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## Open Space & Recreation

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## 6.1 INTRODUCTION

The Open Space and Recreation Element of the Placentia General Plan provides the strategies and actions to preserve and enhance open space areas in the City and meet the recreational needs of its residents. Open space and recreational facilities in the City of Placentia include parks, schools, community and privately-owned recreation facilities, bikeways, trailways, golf courses and open space easements ranging from passive open space to active recreation sites.



## 6.2 AUTHORITY FOR THE ELEMENT

The State of California Government Code Section 65302(e) requires a General Plan to “include an open space element as provided in Article 10.5 (commencing with Section 65560).” Recreation Elements are an optional element of the General Plan, pursuant to Section 65303 of the Government Code. This Element combines the required Open Space and optional Recreation components into one element.

The Open Space and Recreation Element must contain goals and polices concerned with managing and preserving all open space areas, including undeveloped lands and outdoor recreation areas. Specifically, the Open Space Element includes open space that is left undeveloped for public health and safety reasons, and open space that is used for the preservation of natural resources, for the managed production of resources and for outdoor recreation. The Recreation portion of this element includes the description of recreational facilities and the policies for maintaining, improving, and expanding those facilities.

## 6.3 SUMMARY OF EXISTING CONDITIONS

### Existing Open Space and Recreational Facilities

Placentia’s open space and recreation resources include parkettes, neighborhood, community and sub-regional parks, special use facilities, such as golf courses, schools and sports complexes with sports fields. Combined, these resources offer Placentia residents a wide variety of recreational opportunities. Table 5-1, *Open Space Inventory* identifies existing types and corresponding acreages of open space resources located within Placentia and Exhibit 5-1, *Parks, Recreation and Open Space Inventory*, illustrates the location of these resources.

*Table 6-1. Open Space Inventory*

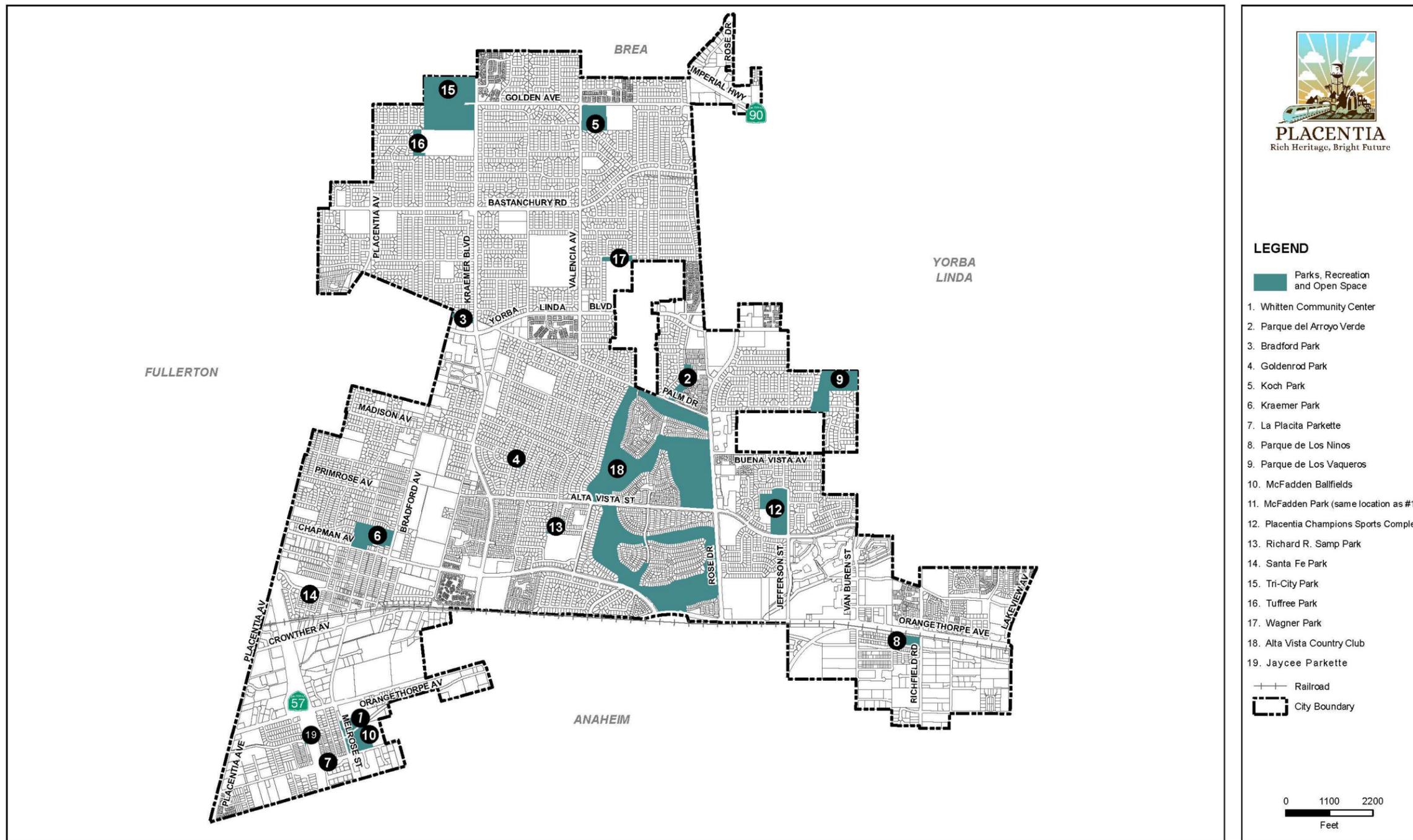
Type of Open Space	Acreage
Parkettes	1.3 ac
Neighborhood Parks	22.9 ac
Community Parks	18.6 ac
Special Use	18.1 ac
Sub-regional Parks	40.0 <sup>(1)</sup> ac
School acreage	123.3 <sup>(2)</sup> ac
<b>Total</b>	<b>224.2 acres</b>

Notes: <sup>(1)</sup>County of Orange Tri-City Park is located entirely within Placentia Corporate boundaries.

