
Where is Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation today?

The Tucson area's urban park system is not keeping up with the region's growth and with comparable city and county parks programs nationwide, according to Tucson and Pima County officials and surveys of other communities.

Source: *Arizona Daily Star*, June 8, 2003

- ❖ National Recreation and Parks Association's (NRPA) recommendation:
 - 10 Acres of Active Recreation Park space per 1,000 residents
 - Active Recreation Park space is defined as play fields, courts, playgrounds, sports fields – NOT natural open space

 - ❖ Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Provides:
 - 2 Acres of Active Recreation Park space per 1,000 residents (20% of NRPA's recommended national standard).
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Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Land Use Summary

Breakdown

Approximate Acres	Park – Type
30,000 ac.	Natural/Cultural Area Parks (Tucson Mountain Park, Tortolita Mountain Park, Cienega Creek, Canoa Ranch, Trails)
1,300 ac.	Leased Properties (Arizona Sonora Desert Museum, Colossal Cave Mountain Park, Arthur Pack Golf Course, etc.)
600 ac.	Active Recreation Parks (Soccer, softball, Little League fields, community centers, swimming pools)
1,500 ac.	Undeveloped land (land not currently developed for Active Recreation but reserved for this purpose)

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2004 CIP Bond Program Funding Summary – Priority Listed

<u>PROGRAM NAME</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>PAGE</u>
• Park Build Out Program	\$ 29,000,000	10 - 22
• Parks Infrastructure Development Program	\$ 7,680,000	23 - 29
• ADA Compliance Program – Restrooms	\$ 1,250,000	30
• ADA Compliance Program – Accessibility	\$ 1,600,000	31
• Trails System & Connector Trail Network & Campgrounds Development Program	\$ 4,250,000	32
• Community Centers Development Program	<u>\$ 6,250,000</u>	33
Total 2004 CIP Bond Program	\$ 50,030,000	

Supplemental Submittal

<u>PROGRAM NAME</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>PAGE</u>
•Swimming Pools / Aquatic Centers	\$ 11,300,000	35
• Park Build Out – SE Regional Park/Shooting Range and Sports Field Complex	\$ 7,000,000	36
•Tucson Mountain Park Municipal Water Line -	<u>\$ 3,000,000</u>	37
Total Supplemental Submittal -	\$ 21,300,000	

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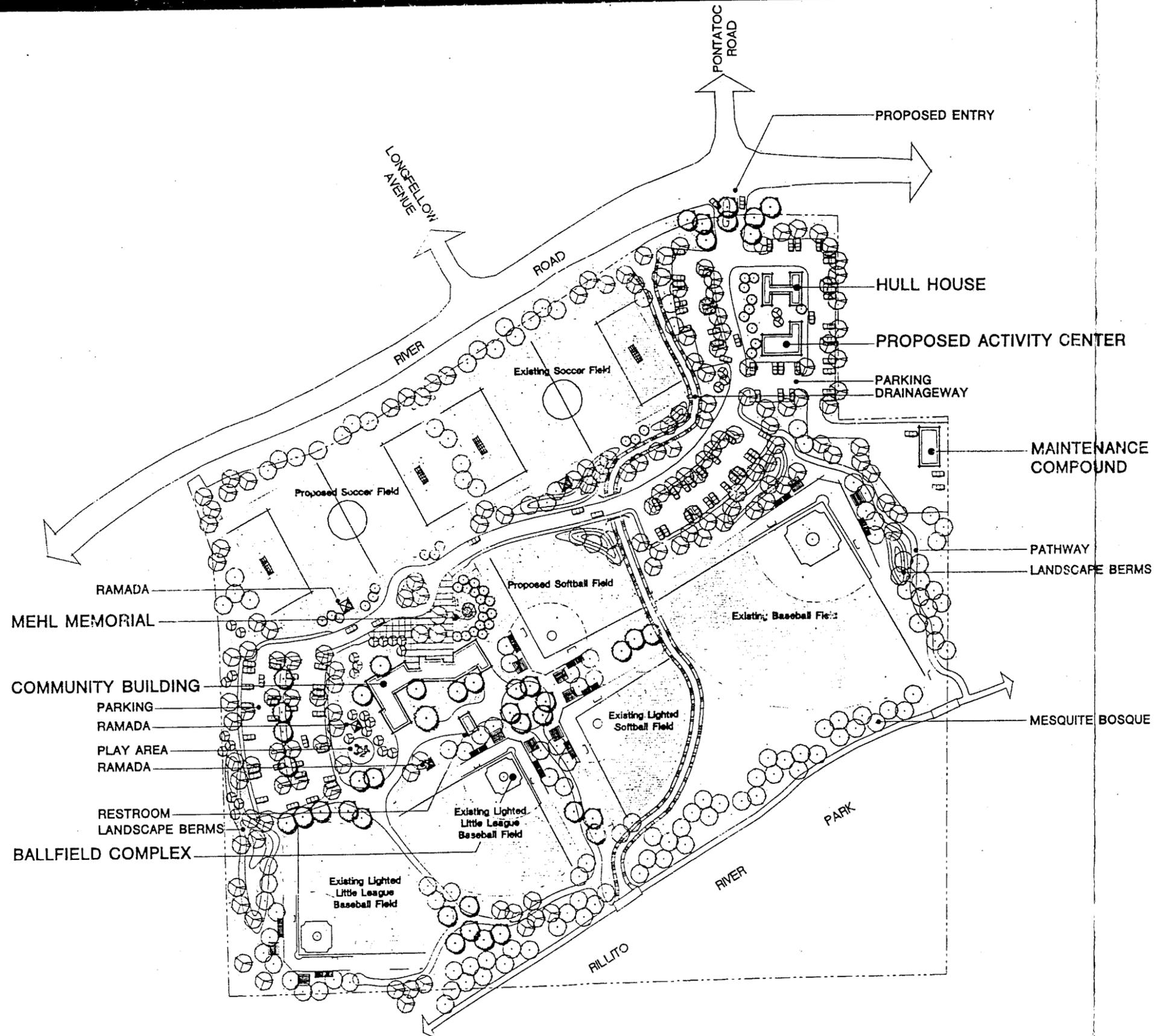
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2004 CIP Bond Program

