# 5.15 RECREATION

The two components of the proposed Project analyzed herein are:

- 1) Adoption and implementation of the General Plan Update (Beaumont 2040 Plan); and
- 2) Adoption and implementation of the revised Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map.

Since an Initial Study was not prepared with the issuance of the Notice of Preparation (Appendix A), the focus of the following discussion is related to whether the Project would: increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration would occur or be accelerated; construct or expand recreational facilities that might result in an adverse physical effect on the environment; or result in substantial physical effects associated with the provision of new or altered parks<sup>1</sup> to maintain an acceptable service ratio.

In response to the Notice of Preparation, the City received comment letters from Ron Roy and the Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters regarding recreation and park facilities. These letters are included in Appendix A and are summarized in **Table 2-A – Summary of Written Comments Received in Response to the Notice of Preparation**. No oral comments were received regarding recreation or park facilities at the Project's public scoping meeting.

# **5.15.1** Setting

A multitude of recreational and facilities are available within the City and in nearby open areas. Open space provides many benefits to the community, including park and recreation areas, recreational trails, conservation of natural and scenic resources and buffers between land uses. The City has convenient access to several active recreation areas and passive open space areas. Active recreation areas typically include facilities such as playgrounds, sport courts, barbeque facilities and picnic benches. Passive recreation areas accommodate less structured recreational pursuits and typically offer space for relaxing outdoor activities and offer off-leash dog parks.

# **Existing Facilities**

Park and recreation services for the City of Beaumont and its sphere of influence (the "Planning Area") are provided by the City of Beaumont and the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Recreation and Park District (BCVRPD). Additionally, various homeowners associations (HOAs) own, maintain, and provide park and recreational facilities in the Planning Area. (Beaumont 2040 Plan, p. 7-5.) Park and recreation facilities within the Planning Area are listed in **Table 5.15-A** – **Park**, **Recreational**, **and HOA Facility Inventory** and shown on **Figure 5.15-1** – **Park**, **Recreational**, **and HOA Facility Inventory** (on the page following **Table 5.15-A**).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Due to the similarity in topics, impacts to park facilities are discussed in this section of the PEIR instead of Section 5.14 – Public Services.

Table 5.15-A - Park, Recreational, and HOA Facility Inventory

No.	Facility	Location	Ownership	Acres	
City-Owned Facilities					
1	Three Rings Ranch Park <sup>(a)</sup>	Claiborne Avenue & Brookside Lane	City	7	
2	Albert A Chatigny Sr. Community Recreation Center (CRC) and Beaumont Plunge Pool	1310 Oak Valley Parkway	City	2.6	
3	Beaumont Civic Center	550 E 6 <sup>th</sup> Street	City	5.78	
4	De Forge Park <sup>(a)</sup>	Seneca Springs Parkway	City	12	
5	Fallen Heroes Park	Oak View Drive & Iris Street	City	15	
6	Mountain View Park	Sundance Circle	City	5	
7	Nicklaus Park	11270 Palmer Avenue	City	22	
8	Palmer Park <sup>(a)</sup>	Palmer Avenue & Trevino Trail	City	5	
9	Rangel Park <sup>(a)</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> & B Street	City	5	
10	Seneca Springs Park	Malaga Avenue	City	5	
11	Shadow Creek Park	Park Way Drive	City	3.9	
12	Beaumont Sports Park <sup>(b)</sup>	39200 Brookside Avenue	City	20	
13	Stetson Park	Monte Verde Drive	City	7	
14	Stewart Park <sup>(a)</sup>	985 Maple Avenue	City	15	
15	Sunny Hills Park	Cougar Way	City	0.32	
16	Trevino Park <sup>(a)</sup>	Cherry Valley Blvd &Trevino Trail	City	7	
17	Veteran's Park	California & 7 <sup>th</sup> Street	City	0.09	
18	Wildflower Park <sup>(a)</sup>	Tulip Circle	City	3	
		Subtotal City-Own	ed Facilities	140.69	
Beaumont-Cherry Valley Recreation and Park District Owned Facilities					
19	Noble Creek Community Park <sup>(c)</sup>	390 Oak Valley Parkway	BCVRPD	60	
20	Beaumont Women's Club	306 E 6 <sup>th</sup> Street	BCVRPD	0.5	
Subtotal BCVRPD Owned Facilities					
Homeowners Association Owned Facilities					
21	The Canyon Club (Fairway Canyon)	36189 Champions Drive	НОА	3.92	
22	Tournament Hills 1 Park 1	Champions Drive	HOA	7.16	
23	Tournament Hills 1 Park 2	Amateur Way	НОА	7.35	

