

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



ASSESSMENT

Staff assess the location and conditions to determine next steps



ENCAMPMENT ASSESSMENT POSSIBLE ACTIONS

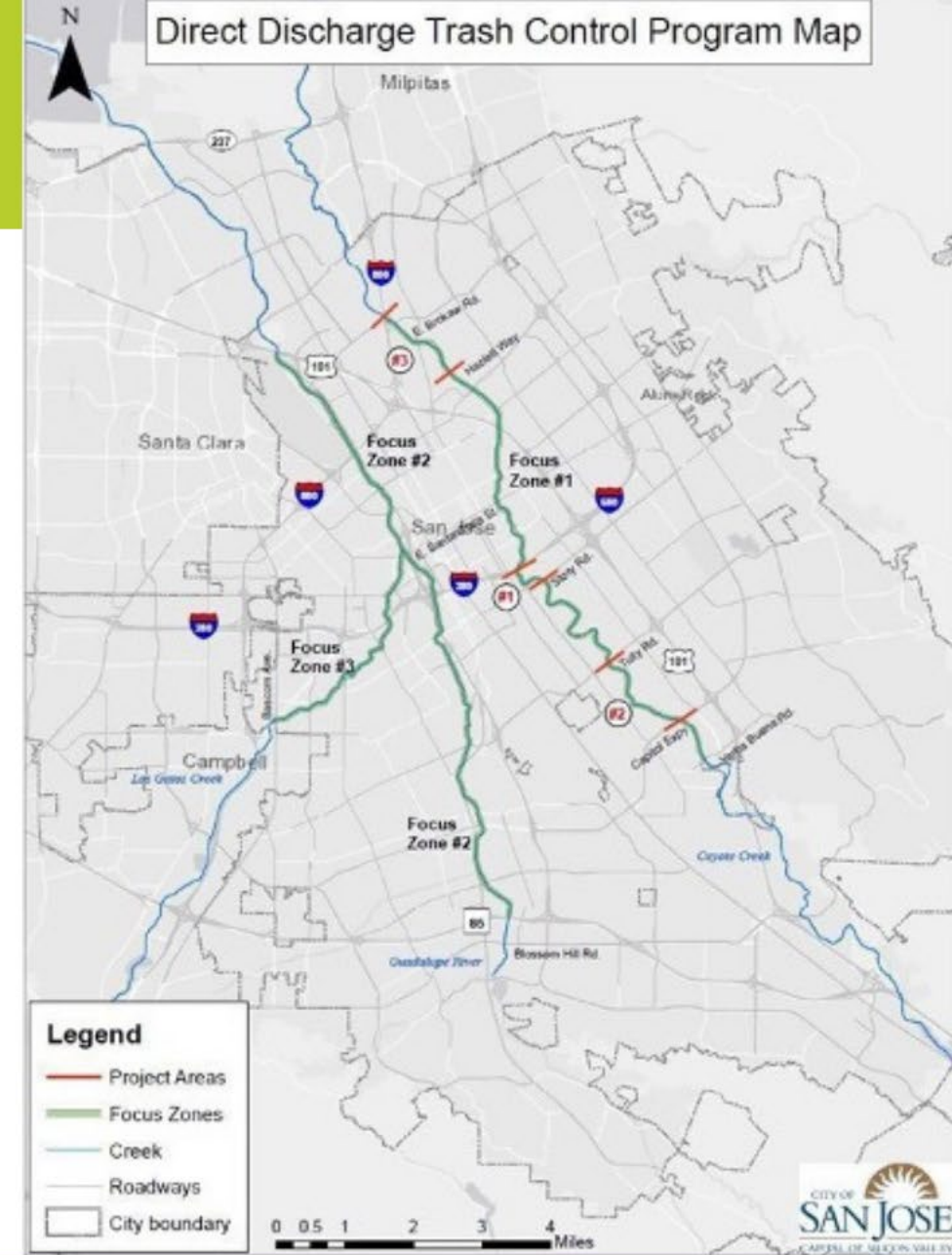
Weekly Trash Service or Cash for Trash | Escalated Clean-up | Abatement

Encampment Setback Guidelines

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

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

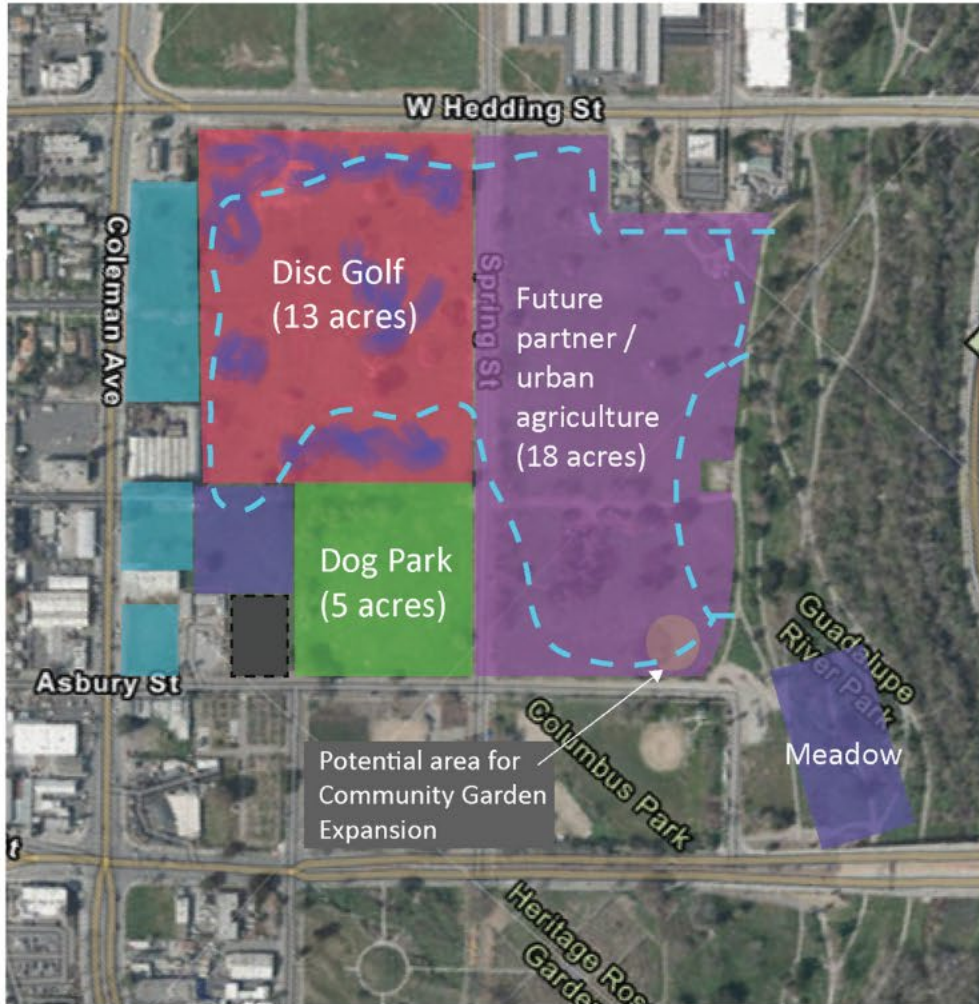
On-Line Survey: 148 Responses

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
Total	131	34	\$1,470,900	76	\$2,545,400	

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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