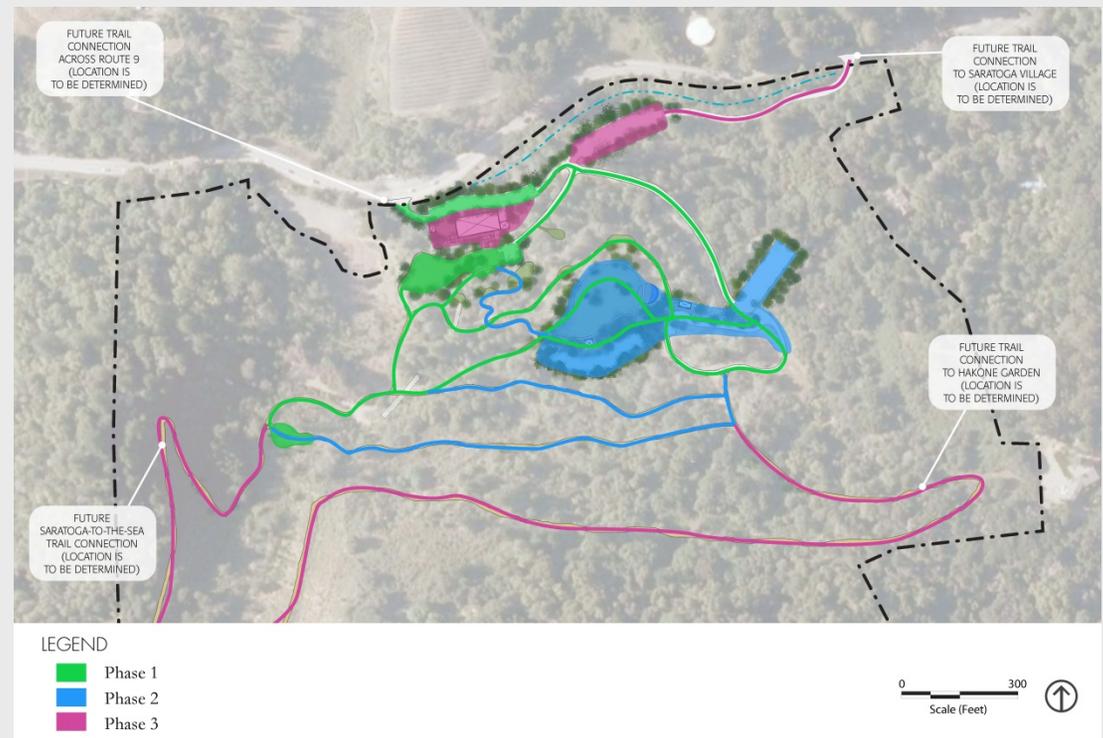
# Phase 2

- “Upper Terrace”
  - Road and Parking Lot
  - Welcome Station (restroom, benches, drinking fountain)
  - Meadow, Natural Play Area, Group Picnic Shelter
  - Pond enhancement
- Trails (1 mile) and Interpretive Stations