Table 5.15-A - Park, Recreational, and HOA Facility Inventory

No.	Facility	Location	Ownership	Acres
24	Tournament Hills 2 Park	Links man Dr.	НОА	3.12
25	The Lodge (Four Seasons Rec Center 1)	1518 Four Seasons Circle	НОА	10.4
26	The Summit (Four Seasons Rec Center 2)	370 Four Seasons Circle	НОА	2.4
27	Four Seasons Trails/Open Space Corridors	Four Seasons Community	НОА	81.1
28	Solera Club House	1615 Fairway Drive	HOA	4.32
29	Solera Park and Trails	1615 Fairway Drive	HOA	16.68
30	Sundance PA 45	1380 Mary Lane	HOA	3.72
31	Sundance PA 51	1650 Croton Street	HOA	1.4
32	Sundance PA 25	Sunset Place	HOA	0.557
33	Sunshine Park	Starlight and Sunburst	HOA	0.085
Subtotal HOA Owned Facilities				
TOTAL PARK ACREAGE PROVIDED				

Source: City of Beaumont, Existing Conditions Report City of Beaumont General Plan Update, Table 6.1

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<sup>(</sup>a) Contains baseball/softball field

<sup>(</sup>b) Contains three baseball/softball field and five soccer fields

<sup>(</sup>c) Contains seven baseball/softball fields and one soccer field

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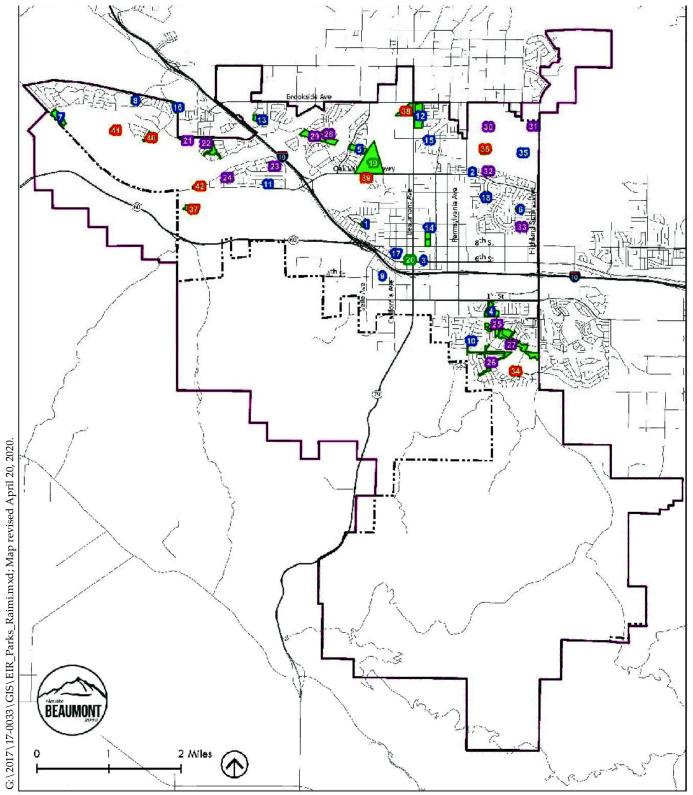


Figure 5.15-1 – Park, Recreation, and HOA Facility Inventory



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### **City-Owned Parks**

As shown in **Table 5.15-A – Park, Recreational, and HOA Facility Inventory**, City-owned park and recreational facilities encompass approximately 141 acres. The City owns, operates, and maintains nine parks, including several baseball/softball fields and two soccer fields. At present there is a demand for multi-use recreational fields to accommodate the soccer, football, and baseball leagues throughout the City. (Beaumont 2040 Plan, p. 7-5.).

# **Beaumont-Cherry Valley Recreation and Park District**

The BCVRPD is a Special District within the City of Beaumont. BCVRPD operates approximately 60 acres of facilities within City boundaries. Noble Creek Park, a 20-acre sports park maintained by BCVRPD, includes a dog park, a one-mile walking trail, and is highly utilized by all sports leagues within the City. BCVRPD also operates the Beaumont Women's Club facility, which is used to support community activities, and houses the San Gorgonio Pass Historical Association Museum. (Beaumont 2040 Plan, p. 7-5; ECR, p. 89.)

## **Privately-Owned Facilities**

Thirteen facilities, consisting of parks, recreation centers, and trails in the City are provided for and maintained by various homeowners associations (HOAs). These HOA-owned facilities may ultimately be dedicated to the City or continue to be maintained by the HOA. As shown in **Table 5.15-A**. HOAs own, operate, and maintain approximately 142 acres of park and recreational facilities. (ECR, p. 89.)

