

Sonoma Valley Regional Park Expansion

Master Plan Project

Community Workshop #2

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Dunbar Elementary School

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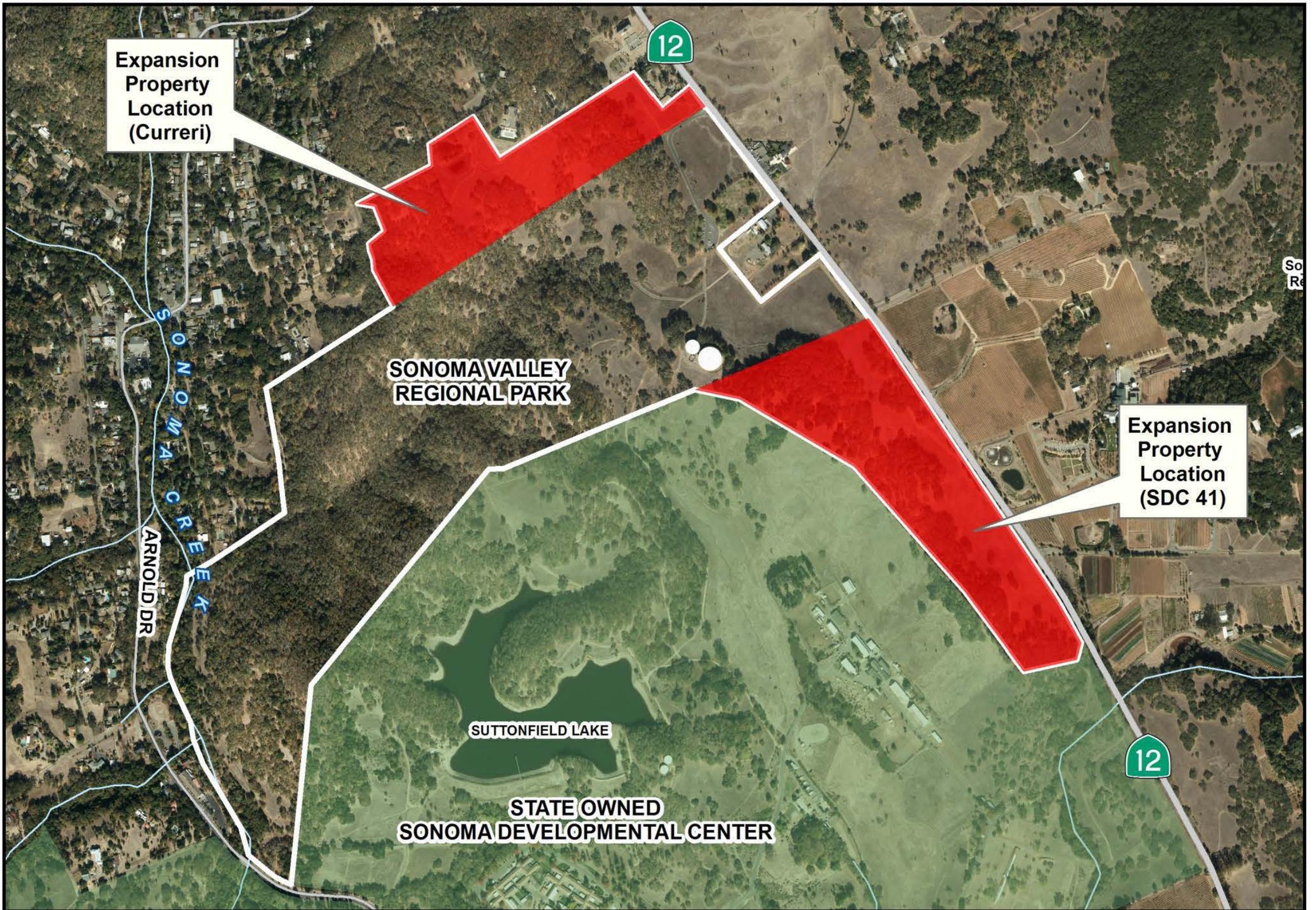
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Agenda

- Introduction
- Presentation
 - Project summary
 - Community input
 - Draft master plan
 - Project schedule
- Question, answer and discussion
- Project next steps and meeting close