<sup>(2)</sup>One half of the City’s school acreage is credited to the City’s open space inventory.

The City of Placentia Community Services Department operates 15 park sites within the City. Table 5-2, *Parks and Recreation Inventory* provides a summary of existing resources at these facilities. In addition, fifty percent of the City’s school acreage (approximately 123.3 acres) is credited to the City’s open space inventory.

Exhibit 6-1. Parks, Recreation and Open Space Inventory



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## Open Space for Outdoor Recreation

The provision of a variety of public parks and the availability of small-scale residential, industrial and commercial open space/recreation areas is a contributing factor to the well-being and health of Placentia residents. Open space and outdoor recreation opportunities include:

### Parkettes

Parkettes are small areas of passive land usually ranging in size from a few square feet to an acre. They are landscaped areas that sometimes have special design features such as fountains or flower areas as the dominant feature in their design. Placentia has two parkettes, Jaycee and La Placita, contributing approximately 1.3 acres to the City's open space inventory.



### Neighborhood Parks

A neighborhood park generally serves immediately adjacent residential areas bounded by arterial streets and is typically near an elementary school to obtain maximum benefits from both facilities. Generally, neighborhood parks provide space for primarily outdoor recreation activities and are geared toward young persons 5-14 years of age. Neighborhood parks generally contain a play area for younger children; a multi-purpose grass area; picnic area; and off-street parking when possible. Neighborhood parks are typically one to five acres and have a service radius of approximately one-half mile. Neighborhood parks located adjacent to schools are typically 5 to 15 acres. Placentia has seven Neighborhood Parks, contributing approximately 22.9 acres to the City's open space inventory.



### Community Parks

A community park serves several neighborhoods within a community. The community park provides indoor and outdoor facilities to meet a much wider range of recreation interests than a neighborhood park. A community park generally contains features such as community centers, picnic grounds, children’s play areas, swimming pools, outdoor activity courts, and off-street parking. This type of park is generally 5 to 10 acres, with a service radius of approximately three miles.



Placentia has three community park facilities, Parque de Los Ninos, Kraemer Memorial Park and McFadden Park, encompassing approximately 18.6 acres of the City's total park acreage. These community parks offer a variety of facilities including ballfields, playgrounds, and multi-purpose rooms.

### Special Use Facilities

Special use facilities generally provide a specific recreational service within the community. Examples of special use facilities are golf courses, zoos, casting ponds, local campsites, archery and rifle ranges and athletic complexes, which may include baseball, softball, soccer and football fields, or tennis, handball and racquetball courts.

Placentia has three special use facilities Tuffree Park, Bradford Park, and Placentia Champions Sports Complex, contributing approximately 18.1 acres to the City's open space inventory.

### Subregional Parks

A sub-regional park is generally 25 to 50 acres in size, serving several cities. Sub-regional parks may contain family and group picnicking, camping, nature trails, play areas, outdoor amphitheatres, and lakes with water-oriented activities. The service radius for a subregional park can extend to three or more miles.

Placentia has one subregional park facility, Tri-City Park, comprising 40 acres. Tri-City Park has an 8-acre lake, commonly used for fishing. Additionally, the park has picnic shelters, areas with barbeques, walking trails, biking paths, restrooms, multiple parking lots, and a playground area. Various City sponsored events are held at the park throughout the year including community wide and regional events such as the Heritage Festival and Parade and summer Concerts in the Park series. Various community groups and non-profit groups also utilize the park for special events, camps and programs.

The park is owned and managed by Orange County Parks. Previous to Orange County ownership, Tri-City Park Authority was founded in 1974 as a joint powers authority by three cities (Brea, Fullerton, Placentia) and the County of Orange to develop the 40-acre location into a sub-regional park site in North Orange County. Tri-City Park is located entirely within the City of Placentia and in 2013 operations were transferred to the County of Orange. The County is responsible for acquisition and development, including master planning for future development, and administering the day-to-day maintenance and operations of the park.

### Golf Courses

Alta Vista County Club is a 58,851-square foot private golf club located in the southeastern portion of the City. The private facility includes an 18-hole course, driving range, putting greens and clubhouse. The clubhouse is comprised of administrative offices, lounge, card room, pro-shop and a restaurant. Alta Vista

Country Club is also available for public events such as weddings, banquets, receptions, fundraisers and fundraising golf tournaments.



### Bikeways

Bikeways provide access to schools, parks and other open space areas within the community. Although not included in the open space inventory, the City's bikeway network provides significant recreation opportunities. Exhibit 3-4, of the Mobility Element, Existing Bikeways, illustrates the location of bikeways within Placentia. Existing bike paths are classified as Class I, II, or III. Class I bike paths are off road bike paths, separate from the street and are the highest quality bike path. Class II bike lanes and Class III bike routes are both located on the street. Class II lanes include a designated bike lane and Class III paths are marked by signage. The City has a Master Bike Plan and the bikeway system ties into the Orange County Transit Authority bikeway system (see Mobility Element). As development occurs, bikeways will be considered a goal for implementing Complete Streets. The City will also be looking at way to connect to the Orange County Bike Loop.

Currently no equestrian trails or facilities exist within the City of Placentia. The surrounding cities of Yorba Linda and Fullerton have equestrian trails and facilities for use by Placentia residents.