### **Golf Courses**

There are two 18-hole golf courses within the City, Oak Valley Golf Club (public course) and Morongo Golf Club at Tukwet Canyon (private course).

### **Open Space**

Several large open space preserves surround Beaumont to the south and west. These open spaces provide visual character and relief to the City. The Open Space preserve in the southern area of the Sphere of Influence provides habitat species covered in the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) Pass Plan Area, which is discussed in detail in Section 5.4.

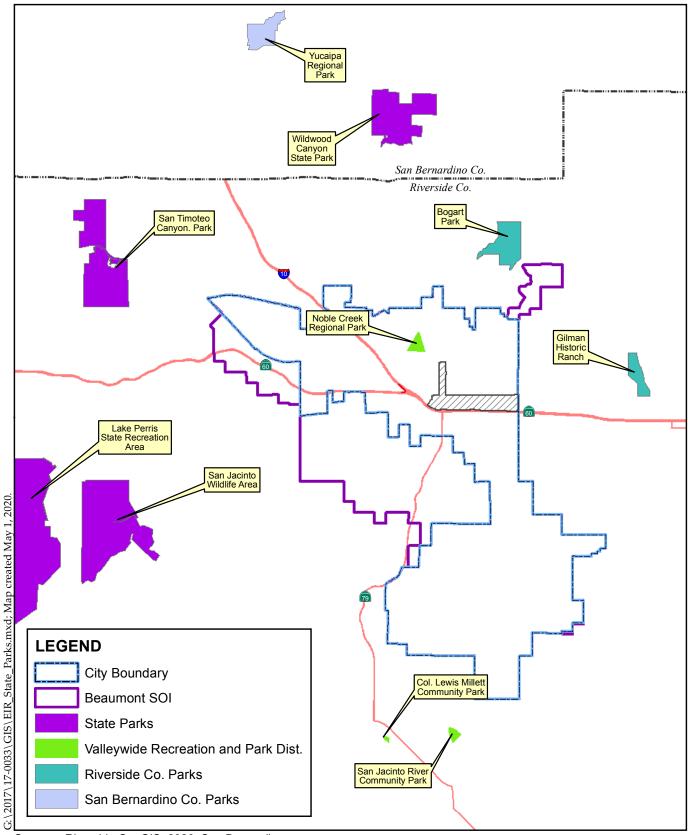
### **Trails**

There are several trails within the Four Seasons at Beaumont, which is an HOA that provides a community for those age 55 and older. Additionally, the City's Master Plan identifies bikeway trails that will be completed along key utility corridors. (ECR, p. 77.)

### **State and Regional Parks**

There are several state and regional parks in proximity to the Planning Area, including, Yucaipa Regional Park, Wildwood Canyon State Park, Bogart Park, San Timoteo Canyon Park, Gilman Historic Ranch, Lake Perris State Recreation Area and the San Jacinto Wildlife Area. (**Refer to Figure 5.15-2 – State and Regional Parks**.) These state and regional parks are within ten miles of the Planning Area and have amenities that include, but are not limited to: fishing, hiking trails, covered picnic facilities, swimming, camping, playgrounds, and BBQ areas.

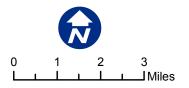
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Sources: Riverside Co. GIS, 2020; San Bernardino Co. GIS 2018; Raimi and Assoc., 2019;

Figure 5.15-2 State and Regional Parks

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### **Parkland Standards**

The City's current park requirement is five acres of parkland (and full improvements) per 1,000 residents. Using this standard, based on the City's current estimated population of 49,241 residents, the City requires approximately 246 acres of parkland to meet park ratio requirements. Based on the total acres of all parks and facilities maintained by the City, HOA, and BCVRPD (as shown in Table 5.15-A), a total of 343.4 acres of parkland is being provided, which results in a park ratio of approximately 6.9 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents.

# 5.15.2 Related Regulations

# **Federal Regulations**

There are no federal regulations applicable to recreation and parks.

# **State Regulations**

### **Quimby Act (California Government Code 66477)**

As part of approval of a final tract or parcel map, the Quimby Act allows a city to require dedication of land, the payment of in-lieu fees, or a combination of both to be used for the provision of parks and recreational services. Cities can require land or in-lieu fees for a minimum of three acres per 1,000 residents, with the possibility of increasing the requirement to a maximum of 5 acres per 1,000 residents if the city already provides more than three acres per 1,000 residents. Assembly Bill (AB) 1191, which was approved by the Governor of California on September 8, 20015, amended the definition of park and recreation purposes to include land and facilities for the activity of "recreational community gardening," which activity consists of the cultivation by persons other than, or in addition to, the owner of the land, of plant material not for sale. (AB 1911.)

