

ORANGEVALE
RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
MASTER PLAN OF TRAILS
SUPPLEMENT TO THE MASTER PLAN

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1.0 Introduction

The Orangevale Recreation and Park District Master Plan (Reference 1) approved on February 9, 1989, contains a section on recreational trails. It states on page 53 that the “District of Orangevale should develop a Master Plan of Trails to augment existing and proposed recreational facilities by providing a guide for the establishment and presentation of riding, hiking and bicycle trails throughout the park district of Orangevale”. This plan has been developed pursuant to this section and is proposed to be a supplement to the Master Plan.

The Sacramento and Placer Counties have been developing a 67 mile Loop Trail (page 6) that links Folsom Lake, Placer County, the city of Roseville, Rio Linda and Sacramento City with the American River Parkway. Orangevale is fortunate to border this trail connection at the Placer County line.

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this plan is to provide the Orangevale community with a plan for current and future development of an integrated trail system that links Orangevale’s facilities to each other as well as to the Sacramento County regional trail system and facilities.

This plan is designed to be used for:

- Development of tentative trail maps and provide for continuous updates
- Acquiring rights-of-way for trail development
- Approving any Assessment Districts if necessary
- Developing the trail system
- Maintaining the trails

2.0 Goals and Policies

The following represents the goals and policies for the Master Plan of Trails.

2.1 Goals

The objectives of the District’s Master Plan are incorporated here with some additions with numbers for future reference.

- 2.1.1 Provide the citizens of Orangevale the opportunity for safe, convenient and pleasant recreationally oriented riding, hiking and bicycle trails throughout the District.
- 2.1.2 Acquire, develop and maintain, where feasible, abandoned rights-of-way, drainage easements and other useable linear property including portions of street and highway rights-of-way for open space and recreational corridors for use as riding, hiking and bicycled trails.

- 2.1.3 Establish and maintain, where feasible, riding hiking and bicycle trails along certain highways as designated on the Circulation Element of the County General Plan.
- 2.1.4 Actively solicit all available means of financing the acquisition, development and maintenance of trails including available State and Federal funds and grants-in-aid.
- 2.1.5 Link residential areas, schools, community buildings, parks, commercial areas and other community facilities within residential developments.
- 2.1.6 Whenever possible, trails should connect to the countywide trail system, regional trails, and the trail or bikeways plans of cities.

2.2 Policies

The following policies should help guide the planning process and are numbered for future reference.

- 2.2.1 Whenever feasible, be designed to separate equestrian trails from cycling paths, and to separate trails from the roadway by the use of curbs, fences, landscape buffering, and/or spatial distance in order to provide for safe and convenient travel by foot, horse or bicycle.
- 2.2.2 Link residential areas, schools, community buildings, parks and other community facilities within residential developments.
- 2.2.3 Use public utility corridors such as power transmission line easements, railroad rights-of-way, irrigation district easements, and roadways.
- 2.2.4 Provide for multiple uses (i.e. pedestrian, equestrian, bicycle).
- 2.2.5 Protect open space and natural resources.
- 2.2.6 The District shall support the integration of public trails into the design of flood control facilities and other public works projects whenever possible.
- 2.2.7 The District shall work with the Sacramento County agencies to coordinate the development of equestrian, pedestrian, and bicycle trails.
- 2.2.8 The District shall request the Sacramento County to notify them of proposed new developments within the district to determine the need for dedication of rights-of-way and/or actual construction of segments of local feeder trails or the countywide trail system.

- 2.2.9 The District shall encourage the preservation of linear open space along rail corridors, stream corridors, and other public easements for future use as trails.
- 2.2.10 The District shall take the lead in forming a Trail Committee to be comprised of local equestrian, pedestrian and bicycle proponents.
- 2.2.11 The District's Trail Committee will hold regular workshops for implementation and refinement of this Master Plan of Trails.

3.0 Tentative Map

The map on page 5 is a result of several workshops and District meetings on the proposed trail system in Orangevale. The Trail Committee has identified two trails from these meetings that will be actively pursued. These proposed trails will link the pedestrian and equestrian community of Orangevale to the Orangevale Park and Horse Arena facilities, and the proposed County Loop Trail. The proposed County Loop trail that links Folsom Lake, Placer County, Sacramento City and the American River Parkway (approximately a 67 mile trail system) is shown on page 6. As stated in goal 2.1.6, Orangevale desires to obtain as many access points and feeder trails to the County Loop Trail.