Park Build Out Program – Summary

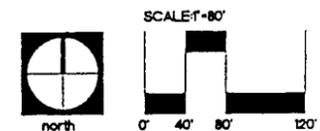
Park Build Out Program

<u>PARK NAME</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>PAGE</u>
Mehl –Foothills District Park	\$ 2,000,000	City of Tucson	12
Thomas Jay Regional Park	\$ 2,500,000	City of Tucson	13
Kino Public Sports Field Lighting	\$ 650,000	City of Tucson	14
Ted Walker Regional Park	\$ 2,000,000	Marana	15
Canoa Ranch	\$ 3,500,000	Green Valley	16
Tucson Mountain Park	\$ 6,350,000	Pima County	17
Catalina Community Park	\$ 2,750,000	Village of Catalina	18
Rillito Race Track	\$ 2,250,000	City of Tucson	19
Curtis Park – Flowing Wells East	\$ 2,250,000	Pima County	20
River Bend Park	\$ 3,000,000	Pima County	21
Dan Felix Memorial Park - Pegler	\$ 1,750,000	City of Tucson	22
TOTAL PARK BUILD OUT PROGRAM -	\$ 29,000,000		



GEORGE MEHL FAMILY FOOTHILLS DISTRICT PARK

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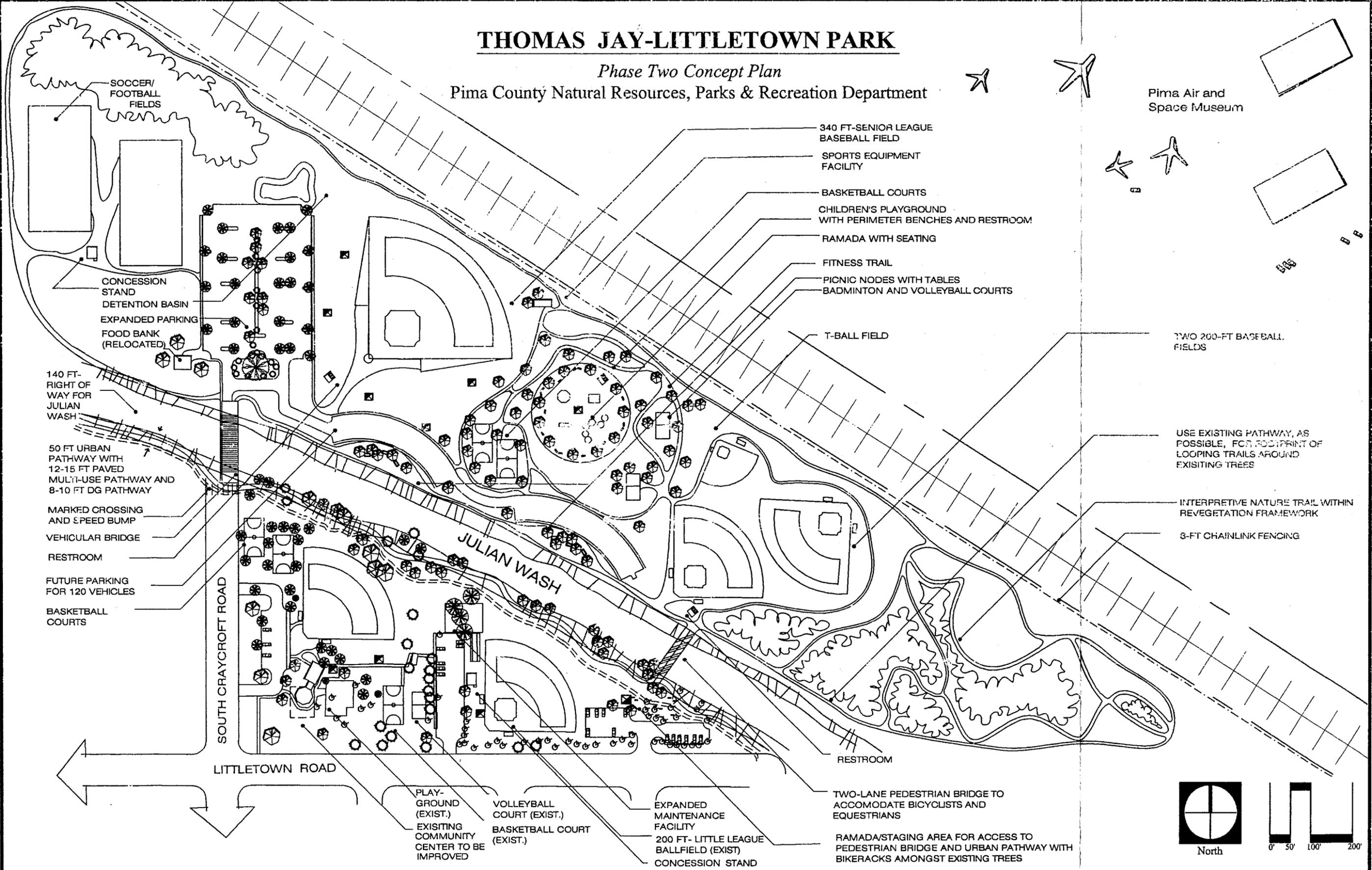
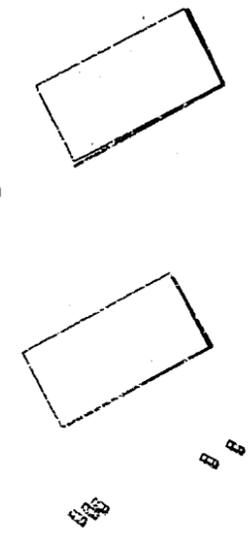
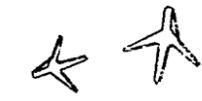
THOMAS JAY-LITTLETOWN PARK

Phase Two Concept Plan

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Pima Air and Space Museum



SOCCER/
FOOTBALL
FIELDS

CONCESSION
STAND
DETENTION BASIN
EXPANDED PARKING
FOOD BANK
(RELOCATED)

140 FT-
RIGHT OF
WAY FOR
JULIAN
WASH

50 FT URBAN
PATHWAY WITH
12-15 FT PAVED
MULTI-USE PATHWAY AND
8-10 FT DG PATHWAY

MARKED CROSSING
AND SPEED BUMP
VEHICULAR BRIDGE
RESTROOM

FUTURE PARKING
FOR 120 VEHICLES
BASKETBALL
COURTS

SOUTH CRAYCROFT ROAD

LITTLETOWN ROAD

JULIAN WASH

340 FT-SENIOR LEAGUE
BASEBALL FIELD

SPORTS EQUIPMENT
FACILITY

BASKETBALL COURTS

CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND
WITH PERIMETER BENCHES AND RESTROOM

RAMADA WITH SEATING

FITNESS TRAIL

PICNIC NODES WITH TABLES
BADMINTON AND VOLLEYBALL COURTS

T-BALL FIELD

TWO 200-FT BASEBALL
FIELDS

USE EXISTING PATHWAY, AS
POSSIBLE, FOR FOOTPRINT OF
LOOPING TRAILS AROUND
EXISTING TREES

INTERPRETIVE NATURE TRAIL WITHIN
REVEGETATION FRAMEWORK

3-FT CHAINLINK FENCING

PLAY-
GROUND
(EXIST.)
EXISTING
COMMUNITY
CENTER TO BE
IMPROVED

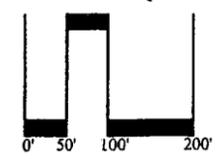
VOLLEYBALL
COURT (EXIST.)
BASKETBALL COURT
(EXIST.)