# **Regional Regulations**

## **County of Riverside**

### Riverside County Code, Title 16 - Subdivisions,

Section 16.20.020 of the Riverside County Code was adopted pursuant to the Quimby Act and sets forth Riverside County's requirements for dedication of land and/or payment of fees for park and recreational facilities as a condition of approval of a tentative map or parcel map. Dedication and/or payment of fees devoted to neighborhood and community park and recreational facilities is required at a minimum ratio of three acres of land per 1,000 persons. Where the existing neighborhood and community park area exceeds three acres per 1,000 persons, the required park area ratio can range up to five acres of land per 1,000 persons where so specified by a Community Parks and Recreation Plan as approved by the Board of Supervisors. (RCC 16.20.020.) This section of the Riverside County Code would be applicable to County-approved development on unincorporated SOI properties within the Planning Area.

# **Local Regulations**

# **City of Beaumont Municipal Code**

The following chapters of the Beaumont Municipal Code address issues regarding recreation and park facilities.

# Title 3 – Revenue and Finance, Chapter 3.34 – Regional Park, Multipurpose Trail and Open Space Facility Fee

In September 2005, the Beaumont City Council had been advised that the cumulative impact of all new development permitted under the (2005) General Plan would exceed the capacity of the City's two

existing regional parks (Noble Cree Park and the City's Sports Park), which were already operating at capacity. Therefore, in order to meet the increased demand, it was determined that facilities at the two parks must be upgraded and expanded, and two new regional parks are needed on the east and south sides of the City, connected to existing and future open space by a system of multipurpose trails. (BMC, Section 3.34.010.) In order to meet the need for additional park, multipurpose trails, and open space, the City Council adopted the "City of Beaumont Regional Park, Multipurpose Trail and Open Space Facility Fee," which is levied and collected at issuance of a building permit for any new residential unit or the conversion of an existing unit to more than one residential unit. The exceptions to payment of this fee are a development or other agreement, low income residential housing, and the rehabilitation and/or reconstruction of any legal residential dwelling unit and/or the replacement of an existing dwelling unit. (BMC, Sections 3.34.020, 3.34.030, and 3.34.080.)

### Title 12 – Streets, Sidewalks, and Public Places, Chapter 12.24 – Parks – Hours

With certain exceptions, no person shall be or remain in any public park between the hours of 10:00 pm of any day to 6:00 am of the next succeeding day. (BMC Section 12.24.010.)

## 5.15.3 Beaumont 2040 Plan and Revised Zoning Ordinance

This section presents those features of the proposed Project that reduce potential impacts to park and recreational facilities.

### **Beaumont 2040 Plan**

The Beaumont 2040 Plan goals, policies, and implementation actions that reduce potential impacts to park and recreation include:

### Beaumont 2040 Plan, Chapter 3 – Land Use and Community Design

- Goal 3.1: A City structure that enhances the quality of life of residents, meets the community's vision for the future, and connects new growth areas together with established Beaumont neighborhoods.
- Policy 3.1.10 Infill vacant areas within City limits by developing new residential neighborhoods around neighborhood centers and community gathering spaces, such as schools and parks.
- Policy 3.1.11 Strive to create development patterns such that most residents are within one-half mile walking distance of a variety of neighborhood-serving uses, such as parks, grocery stores, restaurants, cafes, dry cleaners, laundromats, banks, hair salons, pharmacies, religious institutions, and similar uses.
- Goal 3.6: A City with active and comfortable places that encourage social interaction and community gathering.
- Policy 3.6.1 Improve existing parks and public spaces throughout the City to provide beautiful, comfortable, and inviting gathering spaces.
- Policy 3.6.3 Require project developers to establish mechanisms, such as a Community Facilities District, to adequately maintain new parks, recreational facilities, and infrastructure.
- Goal 3.8: A City that encourages a healthy lifestyle for people of all ages, income levels, and cultural backgrounds
- Policy 3.8.4 Prioritize health-promoting uses in new development, including neighborhood markets, grocery stores, medical centers, pharmacies, parks, gyms, and community gardens.

