



MARTIAL COTTLE PARK



A collaborative planning project between California State Parks and Santa Clara County Parks

About Martial Cottle Park

Martial Cottle Park is a 287.54 acre property located in a residential and commercial neighborhood of South San Jose, bounded by Branham Lane, Snell Avenue, Chynoweth Avenue and Highway 85. An agricultural farm and ranch through four generations, the Martial Cottle Park property is jointly owned by the State of California and County of Santa Clara.

The development of Martial Cottle Park will reflect the Donor's Vision for an educational public resource that will provide interpretive programs highlighting the agricultural heritage of Santa Clara Valley. Future trails, picnic areas and other low-impact, passive recreational uses as well as small-scale agriculture and community gardens are also part of the vision for Martial Cottle Park.



Final Project Approvals

Final Project Approvals by the County and State

The Martial Cottle Park State Park General Plan and County Park Master Plan ("Park Plan") has been approved by both the County and the State. The County of Santa Clara Board of Supervisors certified the Final Environmental Impact Report, adopted the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and approved the Park Plan project on February 8, 2011. Subsequently, the California State Park and Recreation Commission considered the environmental findings and adopted the Park Plan project on March 2, 2011.

For the official meeting summaries, please visit the County of Santa Clara's website for the Board of Supervisors' summary (at <http://www.sccgov.org>) and the California State Parks' website for the State Park and Recreation Commission's summary (at http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=936).

The approving bodies from the County and State agencies shared heart-felt acknowledgments and appreciation to Mr. Walter Cottle Lester, for his generous donation of the Martial Cottle Park property to the citizens and residents of Santa Clara County and the State of California.

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What's New?

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Williamson Act Requirements

Relationship of Williamson Act Contract Requirements to Project Development

The phasing program recommended for the Park offers a strategic approach to implementing the park development that is responsive to the availability of funding and other resources, partnership opportunities, program needs and Williamson Act contract requirements.

The first phase of the Park Plan, which extends from 2011 to 2019, would take place during the Williamson Act contract non-renewal period and therefore must comply with contract requirements. As discussed in the Park Plan, the Williamson Act program is an agricultural land protection program that discourages the conversion of agricultural land to urban uses. Each of the parcels that comprise Martial Cottle Park is currently under Williamson Act contracts, although non-renewal periods have been initiated for each parcel and all of the contracts will expire by 2019. Until the contracts expire, all park development must meet the requirements of the County's Williamson Act Program guidelines.

Phase I Implementation

With the approval of the project, the County Parks and Recreation Department will take the lead with the next phase of the project - Phase I implementation of the Park Plan project. The County Parks Department and California State Parks will continue to partner in the Phase I implementation.

As part of the implementation of Phase I, it will be necessary to complete design development and construction documents. Design development will include coordination with park staff, stakeholders, and members of the public. Design development and programming will include additional public input and public meetings.

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The approved Martial Cottle Park Plan project identifies the first phase of the plan as focusing on establishing basic infrastructure and facilities to enable farming operations to be initiated as well as necessary improvements to allow for public access and limited recreational activities. For detailed descriptions of the Phase I categories, please see Chapter 5, Implementing the Plan in the Final Park Plan report.

Parkwide Circulation and Access

- Main Park Entrance
- At least one service/emergency entrance; unpaved service roads
- Multi-use trails and non-vehicular access points

Parkwide Utilities

- Water, electricity and gas infrastructure
- Underground electrical supply system

Park and Recreation Areas

- Utility connections
- Corporation yard and potential on-site caretaker residence
- Buffer areas for multi-use trails
- Interpretive program and signage program
- Limited interpretive elements
- Signage (informational, directional, regulatory, Park map)
- Adequate restrooms to accommodate level of use

Leased Agriculture Areas

- Repair, maintenance and upgrade of well
- Request for Proposal for farmers/lessees
- Management structure for agricultural operation
- Soil improvements/preparation activities
- Basic infrastructure for utilities
- Security fencing for areas to be farmed

Cooperative Management Areas

- Establishing relationships with cooperative partners
- Utility connections to enable cooperative partners to occupy designated areas

Although the above objectives guide Phase I of Park development, the actual elements that will be proposed for development will be based on the available capital funding for construction and future operating costs associated with these amenities.

Task Force Committee Recognition

In partnership with California State Parks staff and California State Park and Recreation Commissioners, County Parks staff recognized the valuable contributions of the Martial Cottle Park Task Force Committee members on March 2, 2011. A recognition ceremony at the Casa Grande Mansion in Almaden Quicksilver County Park was held as part of the evening social for California State Parks. Once again, we thank the Task Force Committee for their guidance to the County and the State with the project completion and approvals.

Next Steps

The County Parks Department's Park Development Unit will be working with Consultants to design and develop construction documents for Phase I elements of the project. Once conceptual design documents are available for review, the County Parks Department will schedule public meetings with the community and stakeholders to discuss and seek input on the design plans.

It is anticipated that the design development phase, including the completion of construction documents and permitting, would require at least three years before actual construction would start at the park property.



Site Visit to Martial Cottle Park with State Parks Commissioners on March 1, 2011

Project Management Transition

County Parks staff will be transitioning project management roles with the Park Plan implementation phase, where the planning project had been previously managed by Senior Planner Jane Mark and supported by Park Planner Kimberly Brosseau. In Phase I implementation, project management has been assigned to Capital Programs Manager II Deedee Flauding, who will be the new Project Manager, with oversight from Park Development Manager, Mark Frederick, from the County Parks Department's Park Development Unit.

If you have questions about the planning and environmental findings aspects of the Martial Cottle Park Plan project, please contact:

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If you have questions about the design development, preparation of the construction documents, future community meetings and public input process, and construction phase of the Martial Cottle Park Plan project, please contact:

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