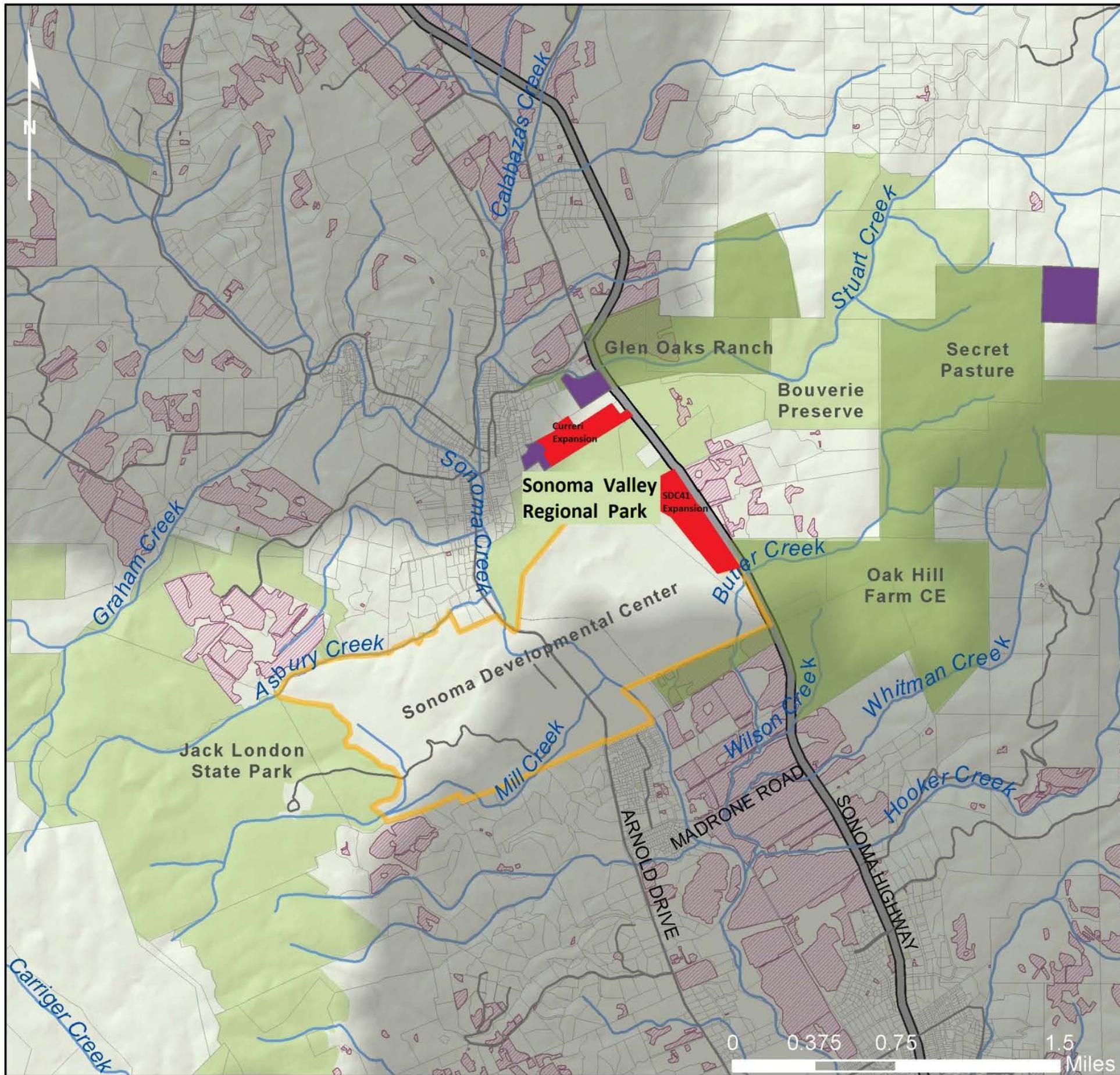
Sonoma Valley Regional Park Expansion Property Location Map



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Sonoma Valley Wildlife Corridor



Data Sources:
 Street & Parcel Data - Sonoma County GIS,
 SCAPOSD, Sonoma Land Trust;
 Bay Area Critical Linkages Draft Design-
 Bay Area Open Space Council.
 Hillshade derived from USGS 10 m DEM.
 Parcel boundaries are approximate.
 February 24, 2014 J. Kinyon and T. Nelson



Planning Summary

- Project Goals
- Inventory
- Community Input & Ideas
- Draft Master Plan Development