- Policy 3.8.5 Promote access to affordable and safe opportunities for physical activity, particularly for park poor neighborhoods, such as the Town Center and El Barrio.
- Goal 3.9: A City with neighborhoods and districts with enhanced safety and welfare of all residents and employees
- Policy 3.9.6 Encourage the creation of a graffiti prevention team to remove graffiti from public property (including parks, street signs, sidewalks, etc.) or property adjacent to public rights-of-way.
- Goal 3.10: A City designed to improve the quality of the built and natural environments to reduce disparate health and environmental impacts.
- Policy 3.10.5 Encourage smoke-free and Vape-free workplaces, multi-family housing, parks, and other outdoor gathering places to reduce exposure to second-hand smoke.
- Goal 3.11: A City that maintains and enhances open space used for resource preservation and/or recreation.
- Policy 3.11.1 Maintain existing park and recreation facilities that will be maintained in good condition to protect the public's investment and facilitate uses.
- Policy 3.11.2 Evaluate the feasibility of expanded joint-use of the open space lands used for flood control and utility easements.
- Policy 3.11.3 Continue to implement its park dedication and improvement requirement of 5 acres of parkland for every 1,000 persons in conjunction with residential development.
- Policy 3.11.4 Negotiate agreements with the utility companies and the Flood Control District for the establishment of recreation trails, linkages, uses, and appropriate landscaping within their respective rights-of-way.
- Implementation LUCD19 Wayfinding program. Implement a wayfinding and signage program to

improve visibility to key City parks, Potrero Reserve, the Plunge,

gateways, and nearby recreational destinations.

Implementation LUCD23 Joint Use. Create a joint use agreement with the Flood Control District

and other utility companies to allow residents greater park and

recreational access.

Implementation LUCD24 Maintenance Plan. Develop a park maintenance plan that specifies the

types of maintenance required for each park and timing of such work.

## Beaumont 2040 Plan, Chapter 4 - Mobility

- Goal 4.4: A balanced transportation system that provides adequate facilities for people in the City to bicycle, walk, or take transit to their destinations.
- Policy 4.4.1 Ensure connectivity of pedestrian and cyclist facilities to key destinations, such as downtown, commercial centers, and employment centers, and link these facilities to each other by providing trails along key utility corridors.
- Policy 4.4.4 Develop a comprehensive trails network to connect neighborhoods and key attraction areas.

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Implementation M18 Trail Mapping. Maintain city mapping to assist in promoting locations for

equestrian and hiking trails throughout the City.

Implementation M19 Multi-Use Trail. Engage with appropriate agencies to expedite

implementation of a Class I facility along the Edison Transmission Easement Corridor. Annually pursue grant funding opportunities to fund

the facility.

### Beaumont 2040 Plan, Chapter 5 - Economic Development

Goal 5.7: Unique destination that celebrates Beaumont's location, history, and community.

Policy 5.7.6 Support the growth of the eco-tourism industry in Jack Rabbit and Potrero Reserve by preserving as open space and recreation areas.

Goal 5.8: A financially stable community.

Policy 5.8.3 Require new development to pay its fair share of required improvements, including maintenance costs, to public facilities and services through impact fees and other financial and regulatory mechanisms such as benefit assessment districts (BADs) or community facilities districts (CFDs).

Implementation EDF28 Promotion. Regularly highlight positive news of and activities in

Beaumont in various media outlets.

Implementation EDF29 Visitor Resources. Develop visitor resources, such as a local visitors'

guide that includes local recreation opportunities, dining, shopping,

cultural and historic landmarks, attractions and events.

Implementation EDF30 Online Calendar. Publish and regularly update an online calendar of

activities and special events in Beaumont.

Implementation EDF32 Create a public space for special events in Downtown.

#### Chapter 6 – Health, Equity and Environmental Justice

Goal 6.1: A City that improves the overall health and welfare of its residents.

Policy 6.1.9 Encourage smoke-free/vape-free workplaces, multi-family housing, parks, and other outdoor gathering places to reduce exposure to second-hand smoke.

Goal 6.3: A City that coordinates with regional and local partners to improve all resident's access to community resources.

- Policy 6.3.1 Partner with the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Recreation and Park District to provide maintenance and ensure existing park and recreation facilities are in good condition to facilitate their use and protect the public's investment.
- Policy 6.3.2 Collaborate with the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Recreation and Park District to ensure new and existing parks consider age of users, cultural needs, facilities, and pet access (e.g., dogs, horses) in the design or upgrades to park space.
- Policy 6.3.6 Partner with local institutions, including the Beaumont Unified School District, Beaumont Library District, and other public and private organizations to maintain and enhance

existing extended learning opportunities through after-school enrichment programs, summer boost programs, school breaks, literacy programs, and weekends for all children.

- Goal 6.5: A City that builds neighborhoods that enhance the safety and welfare of all people of all ages, income levels, and cultural backgrounds.
- Policy 6.5.8 Encourage health-promoting uses in new development, including neighborhood markets, grocery stores, pharmacies, parks, gyms, and community gardens.
- Policy 6.5.9 Promote access to affordable and safe opportunities for physical activity, particularly in park-poor neighborhoods. This policy is implemented through the Parks and Recreation Element.
- Goal 6.6: A safe City with improved pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular safety and reduced community crime.
- Policy 6.6.5 Create a graffiti prevention team to remove graffiti from public property (e.g., parks, street signs, sidewalks, etc.) or property adjacent to public rights-of-way.
- Implementation HEJ13 Flexible Use of Community Spaces. Update zoning code to allow for

flexible uses in community spaces, including parks, streets, and civic

plazas.