Table 6-2. Parks and Recreation Inventory

Park Sites	Acreage	Barbecues	Baseball/softball Fields	Basketball Courts	Walking Paths	Overnight Camping	Tot Lots	Lake with Fishing	Handball Courts	Multi-Purpose Facilities	Picnic Structures	Picnic Tables	Restrooms	Soccer Fields	Tennis Courts	Benches	Reservations	Swimming Pool	Outdoor Exercise Equipment
Parkettes																			
Jaycee Parkette	0.4						●									●			
La Placita Parkette	0.9						●									●			
Subtotal	1.3																		
Neighborhood Parks																			
Goldenrod Park	2.5	●	●				●					●				●			
Koch Park	4.3	●					●			●	●	●	●			●	●		
Wagner Park	1.8	●					●					●							
Santa Fe Park	1.1	●					●					●				●			●
Parque del Arroyo Verde	4.4	●		●			●					●	●			●	●		
Parque de Los Vaqueros	5.4	●		●			●					●	●			●	●		
Richard R. Samp Park	3.4	●					●				●	●				●			
Subtotal	22.9																		
Community Parks																			
Parque de Los Ninos	3.7	●	●	●	●		●	●	●		●	●					●	●	●
Kraemer Park	11.0	●	●	●	●		●			●	●	●	●			●	●		●
McFadden Park	3.9	●		●			●	●	●	●	●	●	●			●		●	●
Subtotal	18.6																		

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Special Use Facilities																			
Tuffree Park	3.4	●	●		●		●		●			●	●		●	●	●		●
Bradford Park/ House	1.7				●											●	●		
Placentia Champions Sports Complex	13	●	●	●	●		●			●	●	●	●	●		●	●		
Institutional Use (Schools)																			
See Table 5-3	123.3 <sup>(1)</sup>																		
Subtotal	141.4																		
Subregional																			
Tri-City Park <sup>(2)</sup>	40	●			●	●	●	●			●	●	●			●	●		
Subtotal	40																		
<b>Total Park Acreage</b>	<b>224.2</b>																		

Source: City of Placentia Community Services Department. Date: October 2014

<sup>(1)</sup>One half of the City's school acreage is credited to the City's open space inventory.

## Placentia Recreational Facilities



Recreational facilities within Placentia contribute to the City’s recreational resources. These facilities typically include community buildings, recreation centers, senior centers, gymnasiums and sports facilities. Placentia recreation facilities provide a wide variety of programs and events for City sponsored activities. Community facilities also enhance the community by providing building space for governmental agencies, non-profit organizations, resident use, non-resident use and commercial organizations. Placentia’s recreational facilities can accommodate a diverse range of activities including: after-school and summer youth programs, teen programs, day camps, office space, banquet rooms, building and classroom rentals, exercise and sporting activities, dances and dance classes, continuing education and lifelong learning classes, events, voting locations, performances, senior programs, food distribution sites, and tutoring.

City of Placentia recreational facilities and community buildings include:

Aguirre Building	505 Jefferson Street
Backs Community Building	201 N. Bradford Avenue
Bradford House	136 E. Palm Circle
Gomez Community Center	1701 Atwood Avenue
Koch Park Recreational Center	2210 N. Valencia Avenue
Kraemer Clubhouse/Teen Center	116 N. Walnut Avenue
Oberle Gym <sup>1</sup>	974 S. Melrose Street

<sup>1</sup> Joint use facility with PYLUSD

E.T. Powell Building	143 S. Bradford Avenue
Tynes Gym	2101 N. Tuffree Boulevard
Whitten Community Center	900 S. Melrose

A description of each facility is attached in the Open Spaces and Urban Greening Master Plan tentatively scheduled for adoption by the City Council in October 2019, available in the appendices. Each description includes history of the complex, acreage of the site and recommended site upgrades.

### Placentia Recreational Programs

The City’s Community Services Department provides educational, recreational and leisure opportunities for the residents of Placentia by coordinating the planning and implementation of after-school and summer activities for youth and teens, recreational contract classes and sports programs, senior programs, human services programs, learn to swim and recreational swim aquatic programming, and community wide special events. The Cultural Arts Commission and/or its successor, coordinates the implementation of cultural and fine arts activities, events, and projects throughout the community. These programs include the Photography Contest, Concerts in the Park, Cultural Arts Projects for Every Student (CAPES) Scholarship Program, and the Concerts in the Park series.

A number of committees and commissions support the City’s recreational activities including the Recreation and Parks Commission, Cultural Arts Commission and/or the successors, Heritage Festival Committee, Chamber of Commerce, Placita Santa Fe Merchants Association, Sports Advisory Committee, and Senior Advisory Committee.

The City’s Recreation Services Division provides quality recreation services to the community through programs and special events including:

- Adult Sports Leagues
- After-School and Summer PARK’s (Positive Activities and Recreation for Kids) Programs during the school year and summer
- Aquatic Learn-to-Swim Programs at El Dorado and Valencia High Schools.
- Aquatic Recreation Swim Programs at Whitten and Gomez Pools
- Contractual Recreational Classes
- Concerts in the Park Series
- Adult Excursions
- Youth Excursions
- Movies in the Park Series
- Summer Community Walks
- Heritage Festival and Parade
- Senior Programs

- Easter Egg-Citement (in collaboration with the Placentia Library District)
- Volunteer Program
- Youth and Teen Basketball Leagues
- Santa Activities and Programs
- Jr. and Pee-Wee Summer Sports Camps
- Placita Santa Fe Tamale Festival
- Community Christmas Baskets Giveaway
- Holiday Tree Lighting Festival
- Placentia Teen Center at Kraemer Park

### School Facilities

The use of school facilities as an additional open space resource is an important component of the City’s overall open space and recreational program. Seventeen school facilities are located within the City of Placentia. Exhibit 5-2, School Facilities, illustrates the location of educational facilities located within the City. The use of school facilities for open space and recreational opportunities provides a creative means to enhance and expand the City’s overall open space and recreational resources. Times when these facilities can be used by public vary depending on school sessions. The amount of school acreage attributed to the City’s park acreage is shown in Table 5-3, School Facilities Acreage.