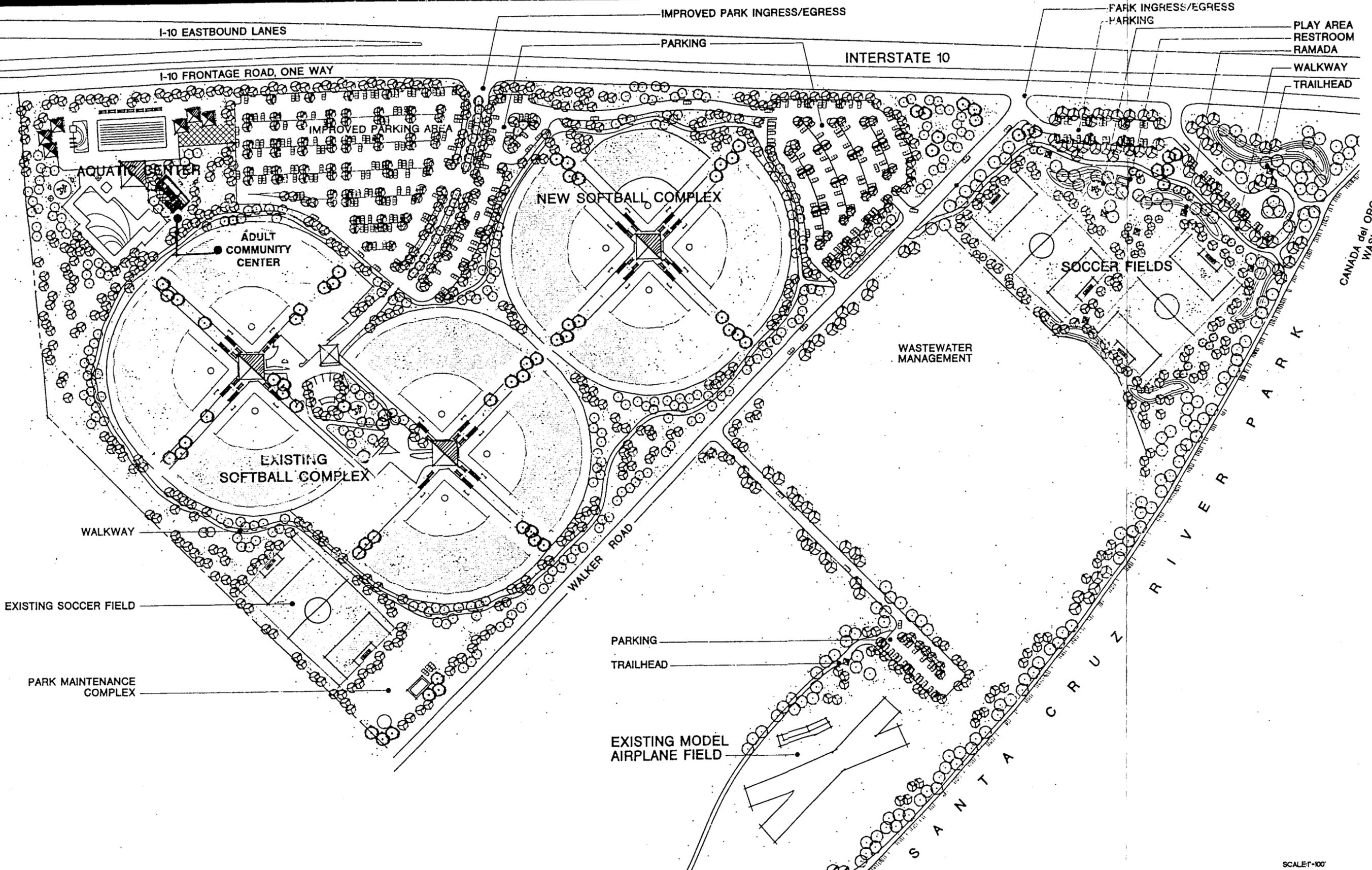
EXPANDED
MAINTENANCE
FACILITY
200 FT- LITTLE LEAGUE
BALLFIELD (EXIST)
CONCESSION STAND

RESTROOM

TWO-LANE PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE TO
ACCOMMODATE BICYCLISTS AND
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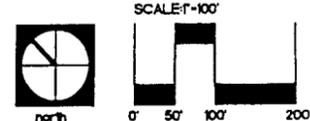
RAMADA/STAGING AREA FOR ACCESS TO
PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE AND URBAN PATHWAY WITH
BIKERACKS AMONGST EXISTING TREES