District Conservation Easement and Recreation Covenant

- Values – to preserve and protect forever
 - Scenic open space resources
 - Natural resources and connectivity
 - Low intensity recreation and education
 - Protect soil and water
- Restrictions
 - Prohibit uses that impairs or interferes with conservation
 - Prohibit paved roads and trails
 - Limit new structures
 - Prohibit outside lighting



Project Goals

- Balance recreation with resource protection
- Link expansion development to existing park amenities
- Accessible facilities for a wide range of users, types and abilities
- Encourage education of natural resources
- Develop management policies to enhance and protect natural resources and habitats



Inventory

Assets

- Two property expansion
 - 70 acres combined
- Critical habitat linkage
- Special status species
- Scenic vistas
- Existing trail for connections
- Existing park master plan
- Existing park amenities
 - Parking and trailhead
 - Portable restroom
 - Existing trails
 - Picnicking

Issues

- Internal and derelict fencing
- Exposure for trail users and neighbor privacy
- Existing ranch roads on poor alignments – Erosion
- Deforestation on Curreri property
- Existing park
 - No permanent restroom
 - Day use facilities needing improvements
 - Additional parking needed for park growth





Plant Communities



Sonoma Valley Regional Park Expansion Biological Resources Areas of Concern



- Existing Sonoma Valley Regional Park Trail
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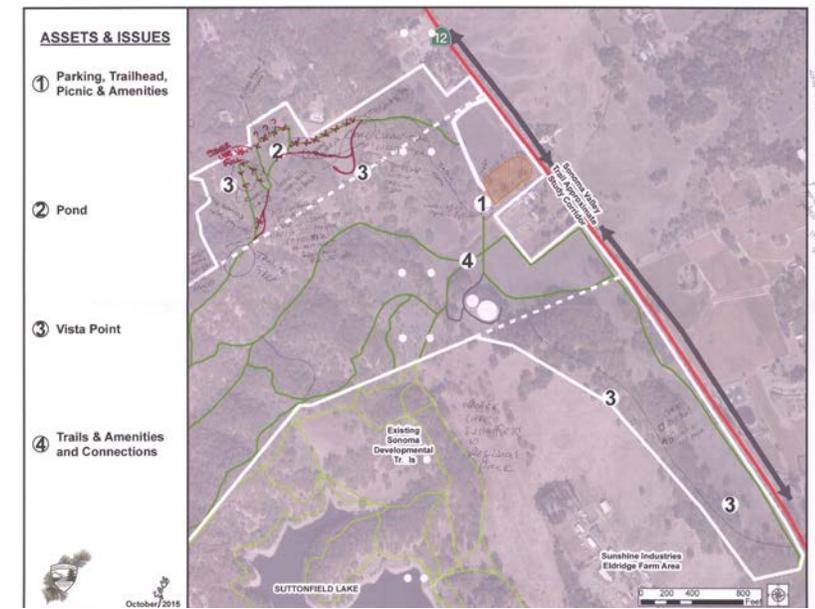
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Management Areas of Concern

Community Input & Ideas

- Improve and develop trails for sustainability
- Loop trails
- Multi-use trails
- Hiking only trails
- Remove internal/derelict fencing
- Permanent/Improved restrooms
- Curreri - reforest meadow and neighbor/trail screening
- Define and interpretive areas of interest
- Identify and preserve cultural resources
- Additional benches and tables
- Clean pond - algae
- Annex Suttonfield Lake to Regional Parks
- Outdoor education - include art