Through continuous trail planning, as provided in this Master Plan of Trails, this map will be updated in the future to include additional trail alignments and to incorporate the other areas of the District. Through workshops of the Trail Committee and District Meetings, this starting point will be expanded and refined.

3.1 Trail Identification

The two trails on the map identified by The Trail Committee are described below:

- 3.1.1 Sundance / C-Bar-C Park Feeder Trail - This trail will link Sundance Park, Tempo Park, and C-Bar-C Park on Oak Avenue with Folsom Lake. As shown on the map, it travels north from Sundance Park to Oak Avenue, continues through C-Bar-C Park to behind Olivine Avenue, winds through Woodbridge Ranch, crosses Hazel Avenue, and ultimately connects to Placer County. At the Placer County connection is where the trail connects to the County Loop Trail. There currently are several existing easements along this trail alignment. The existing easements for this trail belong to Sacramento County and are for pedestrians and equestrians.
- 3.1.2 Orangevale Park Loop Trail - The Orangevale Park located at the corner of Hazel and Oak Avenues contains several winding trails throughout the park. The Park also is home to an equestrian arena and staging area. The proposed loop trail will start from the Orangevale Park and travel north next to Casa Roble High School. The trail will split with a west trail linking to Eden Oaks Avenue, and an east trail towards Granite Avenue. The west trail will continue east on Eden Oaks and then

turn North on Excelsior and continue up until it reaches the Sundance / C-Bar-C Feeder Trail. The east leg of the loop trail will turn north on Granite and then east on Golden Gate to Mountain. At Mountain, the trail will turn north toward the Placer County Line. At the end of Mountain, the trail will connect the Sundance / C-Bar-C Feeder Trail through the county property located at the end of Mountain. Thus this forms a complete loop to return back to Orangevale Park.

MAP OF TRAIL COMMITTEE IDENTIFIED TRAIL ALIGNMENTS ORANGEVALE RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT MASTER PLAN OF TRAILS