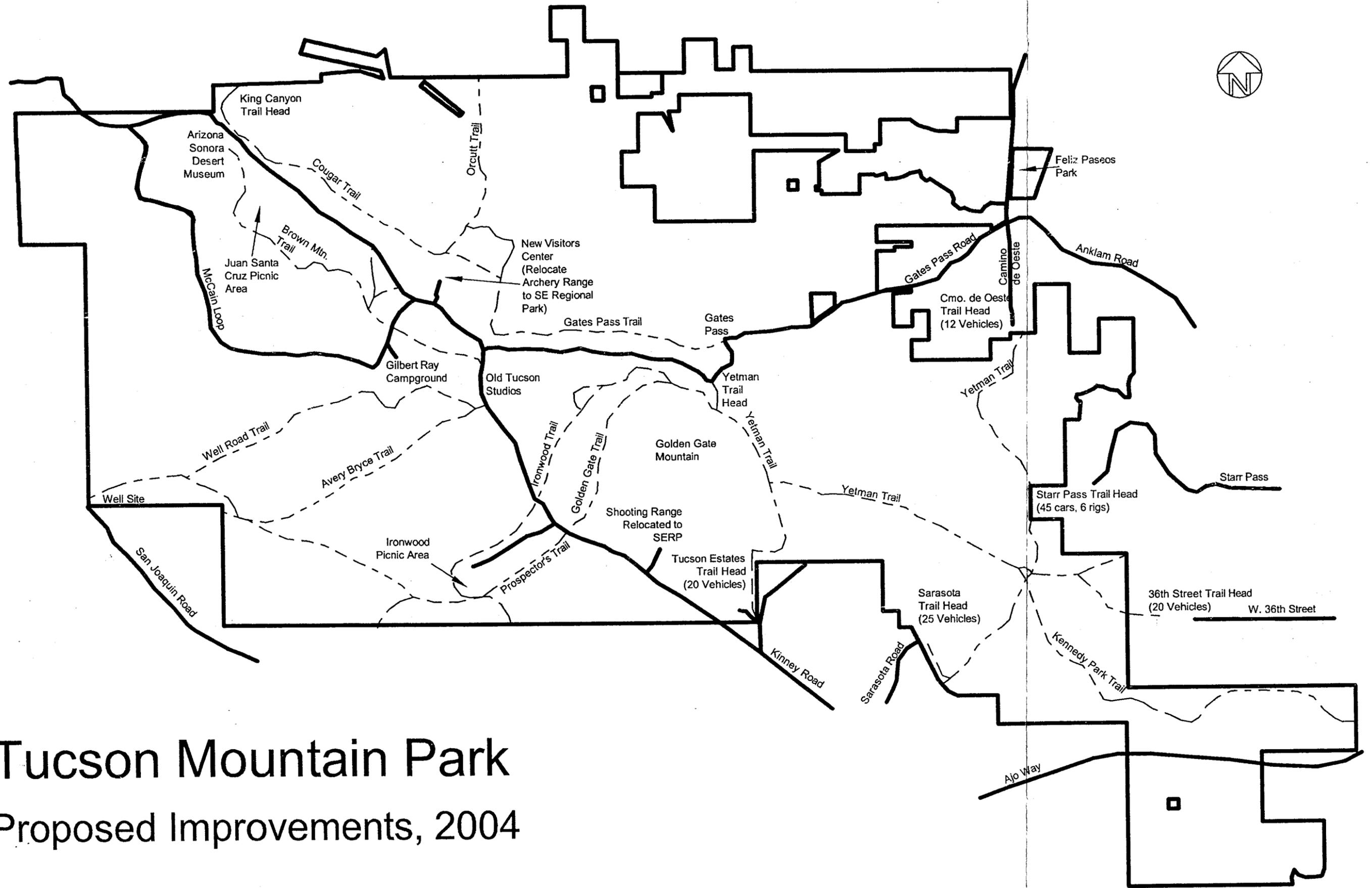


TED WALKER DISTRICT PARK

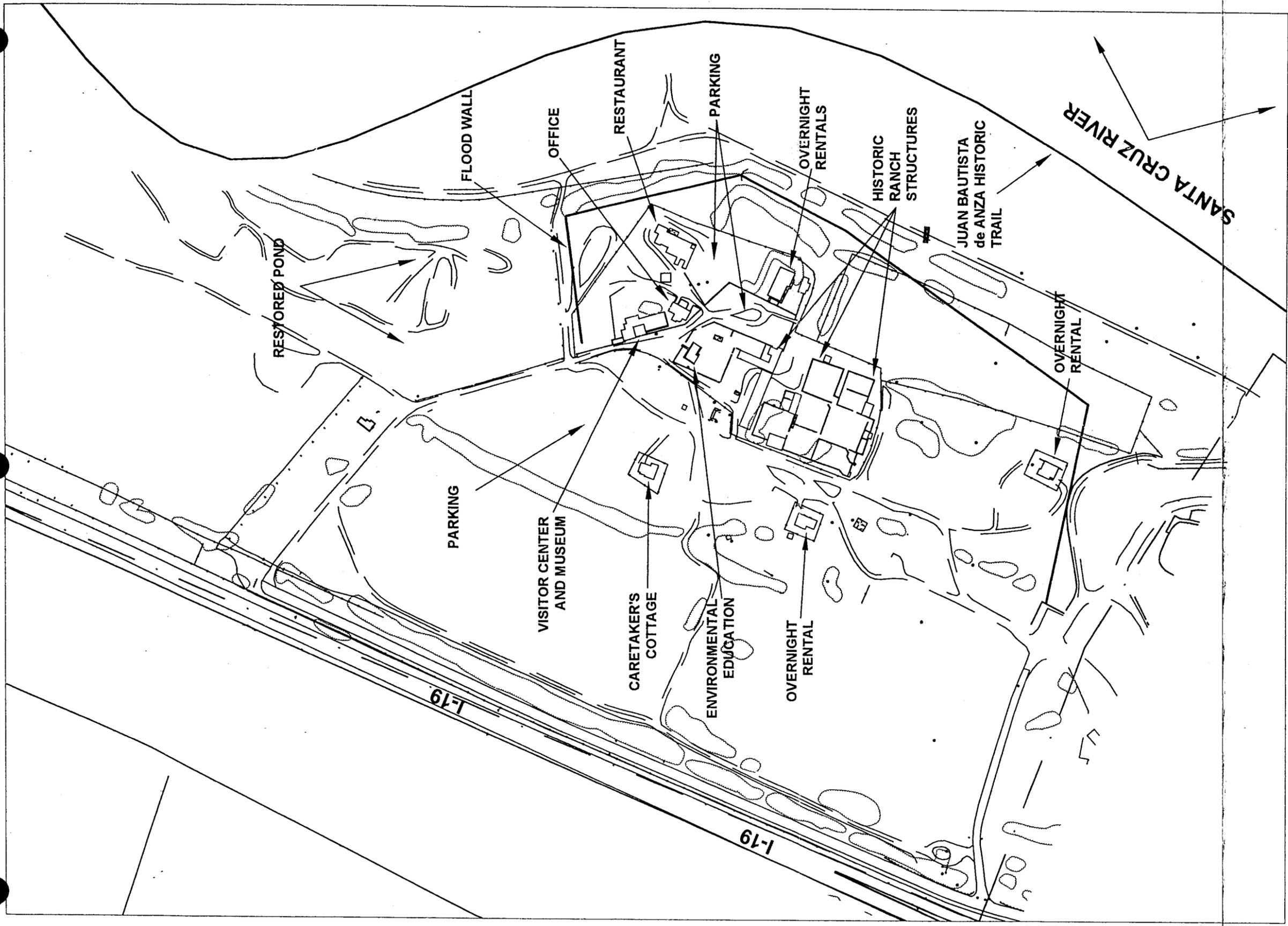