Implementation HEJ16 Graffiti Prevention. Encourage the creation of a graffiti prevention team

to remove graffiti from public property (e.g., parks, street signs, sidewalks, etc.) or property adjacent to public rights-of-way.

# <u>Chapter 7 – Community Facilities and Infrastructure</u>

- Goal 7.3: Buildings and landscapes promote water conservation, efficiency, and the increased use of recycled water.
- Policy 7.3.5 Expand the supply of recycled water and distribution facilities in the City for irrigation at city facilities/parks/sports fields. When such supply is available, require new developments to utilize for their common irrigation needs.
- Policy 7.3.8 Require the use of recycled water for irrigation of parks and golf courses in Beaumont.
- Goal 7.9 High-quality community facilities and services that meet the needs and preferences of all residents in the City.
- Policy 7.9.1 Continue to implement its park dedication and improvement requirement of 5 acres of parkland for every 1,000 persons in conjunction with residential development.
- Goal 7.10 Access to high-quality education and community services for all residents.
- Policy 7.10.1 Work with the Beaumont Unified School District to anticipate potential adjustments in new student enrollment and potential impacts on existing schools.
- Policy 7.10.3 Encourage public and public-private partnerships to cluster development of schools, parks, child care facilities, and community activity centers with a coordinated share of costs and operational responsibilities.

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### Chapter 8 - Conservation and Open Space

Goal 8.7 A City where open space is preserved and used for resource conservation and/or recreation.

Policy 8.7.2 Negotiate agreements with the utility companies and the Flood Control District for the establishment of recreation trails, linkages, uses, and appropriate landscaping within their respective rights-of-way.

Policy 8.7.3 Establish a comprehensive bikeway and pedestrian trail system. This policy is implemented through the Mobility Element.

Policy 8.7.4 Expand opportunities to develop parks that are of a community or regional park scale, to facilitate expanded demand for organized sports activities and community functions. This policy is implemented through the Health and Environmental Justice Element.

Implementation C21 Joint use. Establish a formal joint use agreement with local or regional

agencies to allow for the use of open space lands for flood control, utility

easements, and recreational trails.

Implementation C22 Open Space Partnerships. Partner with adjacent cities, Riverside

County, and local and state park agencies to create linkages and enhance access to publicly-accessible parks and open spaces.

### Beaumont 2040 Plan, Chapter 11 - Downtown Area Plan

Policy 11.9.2 Improve Stewart Park to meet the needs of Downtown and Town Center residents.

# **Revision to the Zoning Ordinance**

The proposed revisions to the Zoning Ordinance will allow parks as a permitted (P) use in the following existing zone districts: Residential, Rural Zone (RR); Residential, Single Family Zone (RSF); Residential, Multiple-Family Zone (RMF); and the Community Commercial Zone (CC). Under the current Zoning Ordinance, parks are not a permitted use in these zones. (BMC, Table 17.03-3, Permitted Land Uses for Base Zone Districts.)

The proposed revisions to the Zoning Ordinance also include changing the existing Commercial, General Zone (CN) to Commercial, Neighborhood Zone, in which parks will be a permitted land use. Parks are also permitted uses in the proposed new Residential-Traditional Neighborhood Zone (RTN) and Transit Oriented District Zone (TOD)

# 5.15.4 Threshold of Significance

The City has not established local CEQA significance thresholds as described in Section 15064.7 of the CEQA Guidelines. Therefore, significance determinations utilized in this section are from Appendix G of the CEQA Guidelines. A significant impact will occur if implementation of the proposed Project will:

- (Threshold A) Increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated;
- (Threshold B) Include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment and/or;
- (Threshold C) Result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered park facilities, need for new or physically altered park facilities, the

construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, or other performance objectives.

# 5.15.5 Environmental Impacts before Mitigation

At the programmatic level addressed in this Draft PEIR, a variety of regulatory measures, including compliance with and implementation of State, Regional, and Local regulations as well as compliance with the proposed Beaumont 2040 goals, policies, implementation, in addition to the proposed goals and policies of the DSP and, the proposed revisions to the Zoning Ordinance, are intended to protect historic and archaeological resources and reduce potential to less than significant. See full discussion on environmental impacts below. In addition, all future implementing projects would be subject to further CEQA review focusing on the specifics of the proposed project, which cannot be foreseen at this time since no specific development proposals are included as part of the Beaumont 2040 Plan.