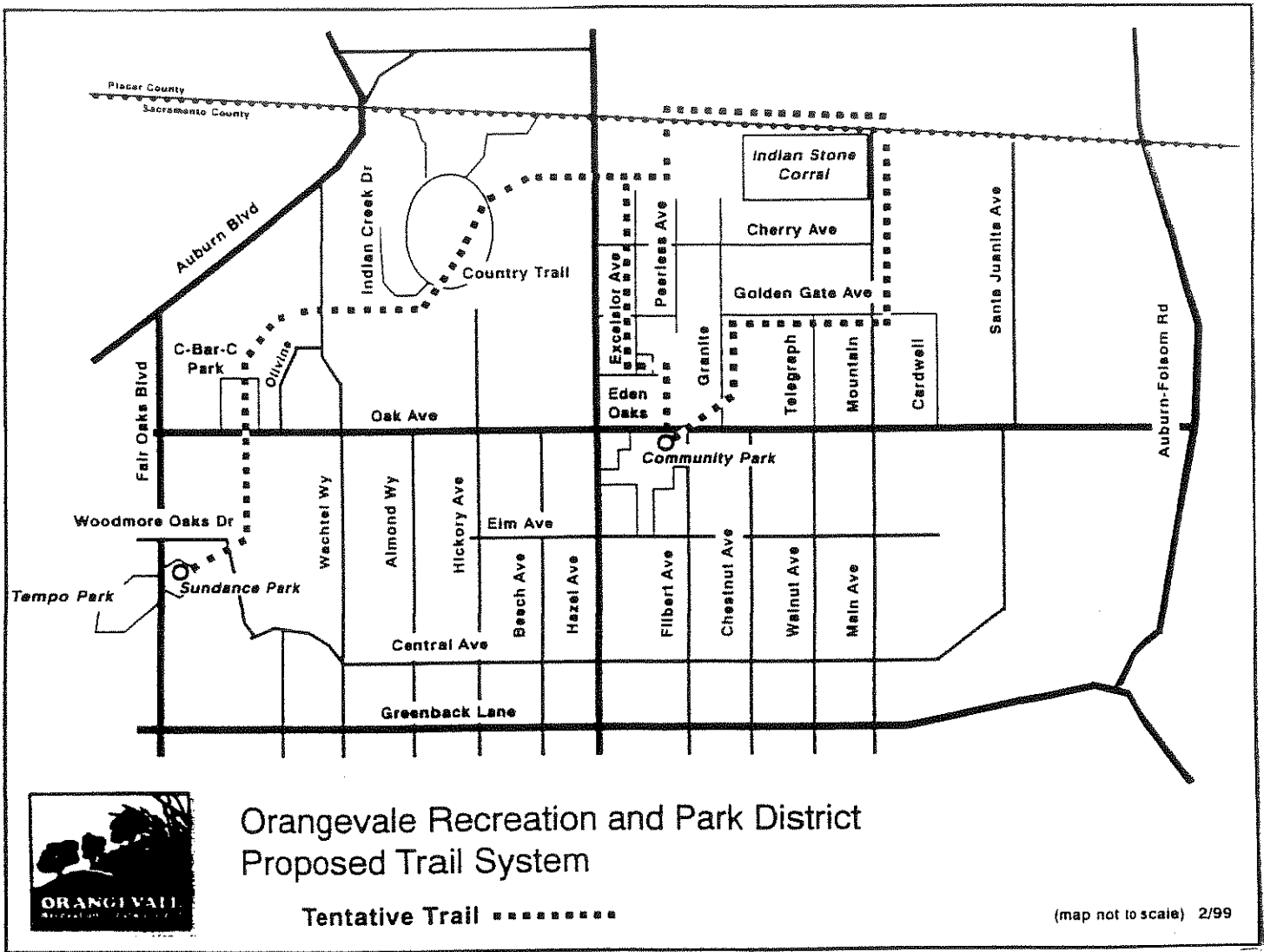


Figure 1 – Map of Current Trail Alignments

4.0 Implementation Considerations

The District will actively pursue the completion of the proposed trails documented in this Master Plan of Trails, as well as any future identified trail alignments. This will entail significant community participation and coordination with Sacramento County agencies.

4.1 Action Plan

To implement the goals and policies of this Plan, an action plan is adopted on an annual basis. The action plan is a separate document, prepared by the Orangevale Recreation and Park District. The Master Plan of Trails is considered to be a five to ten year plan, but the action plan contains tasks that are more specific and dynamic in nature, therefore the need for a more timely review and update.

The Orangevale Recreation and Park District is the appropriate hearing body to review and place priorities on the items listed in the action plan. This process should coincide with the annual budget preparation by the District. The appropriate sources of funding should also be determined during the annual review.

The District Trail Committee will continue to hold workshops and/or District meetings to allow community input into the annual action plans. The Trail Committee will also review any proposed developments, Community Plan updates, or any specific plan updates for potential trail issues to be discussed in their workshops, or incorporated into the annual action plan.

4.1.1 Specific Action Plan

The following list of tasks has been identified by the Trail Committee to pursue the two trail alignments identified in this plan. This list is not all inclusive nor listed in any prioritized order.

1. Submit the trail alignment maps to the County of Sacramento for incorporation into their Bikeway Master Plan, and any future trail plan updates or General Plan Updates.
2. Submit a letter to the Department of Transportation regarding the Hazel Avenue widening project, and their impact on the trail crossing at Hazel.
3. Develop a collaborative roles and responsibilities matrix to identify what agencies will be responsible for certain roles. Meet with the various County Agencies to determine how we can work towards our goals.
4. Meet with neighboring Sunrise Park District on the connections at C-Bar-C Park, and other sections of their District.
5. Determine a Trail Dedication procedure for use in soliciting trail easements. See Section 4.3.

6. Utilize this Master Plan of Trails to actively solicit external funding for acquisition of easements and trail development.
7. Actively solicit the landowners for the rights-of-way along the trail alignments.
8. Obtain rights-of-way for the two remaining parcels east of Hazel Avenue; we have a verbal agreement from one property owner.