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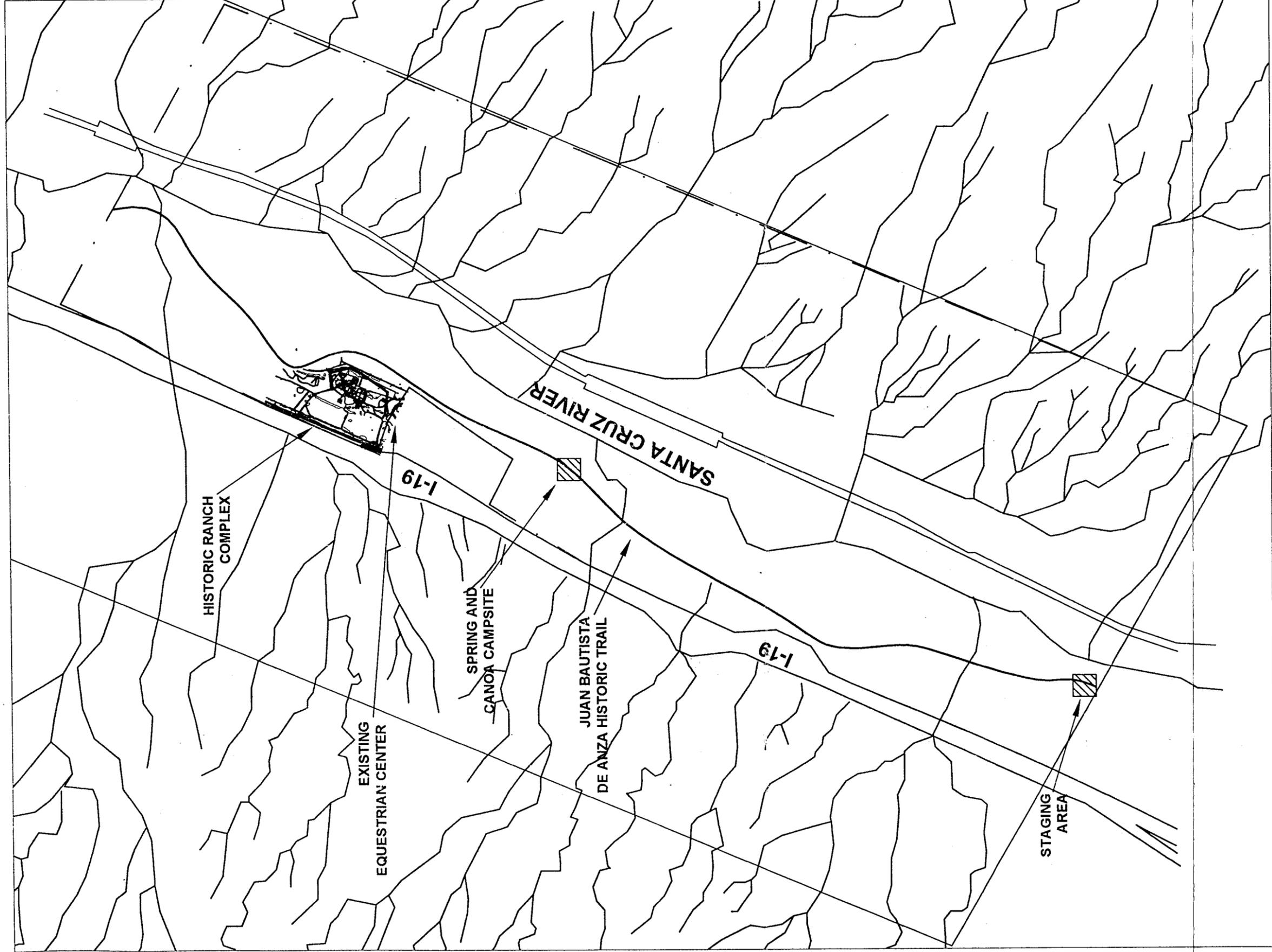
Tucson Mountain Park
Proposed Improvements, 2004