*Table 6-3. School Facilities Acreage*

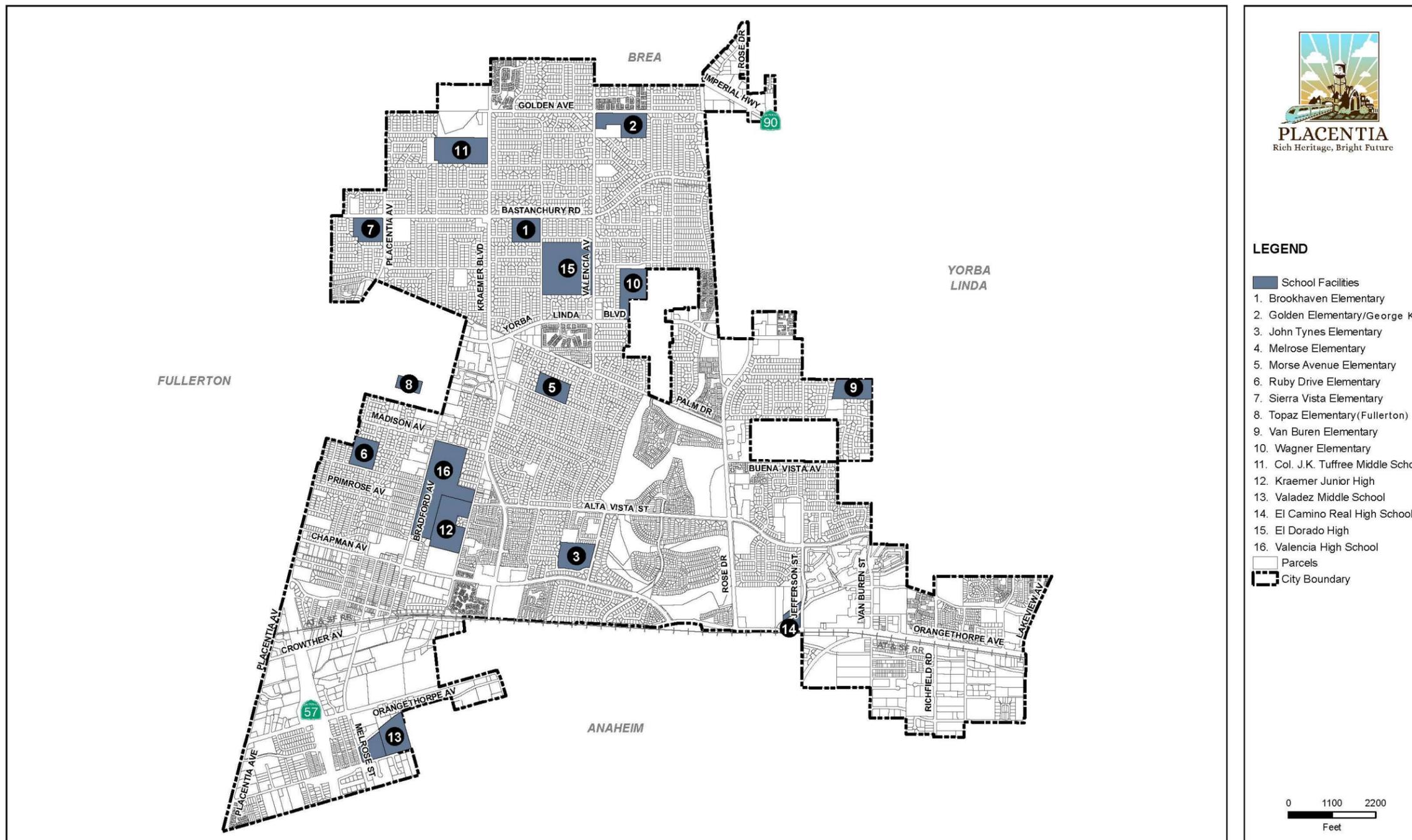
Placentia – Yorba Linda Unified School District	Existing Acreage	
	Total	Park Use*
<b>Elementary Schools</b>		
Ruby Drive Elementary	10.2	5.10
Morse Elementary	9.5	4.20
Sierra Vista Elementary	10.6	5.30
Brookhaven Elementary	10.0	5.00
Golden Elementary	9.5	4.75
Wagner Elementary	12.6	6.30
Van Buren Elementary	10.8	5.40
Melrose Elementary	9.4	4.70
Tynes Elementary	15.0	7.50
George Key School	10.1	5.05
<b>Middle Schools</b>		
Kraemer Middle School	22.7	11.35
Tuffree Middle School	20.2	10.10

Valadez Middle School	11.2	5.6
High Schools		
El Dorado High	39.1	19.55
Valencia High	41.7	20.85
El Camino High	5.1	2.55
Other Schools		
District Education Center	10.1	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>257.80</b>	<b>123.3</b>

Source: Placentia - Yorba Linda School District, 2014

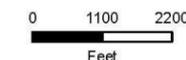
\* Fifty percent of school land credited to park use.

Exhibit 6-2. School Facilities



LEGEND

- School Facilities
- 1. Brookhaven Elementary
- 2. Golden Elementary/George Key
- 3. John Tynes Elementary
- 4. Melrose Elementary
- 5. Morse Avenue Elementary
- 6. Ruby Drive Elementary
- 7. Sierra Vista Elementary
- 8. Topaz Elementary(Fullerton)
- 9. Van Buren Elementary
- 10. Wagner Elementary
- 11. Col. J.K. Tuffree Middle School
- 12. Kraemer Junior High
- 13. Valadez Middle School
- 14. El Camino Real High School
- 15. El Dorado High
- 16. Valencia High School
- Parcels
- City Boundary



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## 6.4 OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN

The Open Space and Recreation Plan for the City of Placentia identifies how the City will provide an adequate level of open space and recreational resources for the City’s residents and preserve existing open space resources. All residents have access to a park or recreation center within a one-mile radius. This section of the Open Space and Recreation Element emphasizes coordination between the City, its internal departments, local agencies, school districts, and community groups to provide citywide recreation opportunities.

