

# City Roadmap Priority: Encampment Management & Safe Relocation Policy

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# Encampment Management Objectives



**Clean the  
City's Public  
Spaces**



**Create  
Setbacks for  
Priority  
Locations**



**Identify Sites  
that Promote  
Safety +  
Belonging**



**Connect People  
to Social  
Services +  
Meet Their  
Basic Needs**

# Why Encampment Management?

## EQUITABLE

Abatements are minimized to limit impacting the most vulnerable people in our society who are disproportionately people of color.

## EFFECTIVE

Implementation of increased trash pick-ups to weekly at approximately 200 encampments and enrolled over 400 Cash for Trash participants.

## EFFICIENT

Moving to an abatement and clean-up strategy that aligns physical deterrents and uses enforcement tools to reduce the reoccurrence in priority, protected areas such as waterways and trails.



# What is Encampment Management?

- Acknowledges that people live outside and can be serviced in areas located outside of setbacks
- Provides sanitation and housing outreach services
- Engages with unhoused residents for cooperation in maintaining clean, organized encampment sites
- Monitor and enforce setbacks
- Coordinates with key internal and external partners on strategy, coordination, operations







What is an  
Escalated Clean-Up?  
Example:  
Watson Park at Coyote  
Creek Watershed





# What Does Success Look Like?

- Removed 96,580 lbs. of trash/debris over 3 days
  - Valley Water Joint Project
  - 50 Volunteers from Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful provided 4th day of litter removal
- Towed 14 inoperable/dumped vehicles in cooperation with SJPD
- Installed a natural deterrent to limit vehicles
- Long-time unhoused resident accepted permanent supportive housing in partnership with Housing Department and HomeFirst
- Enrolled 26 remaining unhoused residents in Cash for Trash



# Encampment Assess Process

## COMPLAINT RECEIVED

**Intake form completed online or email sent to [BeautifySJ@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:BeautifySJ@sanjoseca.gov)**