Canoa Ranch

Historic Ranch Complex

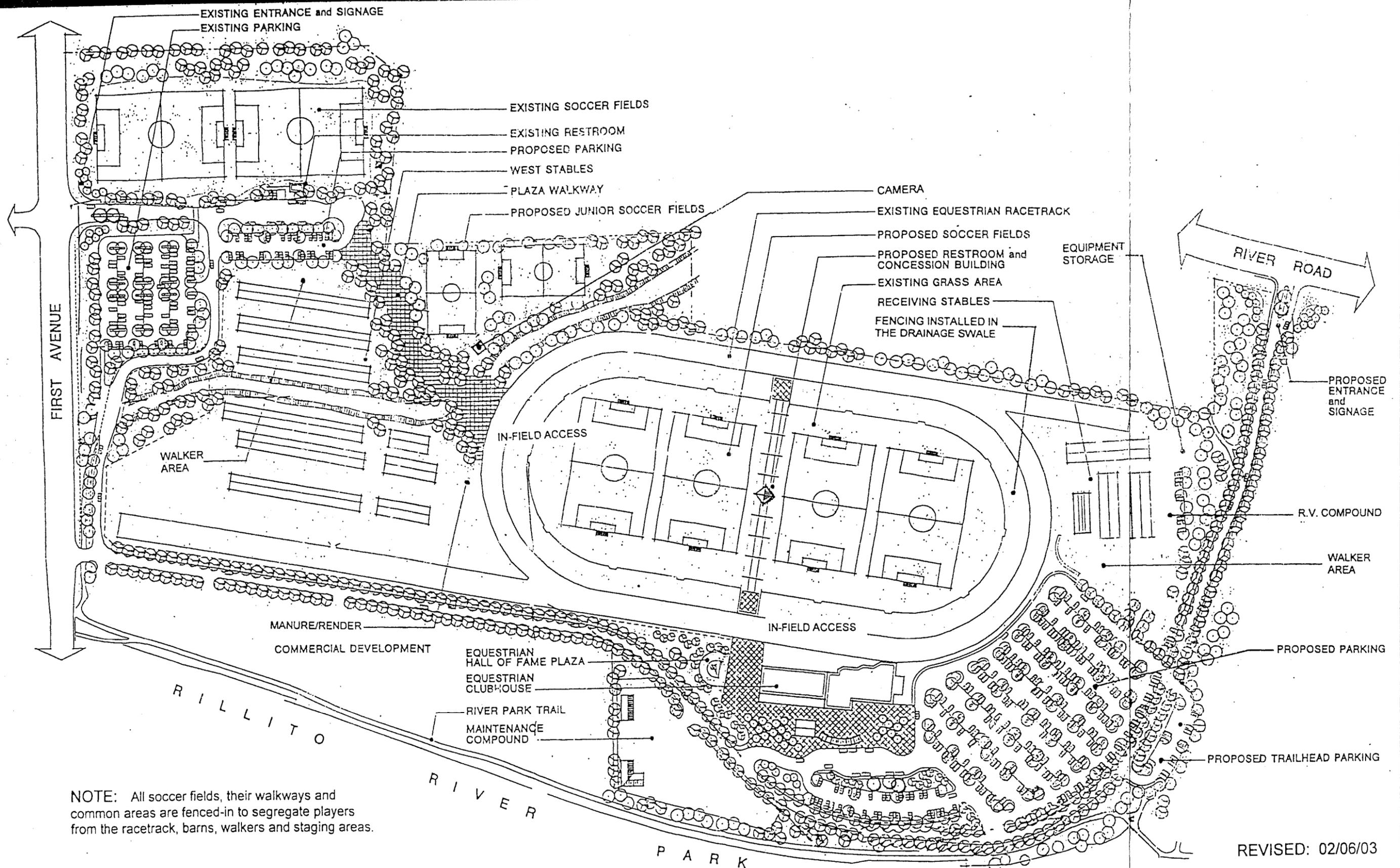




Canoa Ranch

Property Overview

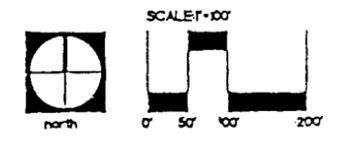




RILLITO REGIONAL PARK

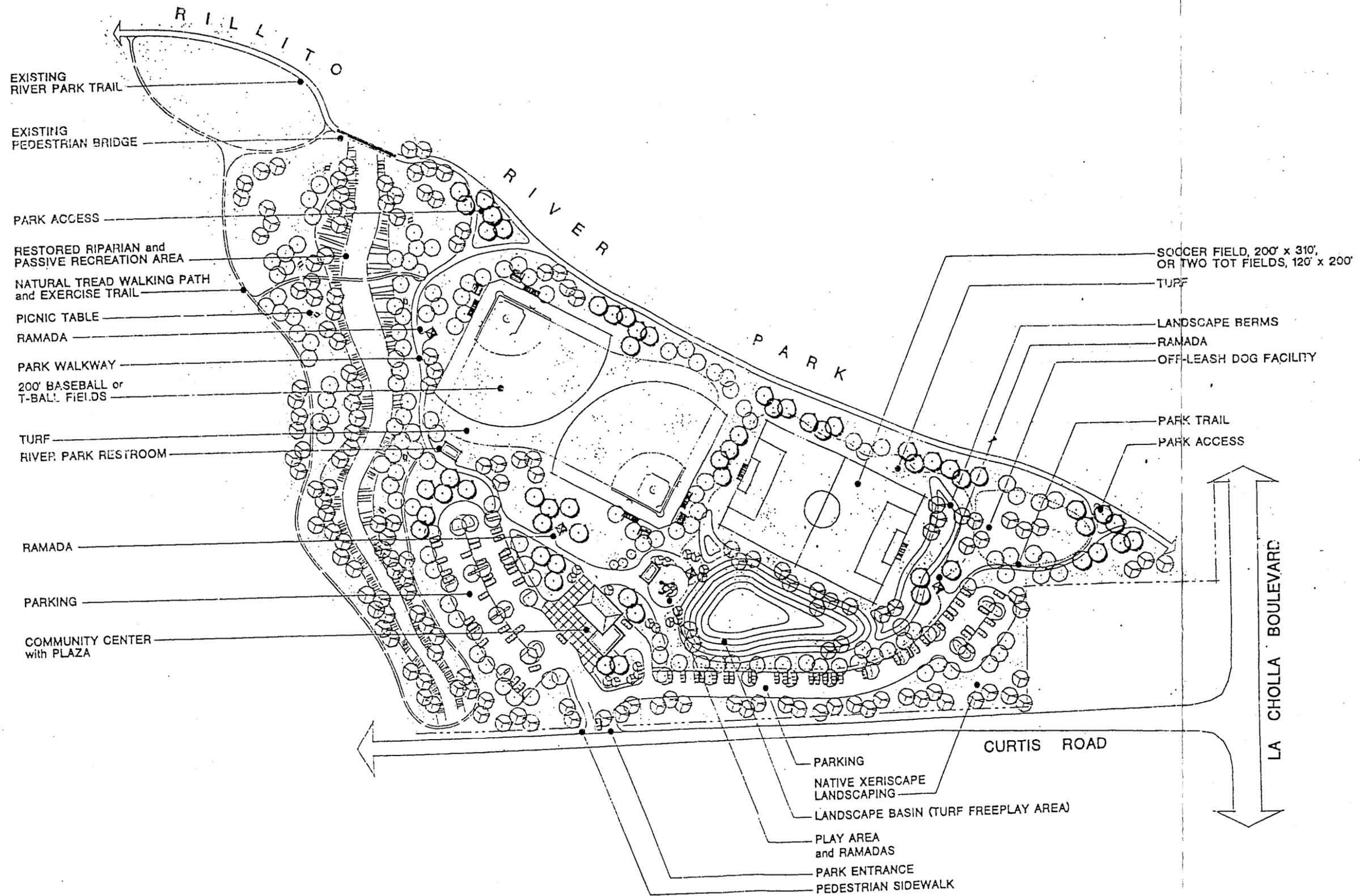
NOTE: All soccer fields, their walkways and common areas are fenced-in to segregate players from the racetrack, barns, walkers and staging areas.

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FLOWING WELLS DISTRICT PARK EAST

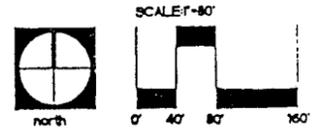


- EXISTING RIVER PARK TRAIL
- EXISTING PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE
- PARK ACCESS
- RESTORED RIPARIAN and PASSIVE RECREATION AREA
- NATURAL TREAD WALKING PATH and EXERCISE TRAIL
- PICNIC TABLE
- RAMADA
- PARK WALKWAY
- 200' BASEBALL or T-BALL FIELDS
- TURF
- RIVER PARK RESTROOM
- RAMADA
- PARKING
- COMMUNITY CENTER with PLAZA

