

Goals and Objectives

1 Create an outstanding Open Space addition to the City of Saratoga

- Mitigate utilitarian use of powerlines, railroad, and water conduits
- Enhance wildlife, natural habitat and plant diversity with “native” landscaping
- Celebrate Saratoga Creek and Rodeo Creek as community resources

2 Mitigate potential impacts to adjacent residential properties and neighborhoods

- Provide as much separation as possible between trail and existing adjacent residential properties
- Provide landscape buffers where separation alone is insufficient mitigation
- Mitigate the potential attraction of trail user parking in residential neighborhoods

3 Improve Regional trail interconnectivity with Bay Area Open Space and Trail networks

- Consider future connections north and south
- Provide east/west bike/pedestrian connections to existing Saratoga Avenue and Cox Avenue bikeways
- Consider potential future open space linkages along Saratoga Creek and Rodeo Creek

4 Create a safe, multi-use recreational community asset

- Create a linear recreational facility for all ages and abilities (walkers, joggers/runners, bicyclists, skaters, strollers, etc.)
- Provide recreational amenities that are related to a linear trail facility (exercise stations, bench seating, etc.)
- Avoid recreational facilities that are unrelated to the function of a linear trail facility (basketball courts, tennis courts, playgrounds, etc.)
- Provide recreational amenities at a level consistent with existing Saratoga Parks and Trails
- Safely accommodate commuter/through-traffic users to minimize conflicts with recreational/ leisure users.
- Provide at-grade street crossings with trail user safety improvements

5 Honor the historic legacy of Juan Batista de Anza and early exploration of California

- Consider historic component trail naming, graphic identity and signage systems
- Consider historic component in interpretive installations to enrich the trail experience
- Consider historic component in trail design elements