### Future Parkland Development

The City of Placentia Open Space and Recreation Plan contains measures to ensure that adequate recreational opportunities are provided for Placentia residents. The City has adopted a park development standard of 4 acres per 1,000 residents, for a total goal of 202 acres. Currently, Placentia has 224.2 acres of parks, which include neighborhood, community and subregional parks along with open space provided through school facility acreage. Table 6-4, City of Placentia Park Development Guidelines provides an overview of guidelines for various park facility types within the City.

*Table 6-4. Park Development Guidelines*

Park Type	Average Size	Typical Service Area	Typical Facilities
Parkettes	1 acre or less	¼ Mile	Tot lot, benches
Neighborhood Parks	1 to 5 acres	½ Mile	Tot lots, picnic facilities, benches
Community Parks	5 to 10 acres	3 miles	Athletic fields, picnic areas, community centers
Sub-Regional Parks	25 to 50 acres	3 Miles or greater	Picnic areas, camping, fishing, nature trails

Source: City of Placentia Community Services Department, 2014.

### Parkland Development Standards

The State of California Planning and Zoning Law and the Subdivision Map Act Section 66477 (the Quimby Act) provides that the legislative body of a city or county may, by ordinance, require the dedication of land, the payment of fees in lieu thereof, or a combination of both for park land purposes as a condition of approval of a Tract Map or Parcel Map. Chapter 22.54 and Chapter 5.02 of the Placentia Municipal Code codifies the requirements for imposing park dedication fees and codifies impact fees to fund improvements to City Parks.

In conformance with the Quimby Act, the Open Space and Recreation Element includes standards determining land requirements for future park sites. Table 5-5, Parkland Needs Assessment, provides an overview of existing park facilities and associated surpluses/deficiencies within Placentia. The current goal of 4 acres per 1,000 residents (202 acres) has been met and exceeded with a total of 227.3 park acres.

*Table 6-5. Parkland Needs Assessment*

Park Designation	Acreage
Parkettes	1.3 ac
Neighborhood Parks	22.9 ac
Community Parks	18.6 ac
Special Use	18.1 ac
Sub-regional Parks	40.0 ac
Institutional	123.3 <sup>(1)</sup> ac
Total Acreage	224.2 ac
Target Parkland Acreage	202.13 ac <sup>(2)</sup>
Surplus	22.07 ac

<sup>1</sup> Represents one-half of total acreage.

<sup>(2)</sup> 4 ac per 1,000. Population of 50,533 (2010 Census). Total target no. of acres is 202.13.

### Recreation Programming and Facility Needs

The City of Placentia evaluates its existing recreational program and needs through periodic assessment of its residents. The City utilizes participant/customer surveys, staff and instructor input, participation numbers in programs and events, and citizen input at community meetings to assess opinions and behavior with respect to recreational activities, programs and facilities in Placentia.

In addition to the renovation of existing facilities and recreational field improvements at City and School District facilities, the City has identified recreation needs including:

- Dog Park;
- Gymnasium; renovations
- Senior/Community Center;
- Performing Arts Center; and

- Aquatics Complex.

Many of these needs were identified through the Development of the Open Spaces and Urban Greening Master Plan completed and soon to be adopted in October 2019 (see appendices).

### Analysis of Vacant Land for Parkland Development

Population growth in Placentia will require the utilization of existing vacant land resources as a means to provide future open space and recreational resources. Evaluating the potential use of the vacant parcels for the provision of viable open space is an important factor in providing additional recreation opportunities for Placentia residents. The City of Placentia has identified existing vacant land, as shown in Exhibit entitled, Vacant Parcels and as categorized in Table 2-2, Summary of Vacant Land by Land Use Designation, in the Land Use Element. Additional analysis of vacant parcels will need to be conducted to determine if their size, location, land use and environmental constraints make them suitable for parkland.

## 6.5 GOALS AND POLICIES

Open Space goals and policies are also located in the Health and Wellness Element of the General Plan.

### Open Space, Park and Recreation Facilities and Programs

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**GOAL OS & R - 1** *Provide recreation/park facilities and programs for all those who live and work in Placentia.*

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**Policy OS & R - 1.1** Continue to require new developments to provide recreational opportunities for their residents and/or to submit appropriate fees in the form of Quimby fees and Development Impact Fees in order to continue meeting the City's park standard, 4 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents.

**Policy OS & R - 1.2** Create and maintain an annual maintenance plan that will ensure all of the city recreation facilities are adequate, safe, and useable condition. Focus on improvements to existing facilities through renovation and upgrades to ensure the recreation needs of all residents are met.

**Policy OS & R - 1.3** Plan recreation programs and events that utilize our open space and recreational facilities to the maximum extent with the available resources.

**Policy OS & R - 1.4** Continue to conduct participant surveys for every program and event.

**Policy OS & R - 1.5** Continually reassess the community's recreational and open space standards and opportunities in relation to

satisfying the needs of the population. Provide a survey to meet this policy within the City Newsletter, which is mailed directly to all residents.

**Policy OS & R - 1.6** As new parks and park renovation projects occur, provide improved accessibility for all disabled, elderly, disadvantaged communities, and otherwise less mobile persons within the community.

**Policy OS & R - 1.7** Ensure that parks and recreation facilities are developed with facilities appropriate to all ages, including athletic fields, active play areas, passive open space, tot lots and picnic areas.

**Policy OS & R - 1.8** Evaluate and, where feasible, utilize the opportunities offered by abandoned road and railroad rights-of-way and similar environmentally impacted or unused linear open space to construct low maintenance greenbelts and multi-use trails.