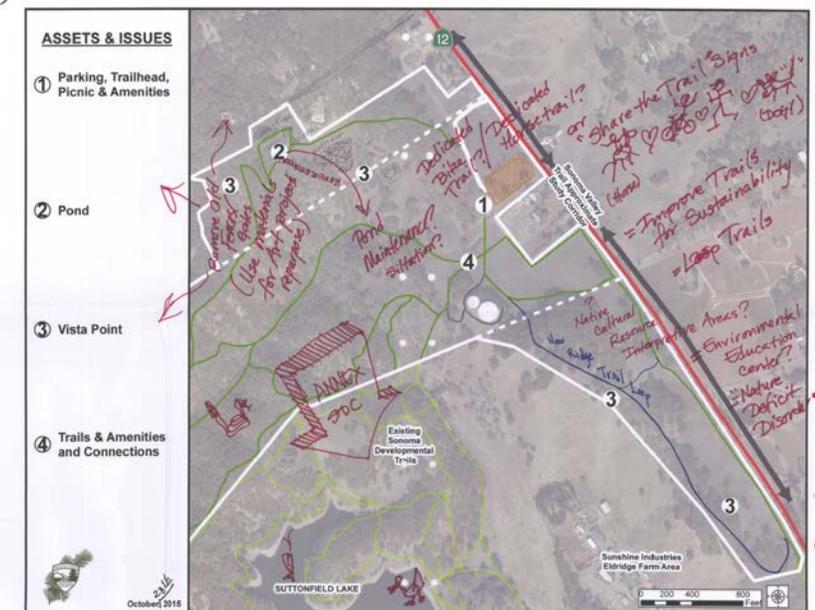
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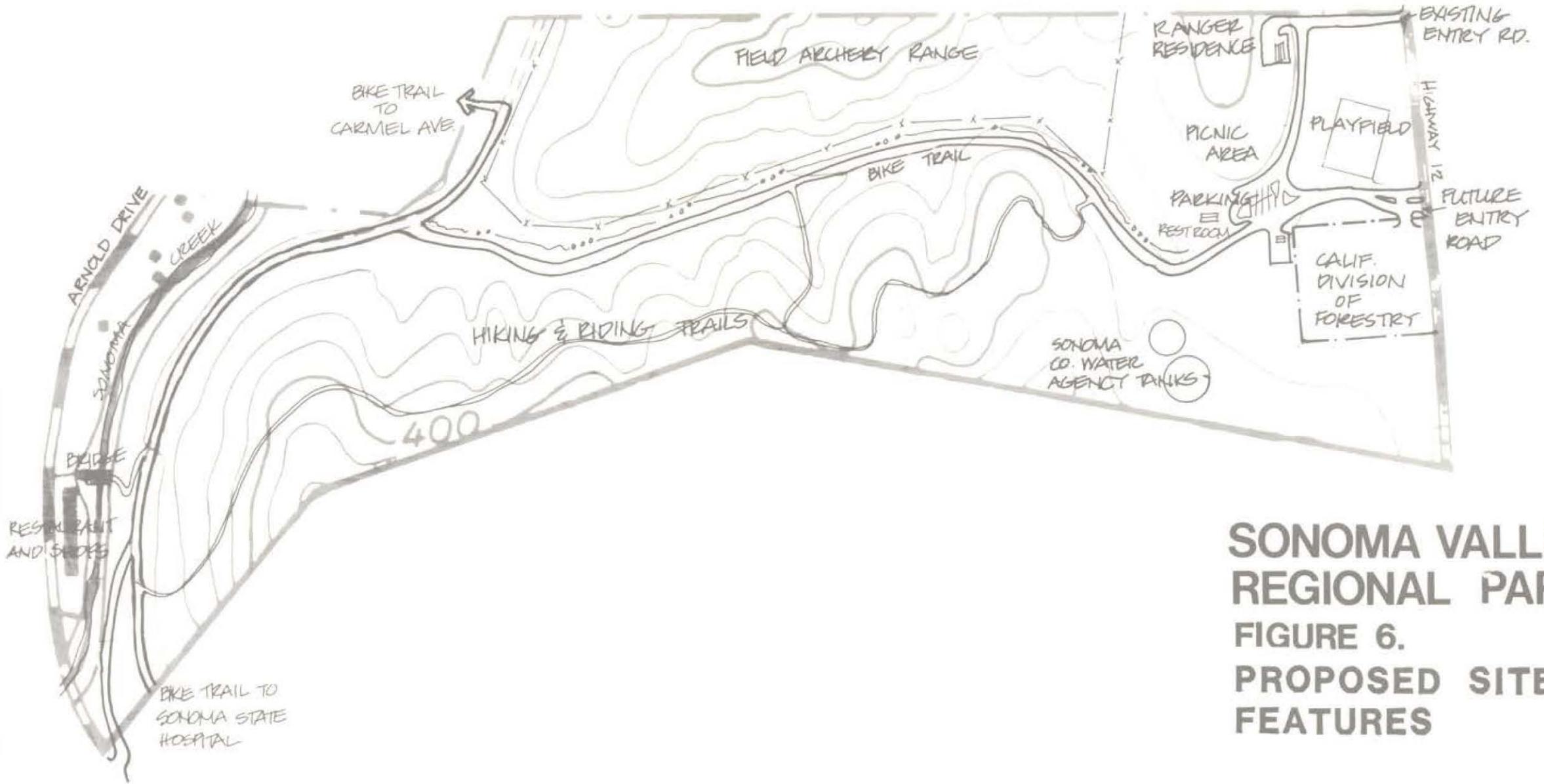
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Existing Park Master Plan