## ASSESSMENT

**Staff assess the location and conditions to determine next steps**



## ENCAMPMENT ASSESSMENT POSSIBLE ACTIONS

**Weekly Trash Service or Cash for Trash   |   Escalated Clean-up   |   Abatement**

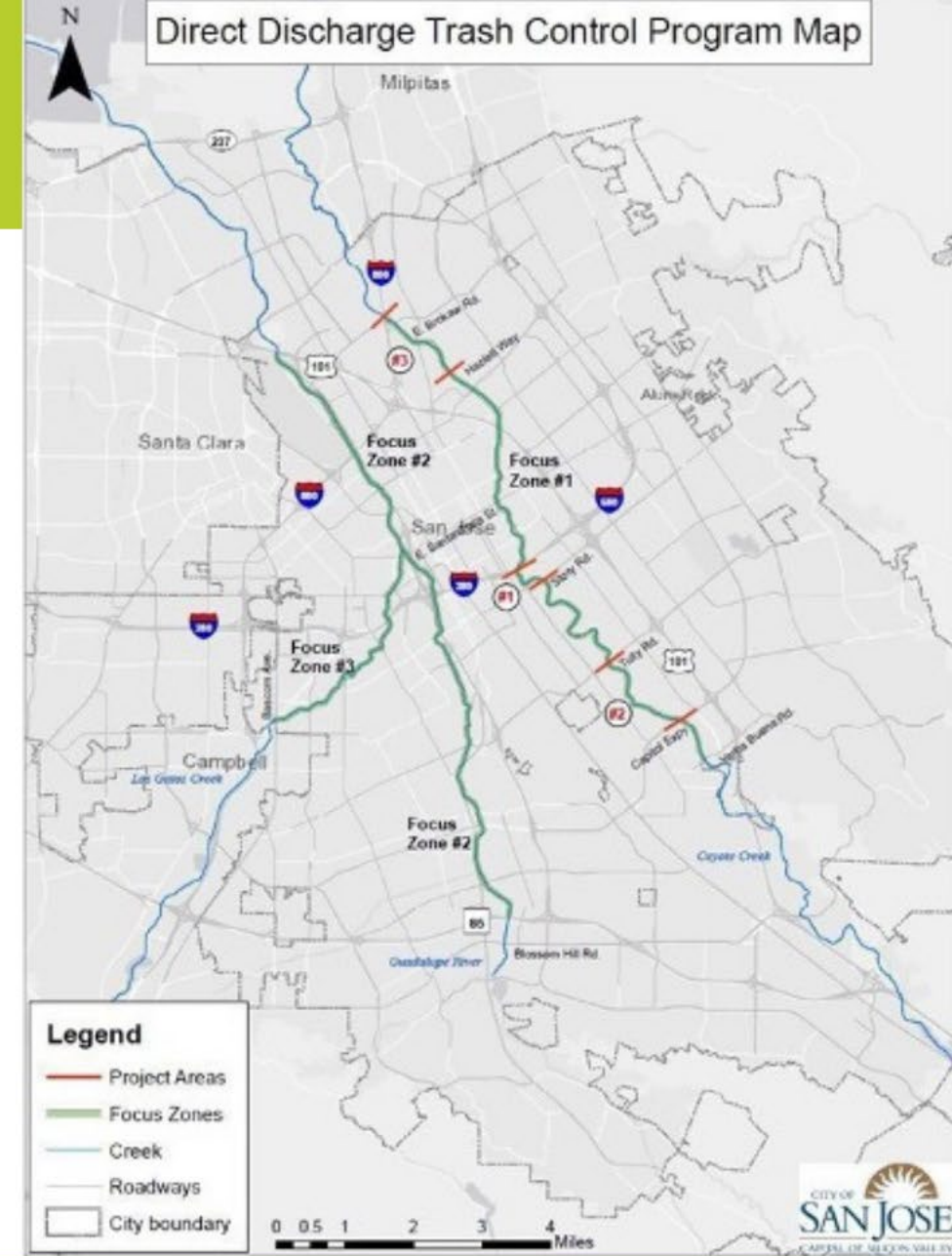
# Encampment Setback Guidelines

Locations	Conditions
School Buffer Zone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tents, built structures, or other belongings that are erected or stored within 150' of an elementary, middle, or high school property.</li></ul>
Blocking Public Right-of-Way	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sidewalks</li><li>• Streets</li><li>• Trails</li><li>• Medians</li><li>• Permitted events at City facilities</li><li>• City facility (park restroom, playground, community center, library, fire station, etc.)</li></ul>
Health and Safety Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fire danger</li><li>• Vehicle or Pedestrian Danger</li><li>• Unauthorized access to electrical/utilities</li><li>• Potential for drowning if flooding occurs</li><li>• Significant reoccurring or unresolved unsanitary conditions</li><li>• Severe vector control issue</li></ul>
Obstruction to Critical Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Infrastructure Degradation</li><li>• Public Operations and Maintenance</li><li>• Construction project (on land or waterways)</li><li>• Hospital and Trauma Centers</li></ul>



# Waterways

- City of San José has 136 miles of waterways
- The Direct Discharge Trash Control Program focuses on 27 miles of waterways
- Environmental Services Department secured a \$1.54 million EPA grant
- In 22/23 BeautifySJ will implement focused trash collection in DDTCP
- BeautifySJ received grant funds from Valley Water to
  - Conduct cleanups along Coyote Creek at the Tully Ballfields area
  - Expand the Cash for Trash to encampments along waterways



# Guadalupe Gardens Update

- Stage 1 and Stage 2 have been abated and remain encampment free
- Started abatement process to meet the current FAA deadline of June 30, 2022
- Ongoing removal of trash and inoperable/unclaimed vehicles in Stage 3
- Trail areas will be cleared to ensure that they are accessible to bicyclists and pedestrians by June 30, 2022
- Vehicle Prevention Project construction begins in Fall 2022 to reduce vehicle access to trail areas between Hedding and Coleman