**Policy OS & R - 1.9** For any future park created adjacent to a school, design it as a joint use facility.

**Policy OS & R - 1.10** Provide a range of informal opportunities and organized recreational, human service, cultural, athletic, educational, and life enrichment programs and services that will enable community residents of all ages, interests, and abilities to participate and experience self-satisfaction, personal growth, and fulfillment in leisure activities. This can be addressed during the community participant survey.

**Policy OS & R - 1.11** As development occurs, consider bikeways as one means for implementing the goals of Complete Streets.

**Policy OS & R - 1.12** As development occurs, consider opportunities for connecting to the Orange County Bike Loop.

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**GOAL OS & R - 2** *Continue to work closely with various appointed citizen groups, businesses, private developers and service organizations to help assure that the city's recreation program meets the community's needs in the breadth and quantity of programs offered.*

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**POLICY OS & R - 2.1** Work closely with other public agencies, including other parks and recreation departments and school districts, in developing cooperative park and recreation programs. Attend collaborative training and conferences to continue the dialogue and information sharing for this cooperative work.

**POLICY OS & R - 2.2** Develop long-term agreements with the School District and, as appropriate, other agencies that will maximize joint-use and multiple-use of facilities and reduce overall operations and maintenance costs. Continue to support cooperative arrangements with the Placentia-Yorba Linda

Unified School District to ensure the broadest range of recreational activities and services are made available to Placentia residents.

**Policy OS & R - 2.3** Develop partnerships with nonprofits and community groups that provide appropriate recreation programs and park facilities for those with specialized needs including at risk youth, special needs population, seniors, teens, disadvantaged communities, and other human services areas/populations.

**Policy OS & R - 2.4** Encourage private/public partnerships to develop additional open space and recreational facilities.

**GOAL OS & R - 3** *Preserve open space resources to maintain the high quality of life in Placentia.*

**Policy OS & R - 3.1** Continue to ensure that adequate useable private open space is provided in residential developments, and that such areas are maintained as open space in perpetuity.

**Policy OS & R - 3.2** In partnership with city water providers, replant plants parkway medians and median islands with native California and drought tolerant plants.

**Policy OS & R - 3.3** Publicize programs that seek to encourage residents to use native California and drought tolerant plants.

**Policy OS & R - 3.4** Develop an Urban Forest Management Plan to help reinforce a sense of form and positive civic image.

**Policy OS & R - 3.5** Encourage individual school sites to maintain open space areas through joint use agreements.

**Policy OS & R - 3.6** Require that all new development, before issuance of building permits, meet the goals and policies of the General Plan regarding protecting and preserving open space resources.

**Policy OS & R - 3.7** Conserve Placentia’s flood control facilities as appropriate to protect the public health, safety, and welfare and create recreational opportunities such as bike trails where feasible.

**Open Space and Recreation Action Plan**

Progress on General Plan goals and policies can be measured in short-, mid- and long-term phases. The Action Plan below sets out the policies, suggested time frame for implementation of each policy, and the City Department responsible for implementing.

Short term actions are those that can be completed within the first three years of the adoption of the General Plan and would in this case be 2015-2018. Mid-term

actions, which may build on the work completed in the short term, are those that could be completed within the three to five years following short term actions (2018-2022). Long term policies would typically take five or more years to implement and would take into account the updates made to the General Plan every ten years. There are also policies that are ongoing or required continuous efforts to implement and are not specifically dependent upon a single mobilizing action.

*Table 6-6. Goals, Policies, and Objectives.*

Goals, Policies, & Measurable Objectives	Responsible Department, Agency, Or Organization	Timeframe				Annually w/ Budget
		Short	Mid	Long	Ongoing	
<b>GOAL 1:</b> Provide recreation/park facilities and programs for all those who live and work in Placentia.						
<b>Goal 1.1:</b> Continue to require new developments to provide recreational opportunities for their residents or to submit appropriate fees in order to continue meeting the City's park standard, 4 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents.	Development Services				●	
<b>Action 1.1-1:</b> Conduct an annual audit to determine how many new recreational opportunities were created, how much in fees was collected, and determine the ratio of parkland to residents.	Community Services	●			●	
<b>Action 1.1-2:</b> Get periodic updates from planning regarding new development.	Community Services/Development Services	●			●	
<b>Goal 1.2:</b> Create and maintain an annual maintenance plan that will ensure all of the city recreation facilities are adequate, safe, and useable	Public Works / Community Services/				●	

Goals, Policies, & Measurable Objectives	Responsible Department, Agency, Or Organization	Timeframe				Annually w/ Budget
		Short	Mid	Long	Ongoing	
condition. Focus on improvements to existing facilities through renovation and upgrades to ensure the recreation needs of all residents are met.						
<b>Action 1.2-1:</b> Review and allocate funding and resources for Facility and Park Maintenance annually.	Recreation and Park Commission and/or its successor	●			●	
<b>Action 1.2-2:</b> Develop a seven-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget to plan major renovations or new construction projects.	Community Services and Public Works		●			
<b>Action 1.2-3:</b> Conduct annual park and facility inspections to assess current facility conditions.	Recreation and Park Commission	●			●	
<b>Action 1.2-4:</b> Update the Park and Facility Development Study within the next two-three years.	Recreation and Park Commission		●			
<b>Action 1.2-5:</b> When appropriate, partner with volunteer groups to help clean, maintain, and assist with improvement projects parks and facilities.	Recreation and Park Commission		●		●	
<b>Goal 1.3:</b> Plan recreation programs and events that utilize our open space and recreational facilities to the maximum extent with the available resources.	Community Services				●	
<b>Action 1.3-1:</b> Critically review the annual program list against facilities and	Community Services	●				●