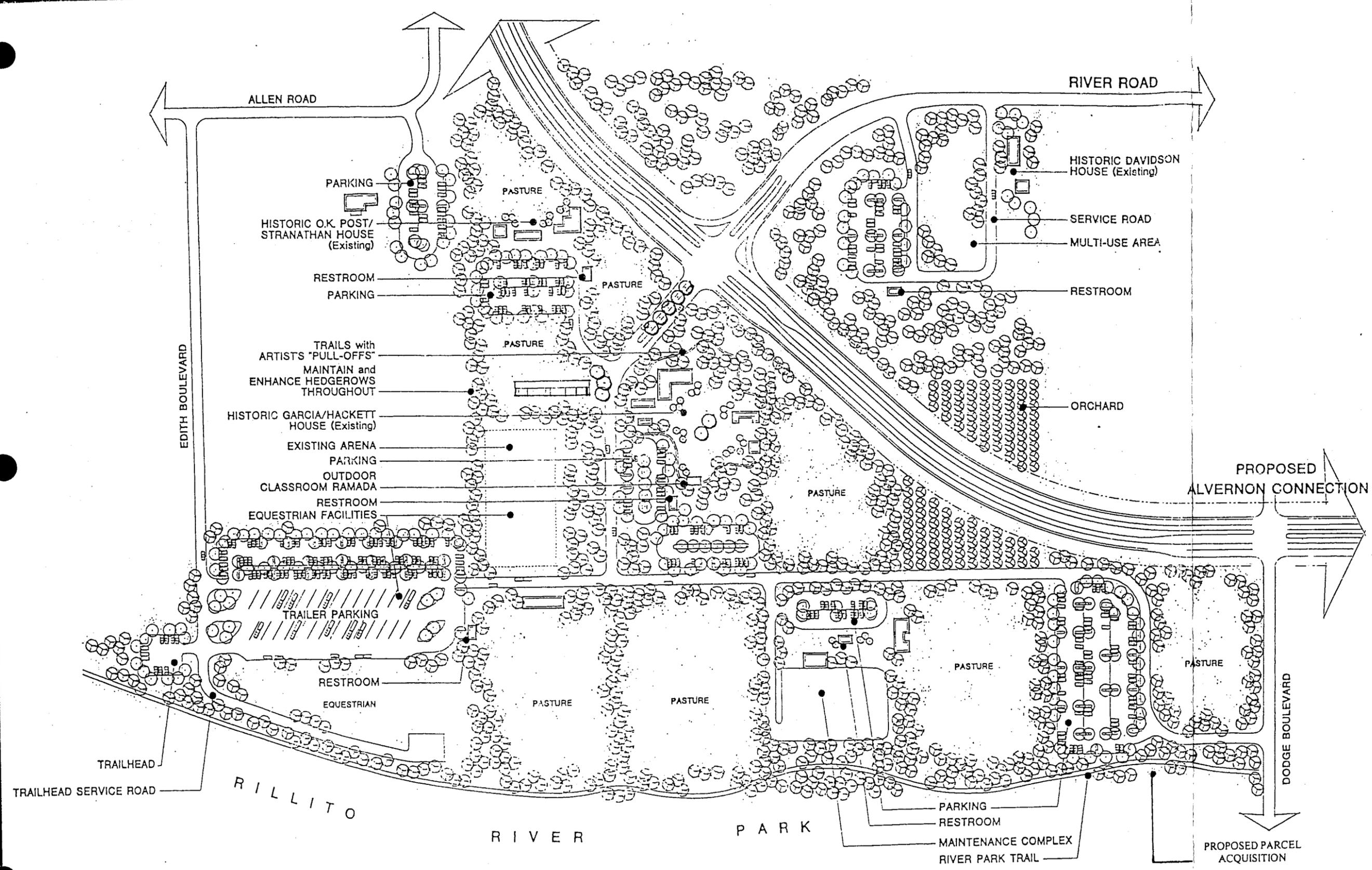
- SOCCER FIELD, 200' x 310', OR TWO TOT FIELDS, 120' x 200'
- TURF
- LANDSCAPE BERMS
- RAMADA
- OFF-LEASH DOG FACILITY
- PARK TRAIL
- PARK ACCESS

- PARKING
- NATIVE XERISCAPE LANDSCAPING
- LANDSCAPE BASIN (TURF FREEPLAY AREA)
- PLAY AREA and RAMADAS
- PARK ENTRANCE
- PEDESTRIAN SIDEWALK

FLOWING WELLS DISTRICT PARK EAST
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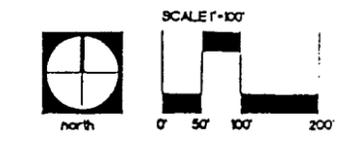


