

Sutter's Landing Area Master Plan

Background Report

Appendix D - Applicable City Policies

This chapter of the Sutter's Landing Background Report provides a summary of City Policies that could be applied to future Master Planning efforts.

Existing General Plan

Commerce and Industry Land Use Element

- GP 4-12 Goal A
Maintain and strengthen Downtown's role as a major regional office, retail, commercial, governmental, and cultural/entertainment center.
- GP 4-13 Goal A, Policy 2
Actively support the development of cultural and entertainment facilities and events in the downtown area.
- GP 4-13 Goal A, Policy 3
Actively support efforts to develop visitor and convention facilities in the downtown area.

Circulation Element

- GP 5-22 Goal A, Policy 1
Provide transit service in newly developing areas at locations which will support its highest usage.
- GP 5-27 Goal B, Policy 1
Encourage a public-private partnership to construct and operate parking facilities.

Conservation and Open Space Element

- GP 6-13 Goal C
Conserve and protect the planned open space areas along the American and Sacramento Rivers, floodways and undevelopable floodplains to the extent feasible.
- GP 6-16 Goal A
Conserve and protect the Sacramento and American Rivers, their shorelines and parkways.

Public Facilities and Services Element

- GP 7-29 Goal A, Policy 1
Encourage private development of recreational facilities that complement and supplement the public recreational system.
- GP 7-30 Goal A, Policy 12
Ensure adequate public access to the American and Sacramento Rives in developing areas.

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Land Use and Urban Design

- LU 2.2.3 Improving River Development and Access.
The City shall require new development along the Sacramento and American rivers to use the natural river environment as a key feature to guide the scale, design, and intensity of development, and to maximize visual and physical access to the rivers. *(RDR/MPSP)*
- LU 5.6.1 Downtown Center Development.
The City shall encourage development that expands the role of the CBD as the regional center for commerce, arts, culture, entertainment, and government. *(RDR)*
- LU 5.6.2 Family-Friendly Downtown.
The City shall promote the CBD as a family-friendly area by requiring the development of a variety of housing types, daycare and school facilities, family-oriented services, and parks, plazas, and open spaces that will safely and comfortably accommodate those who wish to raise a family. *(RDR)*
- LU 5.6.5 Cultural Facilities Downtown.
The City shall continue to support the existing concentration of cultural facilities in the CBD and encourage the development of additional facilities that promote the city as the regional and historic center for meeting and gathering. *(IGC/JP)*
- LU 8.1.1 Public Places.
The City shall create vibrant public places in Sacramento's neighborhoods, centers, and corridors that serve as gathering places. *(MPSP/SO)*
- LU 8.1.2 Adequate Community Supporting Uses.
The City shall seek to ensure that all manner of public and private community-supportive facilities and services are located throughout the city to provide places that serve the varied needs of the community, provide for community

meeting places, and provide community and neighborhood landmark buildings and places. *(MPSP/IGC/JP)*

- LU 8.1.3 Adequate Sites.
The City shall proactively seek to acquire land throughout the city to provide for adequate parks and public facilities, particularly in infill areas where available land is scarce. *(MPSP/SO)*
- LU 8.1.5 LEED Standard for City-Owned Buildings.
The City shall ensure that all new or renovated City-owned buildings are energy efficient and meet, at a minimum, LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Silver or equivalent standard. *(RDR/SO)*
- LU 8.1.6 Architecture and Planning that Complements Adjoining Uses.
The City shall strive to ensure that the City-owned buildings, sites, and infrastructure are designed to be compatible in scale, mass, character, and architecture with the district or neighborhood in which they are located. *(MPSP)*
- LU 8.1.7 Compatibility of Non-City Public Uses.
The City shall encourage school and utility districts and other government agencies that may be exempt from City land use control and approval to plan their properties and design buildings at a high level of visual and architectural quality that maintains the character of the district or neighborhood in which they are located. *(RDR/IGC/JP)*
- LU 8.1.8 Public Art.
The City shall promote the incorporation of public art in the design of the public realm to:
 - Add visual variety and richness
 - Delight, surprise, amuse, and inspire
 - Educate and inform
 - Engage and involve
 - Celebrate Sacramento's heritage and environment *(RDR/MPSP)*
- LU 8.1.9 Co-location of Community Facilities.
The City shall promote the co-location of parks, schools, police and fire facilities, health services, and other community facilities to support community interaction, enhance neighborhood identity, and leverage limited resources. *(MPSP/IGC/JP)*
- LU 9.1.2 New Parks and Open Spaces.
The City shall ensure that sufficient parks, open space, water corridor parkways, and trails are planned throughout the city, to ensure adequate facilities are available to existing and future residents. *(RDR/MPSP)*

- LU 9.1.3 Connected Open Space System.
The City shall ensure that new development does not create barriers to the connections among the various parts of the city's parks and open space systems. (RDR)
- LU 9.1.4 Open Space Buffers.
The City shall use traditional, developed parks and employ innovative uses of open space to "soften" the edges between urban areas and the natural environment. (RDR/MPSP)

Economic Development

- ED 1.1.6 Tourism and Related Businesses.
The City shall continue to work with the Sacramento Metro Chamber of Commerce, Sacramento Convention and Visitors Bureau (SVCB), and related businesses (hotels, restaurant, retail, and entertainment) to market Sacramento as a tourist destination and convention venue. (JP/PI)
- ED 4.1.3 Public/Private Partnerships.
The City shall support and encourage public/private partnerships and other efforts to implement the key development projects that meet the City's revitalization and redevelopment goals. (IGC/JP)