For purposes of the analyses herein, the discussion includes the City limits as well as the City's SOI (collectively referred to as "Planning Area"). Future development of properties within the City's SOI that are annexed to the City would be subject to the City's entitlement process while future development within the City's SOI that is under the County's land use control would be subject to the County's entitlement requirements.

Threshold A: Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?

Development associated with future land uses consistent with the Beaumont 2040 Plan and Revised Zoning Ordinance and Map will increase population in the form of new residents in the Planning Area. These new residents are expected to use park and recreational facilities, and this additional use may result in greater demands on parks and recreational facilities in the Planning Area such that deterioration of these facilities could occur or be accelerated.

As identified in Section 5.15.3, the Beaumont 2040 Plan includes goal, policies, and implementation actions in the Land Use and Community Design, Economic Development, and Health and Environmental Justice chapters to ensure that park and recreational facilities are adequately maintained for existing and future users. Policy 3.6.3 requires project developers to establish mechanisms to adequately maintain new parks and recreational facilities. Policy 3.11.1 requires the maintenance of existing park and recreation facilities in order to facilitate their use. Policy 5.8.3 requires new development to pay its fair share of required improvements, including maintenance costs. Policy 6.3.1 requires the City to partner with BCVRPD to provide maintenance and ensure exiting park and recreation facilities are in good condition to facilitate their use. Implementation action CFI24, would result in the development of a Parks Master Plan in collaboration with BCVRPD to address deficiencies in park maintenance and existing facilities. Therefore, through compliance with and implementation of applicable Beaumont 2040 Plan goals, policies, and implementation measures and the proposed certificate of appropriateness process, impacts with regard to the deterioration of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities are considered **less than significant**, and no mitigation is necessary.

Because the Revised Zoning Ordinance does not propose any changes to City regulations or requirements regarding maintenance of recreation and park facilities, the same discussion under the Beaumont 2040 Plan and Revised Zoning Map is applicable. Based on the above discussion, impacts would be **less than significant**.

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Threshold B: Would the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?

Threshold C: Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered park facilities, need for new or physically altered park facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, or other performance objectives?

(Note to Reader: To avoid repetitive discussion, Thresholds B and C are addressed together below.)

As identified in Section 5.15.3, the Beaumont 2040 Plan includes goal, policies, and implementation actions in the Land Use and Community Design, Mobility, Economic Development, and Health and Environmental Justice chapters that will result in construction and/or expansion of parks and recreational facilities. Specifically, Policy 7.9.1 requires the City to continue to implement its park dedication and improvement requirement 5 acres of parkland for every 1,000 persons in conjunction with residential development. Other Beaumont 2040 goals, policies, and implementation that address the provision of park and recreation facilities include: Goal 8.7, Policies 3.8.3, 4.4.4, 6.3.6, 8.7.2, 8.7.3, 8.7.4, and Implementation M19, EDF32, HEJ13, C21, and C22.

The Open Space land use designation of the Beaumont 2040 Land Use Plan land use plan includes open space, passive and active parks and golf courses as shown on **Figure 5.15-3 – Open Space Categories**. The approximately 10,252 acres of Open Space included in the Beaumont 2040 Plan<sup>2</sup> shown on **Figure 5.15-3** breaks down into the various open space categories as shown on the following table.

Table 5.15-B – Open Space Categories

Open Space Category	Acres <sup>(a)</sup>
Golf Course	772
Open Space Corridor	347
Open Space Preserve	8,148
Open Space (in the SOI)	691
Open Space Corridor (in the SOI)	123
Parks	171
Total All Open Space	10,252

Source: Raimi.

(a) Rounded to the nearest whole acre

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Refer to Table 3-B – Proposed Beaumont 2040 Plan Land Use Summary for the Planning Area (City and SOI).