Goals, Policies, & Measurable Objectives	Responsible Department, Agency, Or Organization	Timeframe					Annually w/ Budget
		Short	Mid	Long	Ongoing		
<i>determine if adjustments can be made that will further maximize the funding, staffing, and facilities resources</i>							
<b>Action 1.3-2:</b> Review the annual budget and resource allocation for recreation programs and events considering participation levels, revenue received, feedback from participants and the Recreation and Parks Commission, and final direction from the City Council.	Community Services	●				●	
<b>Goal 1.4:</b> Continue to conduct participant surveys for every program and event.	Community Services				●		
<b>Action 1.4-1:</b> Distribute surveys to participants at the conclusion of each event/program (at least once a year) and use this information to make improvements and/or adjustments as needed.	Community Services	●			●		
<b>Goal 1.5:</b> Continually reassess the community's recreational and open space standards and opportunities in relation to satisfying the needs of the population.	Community Services / Development Services				●		
<b>Action 1.5-1:</b> Distribute surveys to all city residents on an annual basis.	Community Services / Development Services					●	
<b>Action 1.5-2:</b> Use surveys and feedback forms on the City website and in the City Newsletter to Distribute and use information received to assess if current community	Community Services / Development Services	●			●		

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<i>recreational and open space standards meet community expectations.</i>						
<b>Goal 1.6:</b> As new parks and park renovation projects occur, provide improved accessibility for all disabled, elderly, disadvantaged communities, and otherwise less mobile persons within the community.	Community Services / Public Works			●		
<b>Action 1.6-1:</b> Allocate a minimum of 15% towards accessibility improvements in Parks for CIP projects that are funded.	Community Services / Public Works	●				●
<b>Action 1.6-2:</b> Prioritize accessibility issues in the CIP project list by identifying those projects that are solely or partially about improving access.	Community Services / Public Works		●			●
<b>Action 1.6-3:</b> Review Park and Facility Development Study for accessibility issues and prioritize these issues for action.	Community Services / Public Works	●				
<b>Action 1.6-4:</b> Review Facility Condition Assessment study to determine where accessibility issues are occurring, using this information to form the CIP project list.	Community Services / Public Works	●			●	●
<b>Goal 1.7:</b> Ensure that parks and recreation facilities are developed with facilities appropriate to all ages, including athletic fields, active play areas, passive open space, tot lots and picnic areas.	Community Services / Public Works				●	

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<b>Action 1.7-1:</b> Conduct an annual audit of all parks and recreation facilities, noting whether usage is increasing or decreasing over previous years.	Community Services / Public Works				●	●
<b>Action 1.7-2:</b> Monitor changing demographics through Census and other sources and plan for facilities that will accommodate the changing community.	Community Services / Public Works		●	●		
<b>Goal 1.8:</b> Evaluate and, where feasible, utilize the opportunities offered by abandoned road and railroad rights-of-way and similar environmentally impacted or unused linear open space to construct low maintenance greenbelts and multi-use trails.	Development Services / Public Works				●	
<b>Action 1.8-1:</b> Review all development applications for opportunities to create these greenbelts and multi-use trails.	Development Services / Public Works	●			●	
<b>Action 1.8-2:</b> Conduct a drive through of the city bi annually to look for opportunities.	Development Services / Public Works		● <sup>2</sup>		●	
<b>Goal 1.9:</b> For any future park created adjacent to a school, design it as a joint use facility.	Development Services / Public Works				●	
<b>Action 1.9-1:</b> The Community Services Department and Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District will continue to meet annually to	Community Services / Public Works / Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District					●

<sup>2</sup> Mid-term biannually.

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<i>determine current and future joint use facility opportunities.</i>						
<b>Goal 1.10:</b> Provide a range of informal opportunities and organized recreational, human service, cultural, athletic, educational, and life enrichment programs and services that will enable community residents of all ages, interests, and abilities to participate and experience personal growth and fulfillment in leisure activities.	Community Services				●	
<b>Action 1.10-1:</b> Conduct an annual survey to determine the interest level of these types of opportunities. This can be done as part of the annual community participant survey. Distribute through the City Newsletter.	Community Services					●
<b>Action 1.10-2:</b> Use survey information to make improvements and/or adjustments to program offerings.	Community Services					●
<b>Goal 1.11:</b> As development occurs, consider bikeways as one means for implementing the goals of Complete Streets.	Development Services / Public Works / Community Services				●	
<b>Action 1.11-1:</b> Be involved with the development of the City's first Complete Streets Ordinance.	Development Services / Public Works / Community Services		● <sup>3</sup>			
<b>Action 1.11-2:</b> As Capital Improvement Projects for street improvements are	Development Services / Public Works / Community Services		●	●		

<sup>3</sup> Complete Streets in 2019/2020

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<i>planned, incorporate bikeway development pursuant to the Bike Plan.</i>						
<b>Goal 1.12:</b> As development occurs, consider opportunities for connecting to the Orange County Bike Loop.	Development Services / Public Works / Community Services				●	
<b>Action 1.12-1:</b> Work with OCTA and other North Orange County Cities to seek grant funding and jointly develop improvements to the planned Orange County Bike Loop.	Development Services / Public Works / Community Services		●	●		
<b>Action 1.12-2:</b> The City will continue to participate in annual collaborative meetings with Orange County and annually assess if bike loop projects can be planned within the City's Capital Improvement Program.	Development Services / Public Works / Community Services					●
<b>GOAL 2:</b> Continue to work closely with various appointed citizen groups, businesses, private developers and service organizations to help assure that the city's recreation program meets the community's needs in the breadth and quantity of programs offered.						
<b>Goal 2.1:</b> Work closely with other public agencies, including other parks and recreation departments and school districts, in developing cooperative park and recreation programs	Community Services / Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District				●	