It is anticipated that year 2 through 5 will be the development phase of these two trails. As this phase approaches, several tasks will be identified for trail development, some of which include the following:

- Remove encroachments from property owners
- Fencing and gates if necessary
- Tree trimming and brush removal
- Grading and land fill
- Development and placement of signs
- Bridges

4.2 Cooperation with County Agencies

The current easements for the Sundance / C-Bar-C Feeder Trail belong to the Sacramento County. In addition, the County owns 90 percent of Indian Stone Corral, with the District owning 10 percent. With multiple ownership and interest, cooperation is essential. The widening of Hazel Avenue is a Sacramento County Public Works Agency Transportation Division project.

It will be necessary to formulate an interagency policy for efficient performance of this plan. The Trail Committee and District Officials will meet with the various county agencies to discuss the means for which this plan can be implemented with cooperation from these agencies. As identified in section 4.1.1 Action Plan, the Committee will develop a roles and responsibilities matrix to aid in this process. As policies and decisions are made, this section of the plan will be updated with those identified agreements.

4.3 Acquisition of Rights of Way

The Trail Committee of the Orangevale Park District shall develop a standard trail dedication procedure including forms with cooperation from Sacramento County Parks. The Placer County Trail Development Information Packet (reference 4) can be used as a guide. This guide can then be used to approach property owners for dedication of property to the trail system.

Properties proposed for development will promptly be reviewed for need of trail right-of-way. As part of the interagency policy development, it will be necessary to get “in the loop” of any new development proposed in Orangevale. Any required easements will be discussed with the developer and with County planning staff. The standard trail dedication forms and procedures will also be used in obtaining the appropriate easements.

Should property owners request compensation for trail dedication, the District will review and provide a cost report to the finance committee. Various funding alternatives will be included with each review. The finance committee report will then be presented to the Board of Directors.

4.4 Funding

As stated in goal 2.1.4, the District will actively solicit all available means of financing, including available State and Federal Funds. In addition, the District can pursue various fund-raisers at the horse arena. Volunteer groups can also be used for certain development and maintenance activities. Funding proposals will be developed and presented to the Finance and Budget Committee. Final proposals will be presented to the Board.

5.0 Trail Maintenance

The District will provide trail maintenance where economically feasible in cooperation with Sacramento County. It is conceivable that a majority of the maintenance will come from volunteer groups within the community. The District will take the lead in organizing volunteer trail maintenance work parties and advertising them to the community. As part of the Action Plan in Section 4.1.1, the Trail Committee will determine the roles and responsibilities for trail maintenance during discussions with other county agencies.

5.1 Comprehensive Trail Manual

Until such time as this Master Plan of Trails is updated to include its own specific trail manual, the District shall reference the Trail Manual developed by the East Bay Regional Park District, dated 1995.

This manual will be utilized for developing trail standards and maintenance guidelines. As new trails are designed and developed, this comprehensive manual will provide sufficient guidelines to direct the Trail Committee in proper trail system development and maintenance.

5.2 Good Neighbor Guidelines

The District shall develop a Good Neighbor Guidelines handbook. Until a specific handbook is developed, the East Bay Regional Park District Good Neighbor Guidelines dated April 6, 1993 (reference 7) shall be utilized by the District in developing a cooperative working relationship with the many private property owners that border the current and proposed trail system.

6.0 Resources

The following resources may be able to aid the District in developing a final Trails Master Plan, future updates, and future trail acquisition and development.

Twin Lakes Riding Club
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7.0 References

The following references were consulted in development of this plan.

- [1] Orangevale Recreation and Park District Master Plan, adopted February 9, 1989.
- [2] East Bay Regional Park District Trail Manual
- [3] Rio Linda - Elverta Parks and Recreation Area Master Plan 1990 - 2000
- [4] Placer County Trail Development Information Packet
- [5] Placer County (ask John Ramirez for Master Plan info)
- [6] Economic Impacts of Protecting Rivers, Trails and Greenway Corridors, National Park Service Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance, 1995, fourth edition revised.
- [7] Good Neighbor Guidelines, from the East Bay Regional Park District