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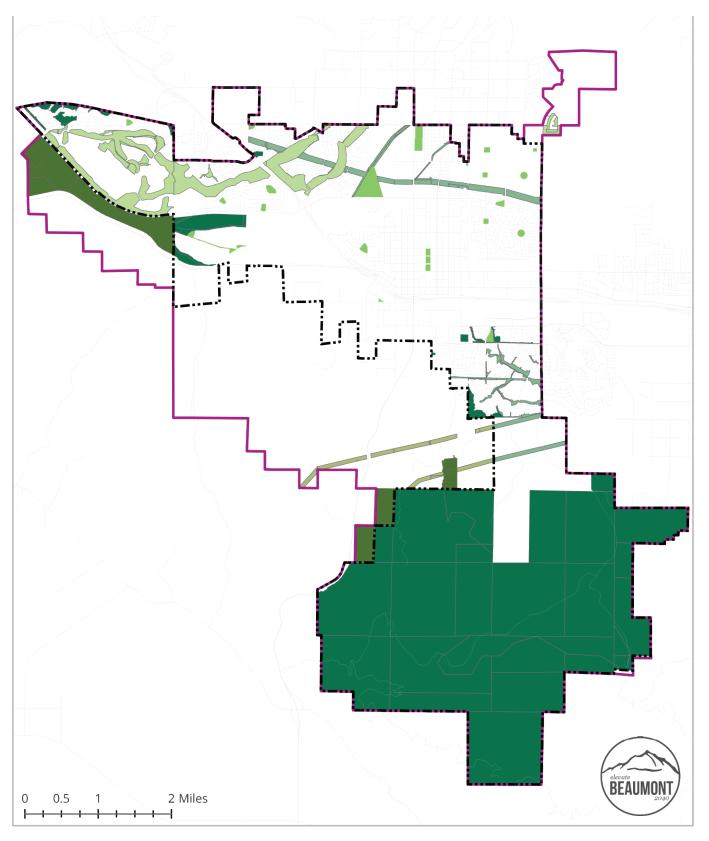
Recreation

Based on the anticipated Beaumont 2040 Plan buildout population of 131,940, which results in an increase of approximately 82,699 persons,<sup>3</sup> a total of 415 new acres of parkland<sup>4</sup> will be is needed to comply with the City's park standard of five acres per 1,000 persons. Based on the number of open space and park acres shown in **Table 5.15-B**, the adoption of the Revised Zoning Ordinance making parks a permitted use in all of City's residential zoning districts. and compliance with Chapter 3.34 of the Beaumont Municipal Code and applicable Beaumont 2040 Plan goals, policies and implementation, impacts regarding maintaining acceptable service ratios and performance standards for park and recreation facilities will be **less than significant** and no mitigation is required.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Buildout population determined based on 40,848 residential units in the Planning Area multiplied by 3.23 persons per dwelling unit equals 131,940 persons, minus the existing population of 49,241 equals a population increase of 82,699 persons.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 82.699 persons multiplied by five acres of parkland per 1,000 persons equals 415 acres.



# **Categories of Open Space**



Figure 5.15-3 - Open Space Categories

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Regarding environmental impacts associated with the provision of new recreational and park facilities, since such facilities are anticipated by the Beaumont 2040 Plan, impacts are evaluated at a program level throughout this Draft PEIR. Specific potential direct and indirect impacts resulting from park and recreation facilities proposed as part of individual future development projects or specific recreational or park projects proposed by the City, will be analyzed on a case-by-case basis as they are submitted to the City or proposed by the City.

Thus, for the reasons stated in the above paragraphs, the proposed Project would not include recreational or park facilities or require the construction or expansion of park or recreational facilities which would substantially impact the environment. Impacts in this regard are considered **less than significant** and no mitigation is required.

# **5.15.6** Proposed Mitigation Measures

An EIR is required to describe feasible mitigation measures which could minimize significant adverse impacts (*CEQA Guidelines*, Section 15126.4). Because the proposed Beaumont 2040 Plan, Revisions to the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map will not result in significant adverse impacts with regard to recreation and park facilities, no mitigation measures are necessary.

# 5.15.7 Levels of Significance after Mitigation

With adherence to and compliance with the proposed Beaumont 2040 Plan goals, policies in addition to adherence to local regulations, the impact to recreational and park facilities is considered **less than significant** and no mitigation is necessary. The significance of impacts to recreational and park facilities resulting from specific future development, City-initiated, or BCVRPD-initiated projects will be evaluated on a project-by-project basis and Beaumont 2040 Plan, along with the revisions to the Zoning Ordinance, as well as City standards and practices will be applied, individually or jointly, as necessary and appropriate. If future project-level impacts are identified, specific mitigation measures may be required by CEQA.

### 5.15.8 References

The following references were used in the preparation of this section of the Draft PEIR:

ВМС	City of Beaumont, <i>Beaumont Municipal Code, Various Titles</i> . (Available at <a href="https://library.municode.com/ca/beaumont">https://library.municode.com/ca/beaumont</a> , accessed April 17, 2020.)
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RCC 16.20.020	County of Riverside, Riverside County Code, Section 16.20.020 (Available at <a href="https://library.municode.com/ca/riverside">https://library.municode.com/ca/riverside</a> county/codes/code of ordinances?nodel d=TIT16SU CH16.20DE 16.20.020PAREFEDE, accessed April 27, 2020.)