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<b>Action 2.1-1:</b> Attend collaborative training and conferences to continue the dialogue and information sharing for this cooperative work. These are through the California Recreation and Parks Society.	Community Services / Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District	●				●
<b>Action 2.1-2:</b> Continue meeting with the school district on a regular basis to determine how best to utilize joint use facilities and share resources for programs and events.	Community Services / Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District	●				●
<b>Goal 2.2:</b> Develop long-term agreements with the school district and, as appropriate, other agencies that will maximize joint-use and multiple-use of facilities and reduce overall operations and maintenance costs.	Community Services / Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District			●		
<b>Action 2.2-1:</b> Continue to support cooperative arrangements with the Placentia-Yorba Linda unified school district to ensure the broadest range of recreational activities and services are made available to Placentia residents.	Community Services / Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District		●	●		
<b>Action 2.2-2:</b> The Community Services Department and Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District will continue to meet annually to determine current and future joint use facility opportunities.	Community Services / Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District					●
<b>Action 2.2-3:</b> The City and School District will work to revise the current joint-use	Community Services / Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District		●		●	

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<i>agreement within the next five years to reflect current collaborative services provided to the community.</i>						
<b>Goal 2.3:</b> Develop partnerships with nonprofits and community groups that provide appropriate recreation programs and park facilities for those with specialized needs including at risk youth, special needs population, seniors, teens, disadvantaged communities, and other human services areas/populations.	Community Services / Neighborhood Services		●			
<b>Action 2.3-1:</b> <i>Annually assess current partnerships with non-profits and community groups along with available City resources to provide services as part of the budget development process.</i>	Community Services					●
<b>Action 2.3-2:</b> <i>Conduct a new joint partner pilot program to address a special needs community.</i>	Community Services		●			
<b>Goal 2.4:</b> Encourage private/public partnerships to develop additional open space and recreational facilities.	Development Services / Community Services				●	
<b>Action 2.4-1:</b> <i>Assess locations in Placentia where opportunities for open space partnerships exist.</i>	Development Services / Community Services			●		
<b>Action 2.4-2:</b> <i>Contact relevant private entities when an opportunity occurs and work towards an</i>	Development Services / Community Services			●		

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<i>advantageous partnership for both parties.</i>						
<b>GOAL 3:</b> Preserve open space resources to maintain the high quality of life in Placentia.						
<b>Goal 3.1:</b> Continue to ensure that adequate useable private open space is provided in residential developments, and that such areas are maintained as open space in perpetuity.	Development Services / Community Services				●	
<b>Action 3.1-1:</b> Review development applications closely for adequate and useable open space.	Development Services / Community Services	●			●	
<b>Action 3.1-2:</b> Place title restrictions on development to ensure that park areas remain in perpetuity.	Development Services / Community Services	●			●	
<b>Action 3.1-3:</b> Code Enforcement will take action when open space is being diluted or used for other than recreation.	Development Services / Community Services	●			●	
<b>Goal 3.2:</b> In partnership with city water providers, replant plants parkway medians and median islands with native California and drought tolerant plants.	Public Works / City Water Service Providers				●	
<b>Action 3.2-1:</b> Work with water service providers to complete a water efficiency audit of all of the City's water use within the next three years.	Public Works / City Water Service Providers		●			
<b>Action 3.2-2:</b> Use the audit as a guide to develop a plan for replanting parkway	Public Works / City Water Service Providers			●		

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<i>medians and median islands throughout the course of the next seven-year Capital Improvement Program cycle as private support from the water companies and grant funding resources become available.</i>							
<b>Goal 3.3:</b> Publicize programs that seek to encourage residents to use native California and drought tolerant plants.	Administration / Community Services	●				●	
<b>Action 3.3-1:</b> Provide information to residents and businesses on the use of native California and drought tolerant plants by placing articles on the website and in the City Newsletter once a year.	Administration / Community Services	●				●	
<b>Goal 3.4:</b> Develop an Urban Forest Management Plan to help reinforce a sense of form and positive civic image.	Public Works	●					
<b>Action 3.4-1:</b> Obtain funding resources to develop an Urban Forest Management Plan within the next three-five years.	Public Works		●	●			
<b>Action 3.4-2:</b> Prepare the Urban Forest Management Plan and use as guide for planting and/or replacing the City's tree inventory with trees that are lower maintenance, more suitable for the City's urban environment, and reinforce the positive image of the community.	Public Works	●				●	

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<b>Goal 3.5:</b> Encourage individual school sites to maintain open space areas through joint use agreements.	Community Services / Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District		●		●	
<b>Action 3.5-1:</b> The Community Services Department and Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District will continue to meet annually to determine current and future joint use facility opportunities.	Community Services / Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District					●
<b>Action 3.5-2:</b> The City and School District will work to revise the current joint-use agreement within the next five years to reflect current collaborative services provided to the community.	Community Services / Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District		●			
<b>Goal 3.6:</b> Require that all new development, before issuance of building permits, meet the goals and policies of the General Plan regarding protecting and preserving open space resources.	Development Services				●	
<b>Action 3.6-1:</b> Ensure the General Plan goals are included in planning staff report analysis of development applications.	Development Services	●			●	
<b>Action 3.6-2:</b> Require new developments to provide recreational opportunities for their residents or to submit appropriate fees in order to continue meeting the City's park standard, 4 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents.	Development Services	●			●	

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<b>Goal 3.7:</b> Conserve Placentia’s flood control facilities as appropriate to protect the public health, safety, and welfare and create recreational opportunities such as bike trails where feasible.	Development Services				●	
<b>Action 3.7-1:</b> Connect our street bikeway system into the flood control channel bikeway plan.	Development Services		●			
<b>Action 3.7-2:</b> Review and revise the Bike Plan to achieve this goal.	Development Services		●			
<b>Action 3.7-3:</b> Build connection from Bastanchury Road to flood control bikeway.	Development Services			●		
<b>Action 3.7-4:</b> Work with OCTA and other North Orange County Cities to seek grant funding and jointly develop improvements to the planned Orange County Bike Loop.	Development Services		●			
<b>Action 3.7-5:</b> Participate in annual collaborative meetings with NOCC and OCTA and annually assess if projects can be planned within the City’s Capital Improvement Program depending on available resources.	Development Services					●