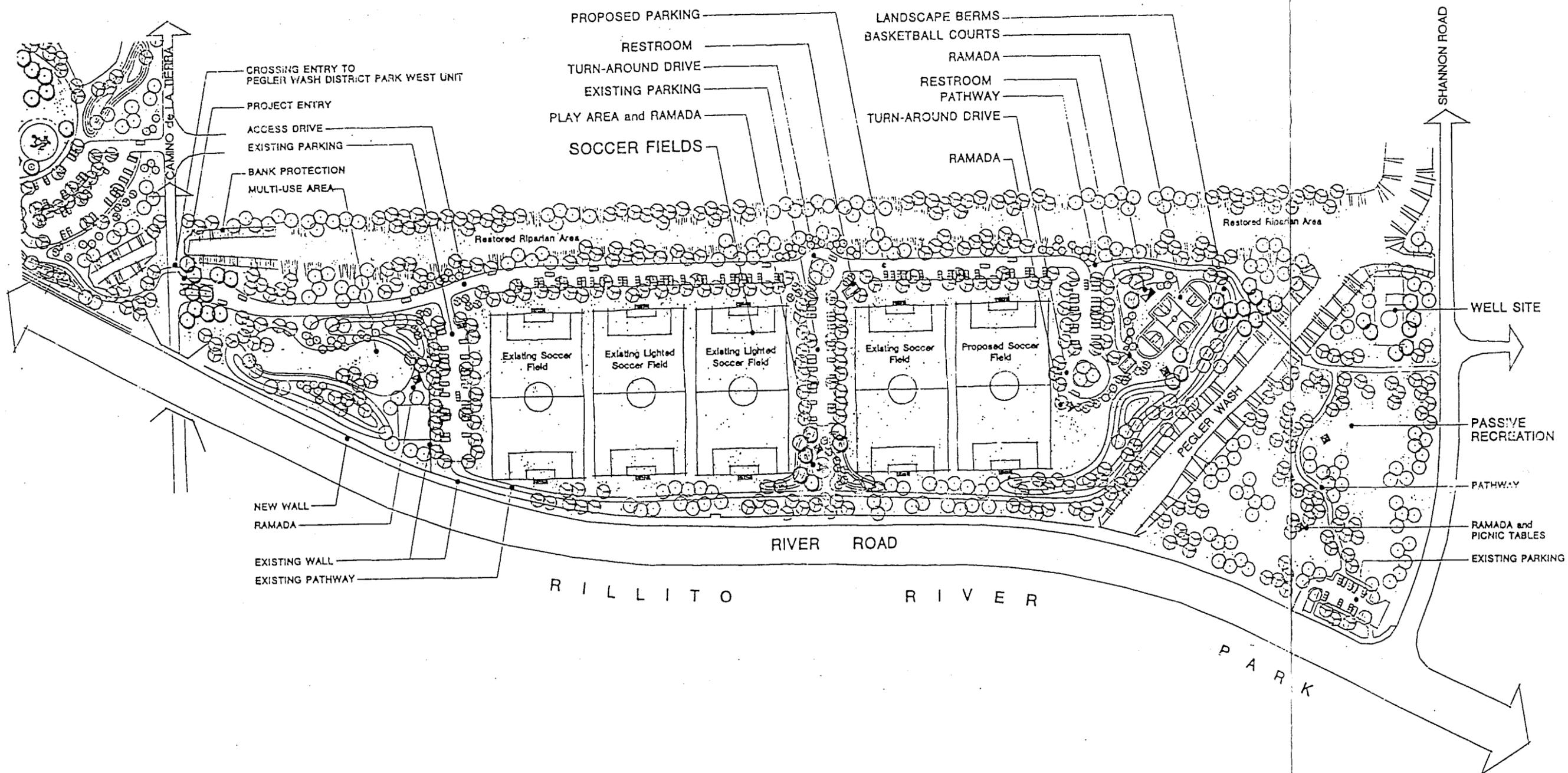
RIVERBEND REGIONAL PARK



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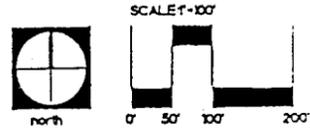
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PEGLER WASH (DAN FELIX) DISTRICT PARK

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What will \$71 Million buy?

Type of Facility/Component	Existing	Proposed	Total
SOCCER FIELDS	12	*8	20
SOFT BALL FIELDS	6	*9	15
LITTLE LEAGUE/BASEBALL FIELDS	17	*3	20
LIGHTING OF EXISTING SPORT FIELDS (all - types combined)	30	16	46
COMMUNITY CENTERS	10	4	14
SWIMMING POOLS	8	4	12
CAMP SITES/CAMP GROUNDS	115/1	30/1	145/2
MILES OF TRAIL	58	28	86
PLAYGROUNDS	27	5	32
UNIVERSALLY ACCESSIBLE TRAIL (excluding River Parks)	0	1.5	1.5
IMPROVED MAINTENANCE COMPLEXES	12	5	17
MULTI-USE SPORTS FIELDS (Soccer, Little League, Softball, & Football)	28	0	28

* These proposed new fields shall be lighted

Proposed Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation “Recreation Areas in Subdivisions” Ordinance (Zoning code modification – Chapter 18.69)



- The County’s Parks Department present inventory of land that can be developed for Active Recreation Parks is estimated at 1,500 acres. Most of this land lies within existing regional park boundaries.
 - If the 1,500 acres were to be developed, we would “catch up” to the developed park lands we needed to have in the early 1980’s, or in terms of costs, approximately \$412 million in today’s dollars at \$275,00/acre. We are currently 25 years behind where we need to be.
 - Population growth in the greater metropolitan area has been consistent at 2% per annum at 20,000 + persons per year.
 - 2002 building permits were in excess of 9,000 for residential construction, including apartments, for the entire County. It is estimated that 31% of the new population moved to apartments and mobile homes while the remaining 69% moved to residential homes.
 - There are 2.5 persons per household, including apartments, in the greater metro area.
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- There are 366,737 housing units in Pima County. (year 2000 census)
- The NRPA recommends a standard of 10 acres of active park space per 1,000 people. (1 acre per 100 people). Therefore, we should provide 200 acres of new parks each year, for all jurisdictions, to keep up with projected growth. The majority of this growth will occur in the County as the City of Tucson has approximately 2,925 acres of parks and is planning to construct another 900 acres of parks over the next 10 years. Oro Valley is contemplating a new City Center with adjacent parks development of approximately 40 acres for parks.
- The County’s present ratio of Active Recreation Parks (Regional, District and Linear) is less than 2 acres per 1,000 persons. (564 acres developed)

Note Kino Sports Complex and Ajo Regional Park excluded

Why do we need both the 2004 G.O. Bond and the Recreation Areas Ordinance?

- The Recreation Areas in Subdivisions ordinance is aimed at addressing new recreational demand created by new subdivision projects.
- The ordinance does nothing to address existing unmet demand and existing facility and infrastructure needs (which, at 2 acres of developed parks per 1,000 residents, is considerable).
- The parks bond program is the tool we plan to use to address existing unmet demand and existing facility and infrastructure needs.

THE BENEFITS

❖ INCREASE THE NUMBER OF SPORTS FIELDS AND FREE PLAY AREAS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC

❖ INCREASE NUMBER OF USER HOURS ON SPORTS FIELDS BY UP TO 300% BY LIGHTING THEM

❖ MAXIMIZE THE USE OF EXISTING PARK LANDS BY BUILDING THEM OUT. THIS WILL RESULT IN LOWER OPERATING COSTS & IMPROVED SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC

❖ PROVIDE FUNDING FOR CAPITAL EMERGENCIES SUCH AS BROKEN SEWER LINES, WELLS THAT FAIL, OR MAJOR ELECTRICAL PROBLEMS IN OUR PARK SYSTEM

❖ EDUCATION: SPORTS, SKILLS AND RULES; CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE SIGNIFICANCE AND PROTECTION

❖ CRIME PREVENTION - LESS JUVENILE CRIME

❖ POSITIVE ECONOMIC IMPACTS:

➤ PERMANENT, INTERMITTENT, SEASONAL JOBS

➤ RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

➤ TOURISM AND TOURNAMENTS

➤ RELOCATION - QUALITY OF LIFE ATTRACTS BUSINESSES

❖ A HEALTHIER COMMUNITY

➤ EPIDEMIC OF YOUTH AND ADULT OBESITY

➤ EMOTIONAL AND SPIRITUAL WELL BEING

❖ MODEL COMMUNITY



Epidemic of Youth Obesity

- In 1999, 13% of children aged 6 to 11 years and 14% of adolescents aged 12 to 19 years in the United States were overweight. This prevalence has nearly tripled for adolescents in the past 2 decades.
- Surgeon General's recommendation:
Provide a safe environment for children to play actively; encourage swimming, biking, skating, ball sports and other fun activities.

Source: The Surgeon General's Call to Action To Prevent and Decrease Overweight and Obesity