# Prototype Park

Outreach Meeting: April 4, 2022

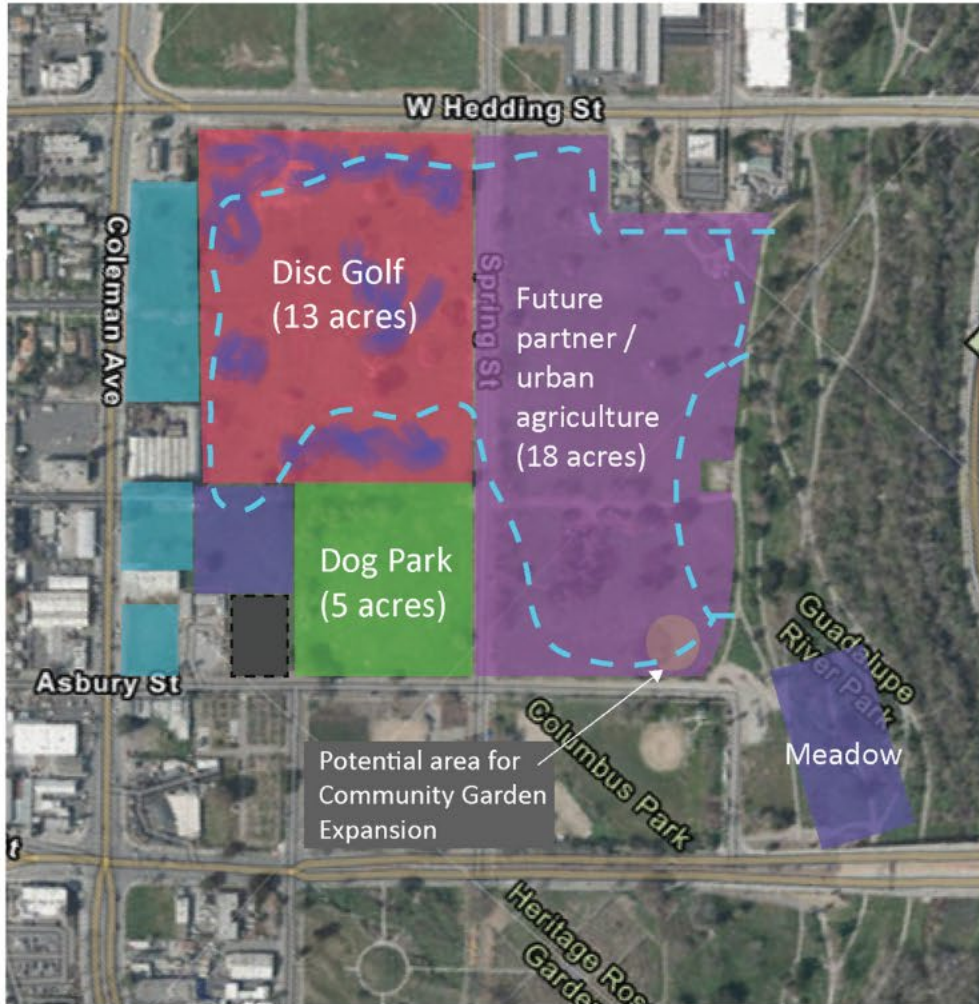
On-Line Survey: 148 Responses

## Key Changes:

- Disc Golf Smaller
- More Space for Urban Agriculture / Community Garden
- Relocate Dog Park Further from Creek
- Expand Park Yard
- Sinuous Gravel Walking Path with Potential to Pave in Future Phase
- Clarified Potential Future Commercial Use Along Coleman Avenue



# Prototype Park



## Legend

-  Dog park - 5 acres
-  Proposed park-yard expansion
-  Potential future commercial development
-  Meadows - 4 acres
-  Future partners / urban agriculture - 18 acres
-  Disc golf, interspersed with meadows - 13 acres
-  10' Interim walking path



# Guadalupe Gardens – Housing Plan

Housing Option	People Served	City Lead	City Cost	County Lead	County Cost	Timing
Coordinated entry (plus services)	26			26	\$880,800	May
Rapid Rehousing (plus services)	24	24	\$776,400			April
Housing Choice Vouchers (plus services)	50		\$566,900	50	\$1,664,600	TBD
Housing Problem Solving	4	4	\$127,600			TBD
Unknown	27					ongoing
<b>Total</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>\$1,470,900</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>\$2,545,400</b>	

# 22-23 Objectives & Key Results

**Implement dedicated  
weekly trash service at  
Direct Discharge Areas**

**Implement bio-waste  
service needs for RVs  
and lived-in vehicles**

**Begin BeautifySJ  
Program Evaluation**

**Continue  
implementation of  
interagency partner  
agreements**

**Implement sites for  
SOAR Program  
expansion**

**Complete Guadalupe  
Gardens + Vehicle  
Prevention Projects**



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