Education, Recreation, and Culture: Parks and Recreation

- ERC 2.2.7 Capital Investment Priorities.
The City shall give priority to the following parks and recreation capital investments:
 - Acquiring land for or constructing parks and recreation facilities where adopted Service Level Goals are not being met
 - Acquiring, restoring and preserving large natural areas for habitat protection and passive recreation use such as walking, hiking, and nature study
 - Acquiring and developing areas for recreation use and public access along the banks of the American and Sacramento Rivers
 - Building and improving parks and facilities to ensure safety for users and adjacent properties
- ERC 2.2.13 Surplus or Underutilized Land.
The City shall consider acquiring or using surplus, vacant, or underutilized parcels or abandoned buildings for public recreational use.
- ERC 2.4.4 Setbacks from Rivers and Creeks.
The City shall ensure adequate building setbacks from rivers and creeks, increasing them where possible to protect natural resources and increase public access for active and passive recreation. (RDR)

- ERC 5.1.1 Development and Expansion of Attractions.
The City shall support the development and expansion of museums, zoos, Sacramento and American River waterfronts, and other major destination attractions throughout Sacramento. (*RDR*)
- ERC 5.1.2 New Zoo.
The City shall support the relocation of the existing Sacramento Zoo to facilitate its expansion. (*MPSP*)
- ERC 5.1.3 Educational Activities.
The City shall support expanded educational activities at the city's cultural facilities (e.g., Fairytale Town, Sacramento Zoo, Discovery Museum Gold Rush History Center, Crocker Art Museum, Discovery Museum Science & Space Center, and performing arts venues). (*MPSP/JP*)
- ERC 5.1.7 Funding.
The City shall allocate funding for the ongoing maintenance, renovation, and programming of City-owned museums, zoos, and other major destination attractions. (*SO/FB*)

Central City Community Plan

Parks and Recreation Goal:

Provide adequate parks and recreation facilities and services within convenient access of Central City residents.

Sub Goals:

- Enhance the open space/recreation and scenic value of the Sacramento and American Rivers.
- Develop the Sutter's Landing Park area as a regional park in accordance with an adopted Park Master Plan for the area. (Amended 111495, Resol. No. 95657)
- Develop riparian trail connections between the Sutter's Landing Park area, Tiscornia Park, and Glen Hall Park. (Amended 11-14-95, Resol. No. 95657)

Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2005-2010

11.0 Open Space, Water Corridors and Parkways

11.1 Preserve, protect and enhance open space systems that support native plant and animal communities to ensure healthy, functioning ecosystems while providing for passive recreation, acknowledging that certain protected or special

status species will require habitat that is discreet and separate from human recreation activity to ensure their safety and survival.

11.3 Create public parkways by establishing recreational access to the water corridors of the region, maximizing public access consistent with flood protection goals. Ensure balance in uses between public spaces and private development along the American and Sacramento River Corridors.

11.4 Actively participate in developing formal partnerships for the planning, protection, development, and enhancement of the American River, Sacramento River and other water corridor parkways.

13.0 Planning, Design and Development

13.16 Site regional parks, community parks and community centers where they are accessible by public transportation. Include public transit in site design and planning, incorporating transit stops, turnouts, shelters and other amenities for transit users.

13.17 Site parks, when geographically feasible, adjacent to compatible use areas such as greenbelts, multi-track trail corridors, schools, other public and nonprofit facilities, detention basins and natural waterways.

13.19 Recognize the effects of natural or manmade barriers (e.g. rivers, major thoroughfares, railway lines, etc.) in achieving Service Level Goals and determining deficiencies. Site and design parks to minimize the obstacles to access that these barriers may present.

13.20 Co-locate public facilities with compatible uses, such as libraries, fire or police substations and schools, adjacent to community centers and parks for efficient land use, cost sharing and customer access. Identify land for these other public facilities in addition to that provided for parks to ensure acreage dedicated for public park/recreation uses fully meets City park acreage Service Level Goals.

13.21 Site and design to promote pedestrian friendliness and walkability within neighborhoods and business districts from homes and businesses to parks and recreation facilities and other activity centers.

Design Site Specific Master Planning

13.37 Ensure community review and participation in developing site master plans in accordance with the City Site Specific Park Master Plan/Development Process

13.38 When designing Master Plans for community and regional parks, emphasize the needs of the entire service area and potential users while keeping in perspective the interests of immediate residents.

15.0 Regional System

15.1 Recognizing Sacramento's role and importance regionally, develop and implement an expanded vision and plan for a system of regional parks, recreation facilities and programming, including "signature" destination attractions or facilities such as: large parks, unique venues, special events, parkways, river/creek corridors, trails/bikeways and open space areas.

15.2 Pursue dedicated and consistent funding for regionally serving parks and amenities, including regional parks, open space and parkways.

15.3 Establish formal partnerships throughout the region to promote shared programming, maintenance and operations, as well as facility development and park acquisition. Actively seek opportunities for entrepreneurial partnerships in the development and operation of regional facilities.

15.4 Promote Sacramento as a regional destination for recreation and tourism.

17.0 Trails, Bikeways and Bridges

17.4 Where possible, connect community and regional parks to the City multi-track trail and bikeway network.

17.5 Consider the City's levee system and retired railroad right-of-ways for trail alignment when they provide important connections to other trail or transportation systems or to destination points.

17.6 Ensure trails on levees are consistent with flood protection goals.