- Permanent Restroom
- Future Parking Expansion
- Improved Picnicking facilities





**SONOMA VALLEY
REGIONAL PARK
FIGURE 6.
PROPOSED SITE
FEATURES**



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graphic scale





Expansion Final Draft Master Plan

- Trail development
 - Loops
 - Multi-use and dedicated
 - Minimize slopes – sustainable and accessible
 - Variety and views
- Benches and tables near trails
- Minimize exposure with native vegetated screening
- Protect and restore natural resources
- Remove invasive species and internal or derelict fencing





Sonoma Valley Regional Park Expansion Master Plan Final Draft Trail Plan

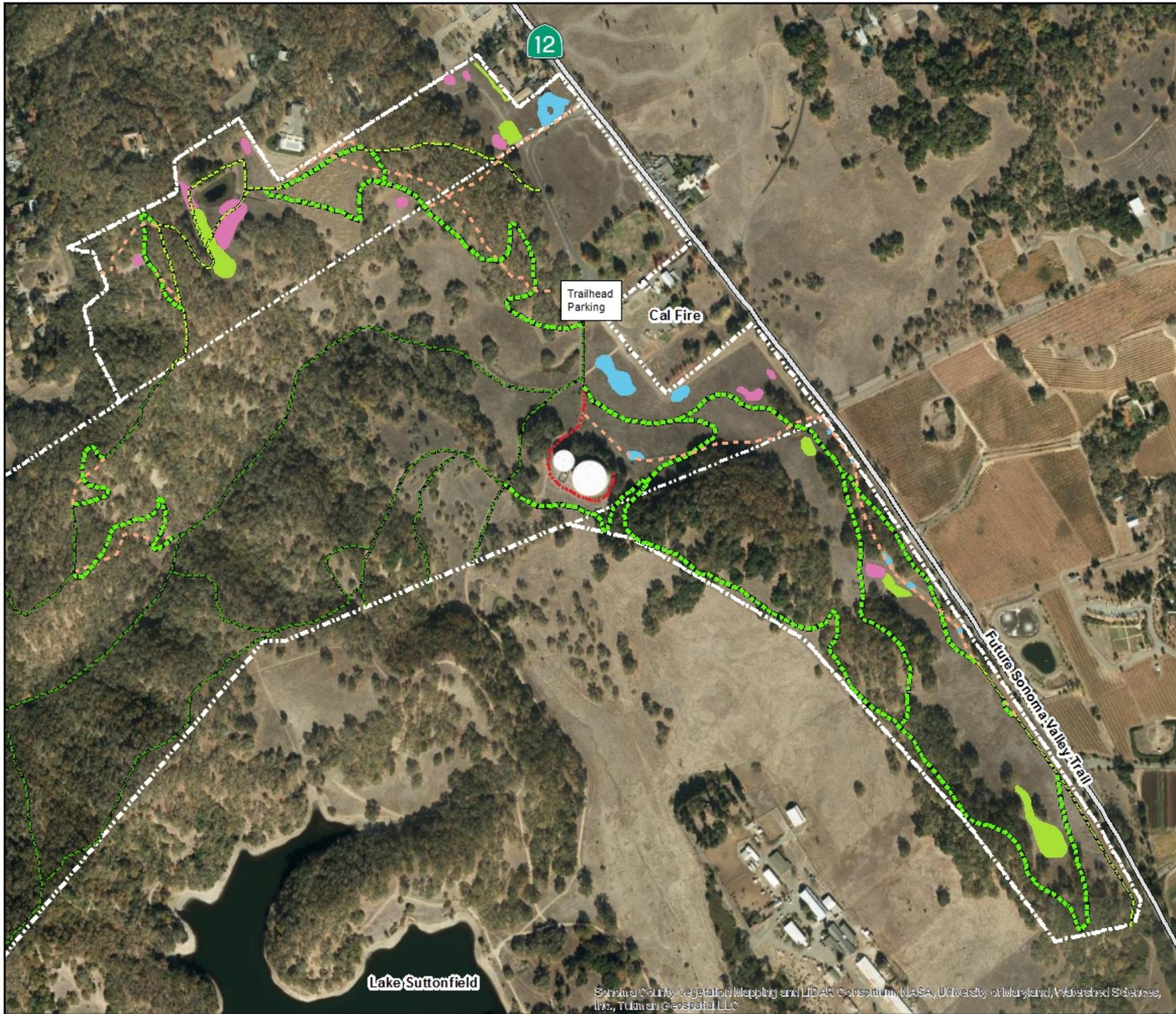
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- * Views – locations for bench/table