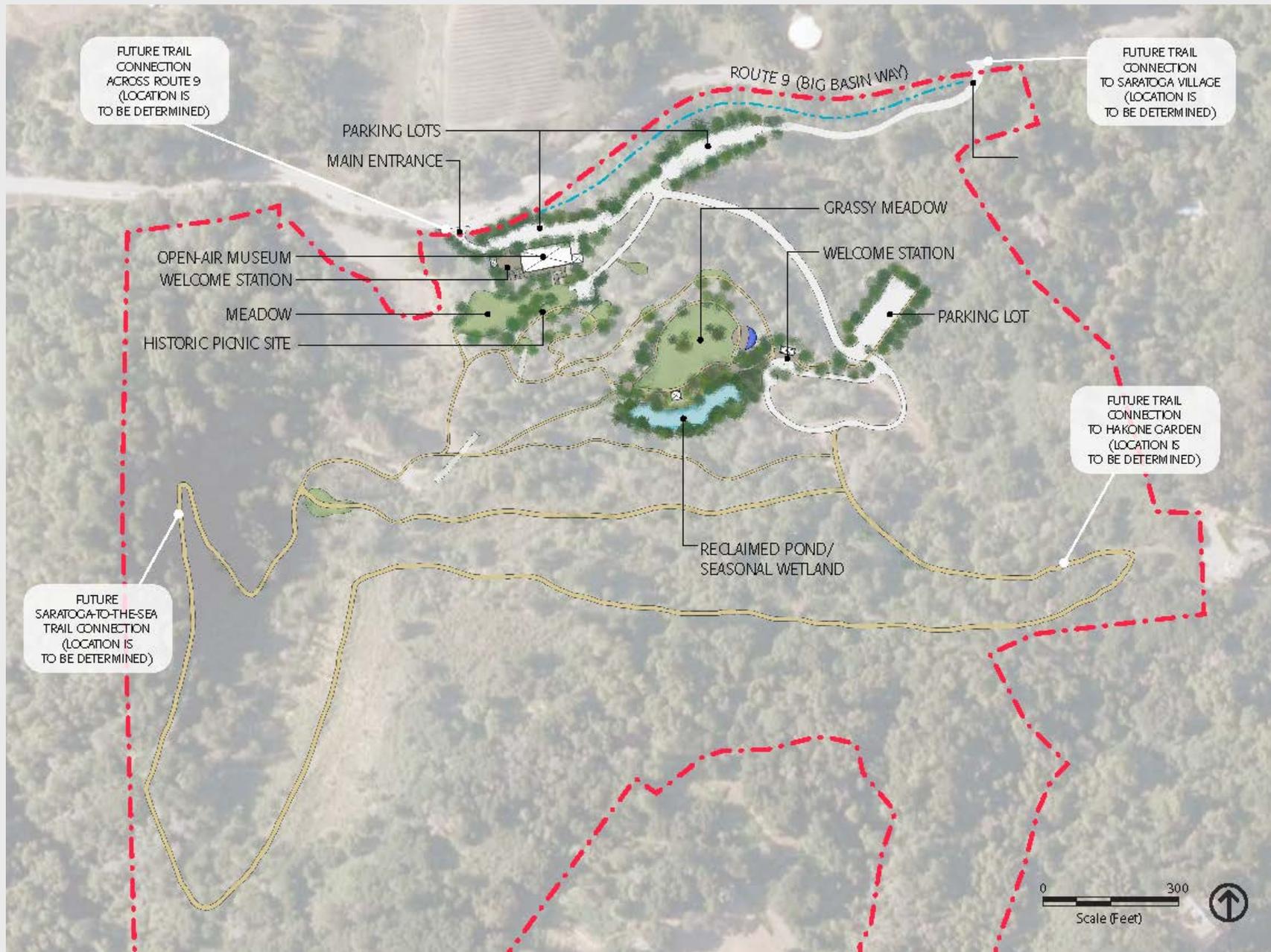


# Phase 3

- Saratoga-to-Sea Trail connection to West
- Upper Hiking Loop
- “Quarry Floor”
  - Welcome Station
  - Open Air Museum / Event Space at Loading Structure
- Eastern Quarry Road and Parking
- Other Regional Connections



# Saratoga Quarry Park Draft Master Plan



# Overview of IS/MND

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- 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

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- 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 Received and Revisions to IS/MND

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Three comment letters from the public were received regarding CEQA issues.

Comments did not question the adequacy of the analysis, and requested only minor revisions to the IS/MND. Revisions to the IS/MND included:

- Expanding the Policy Setting of the Project Description to include descriptions of the following:
  - Countywide Trails Master Plan (1995)
  - Sanborn County Park Trails Master Plan (2007)
  - MROSD Vision Plan (2014)
- Updating Figure 1 to show existing and proposed trails in the vicinity of the Project site.

Determinations included in the IS/MND were not affected as a result of the revisions.

# Comments Received and Revisions to Master Plan

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Additional comments received related to the Master Plan:

- Clarification of allowable uses and regional connections. *(Revisions made)*
- Request that the open space easement through Saratoga Heights not be shown as “dedicated City Open Space.” *(Revision made)*
- Request to include mountain biking in list of community groups that have been identified for volunteering and stewardship. *(Revision made)*
- Support for/interest in additional mountain bike access at Saratoga Quarry Park. *(No revisions made)*
- Request to remove minimum trail width specifications for multi-use trails, and to defer trail design based on best standards and practices at time of construction. *(No revisions made)*

# Next Steps

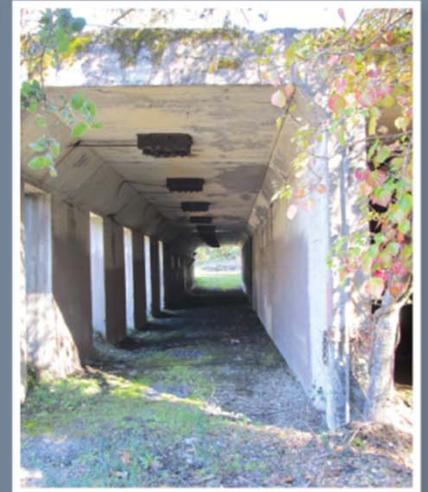
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## Saratoga Quarry Park

- Final Master Plan: June, 2014
- Design Documentation / Permitting: Fall 2014 - 2015
- Phase 1 Construction: 2015

## Related Projects

- Complete Saratoga to Sea Trail Feasibility Study: Fall, 2014



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