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Final Draft- Trails





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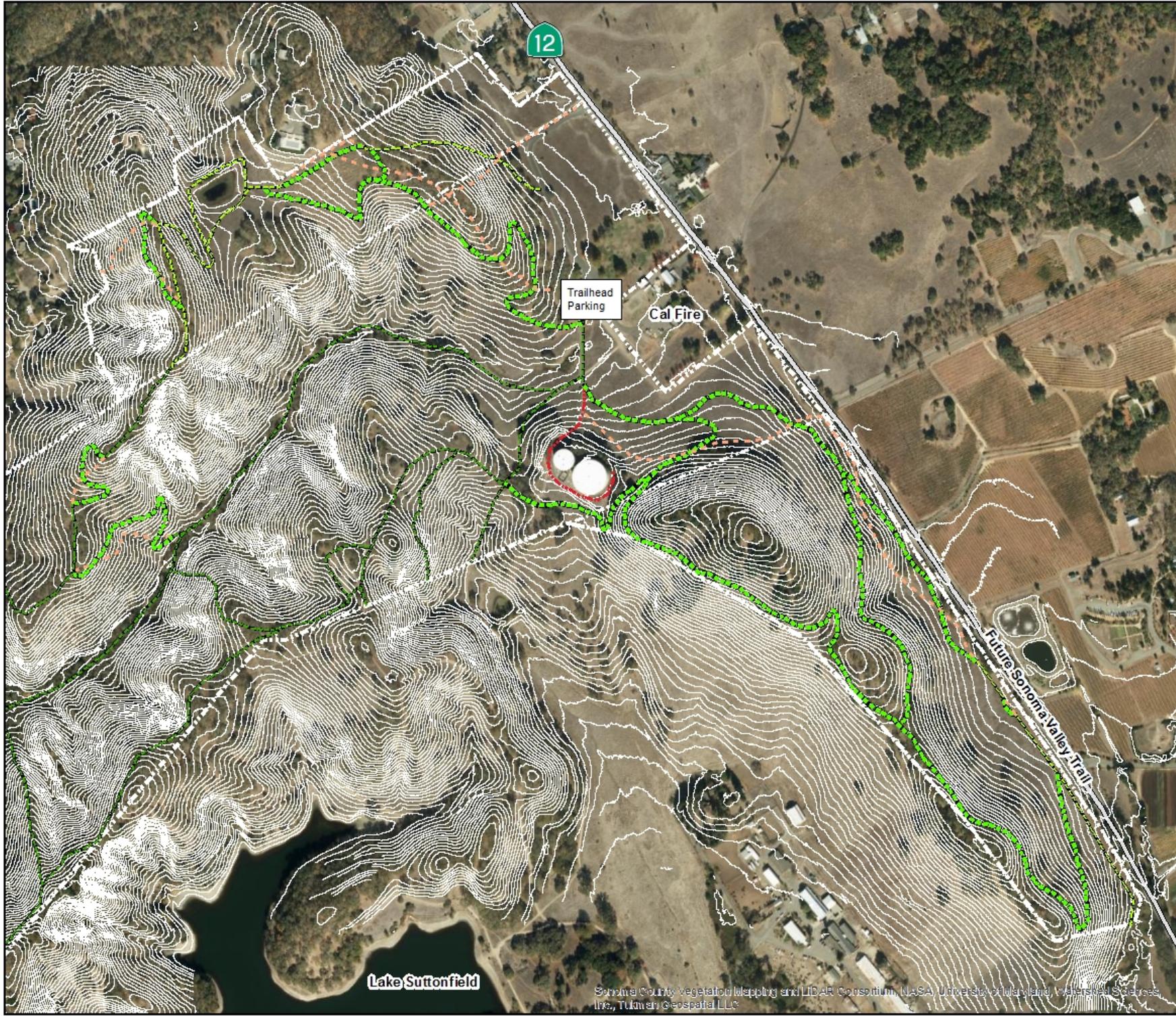
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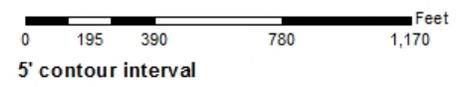
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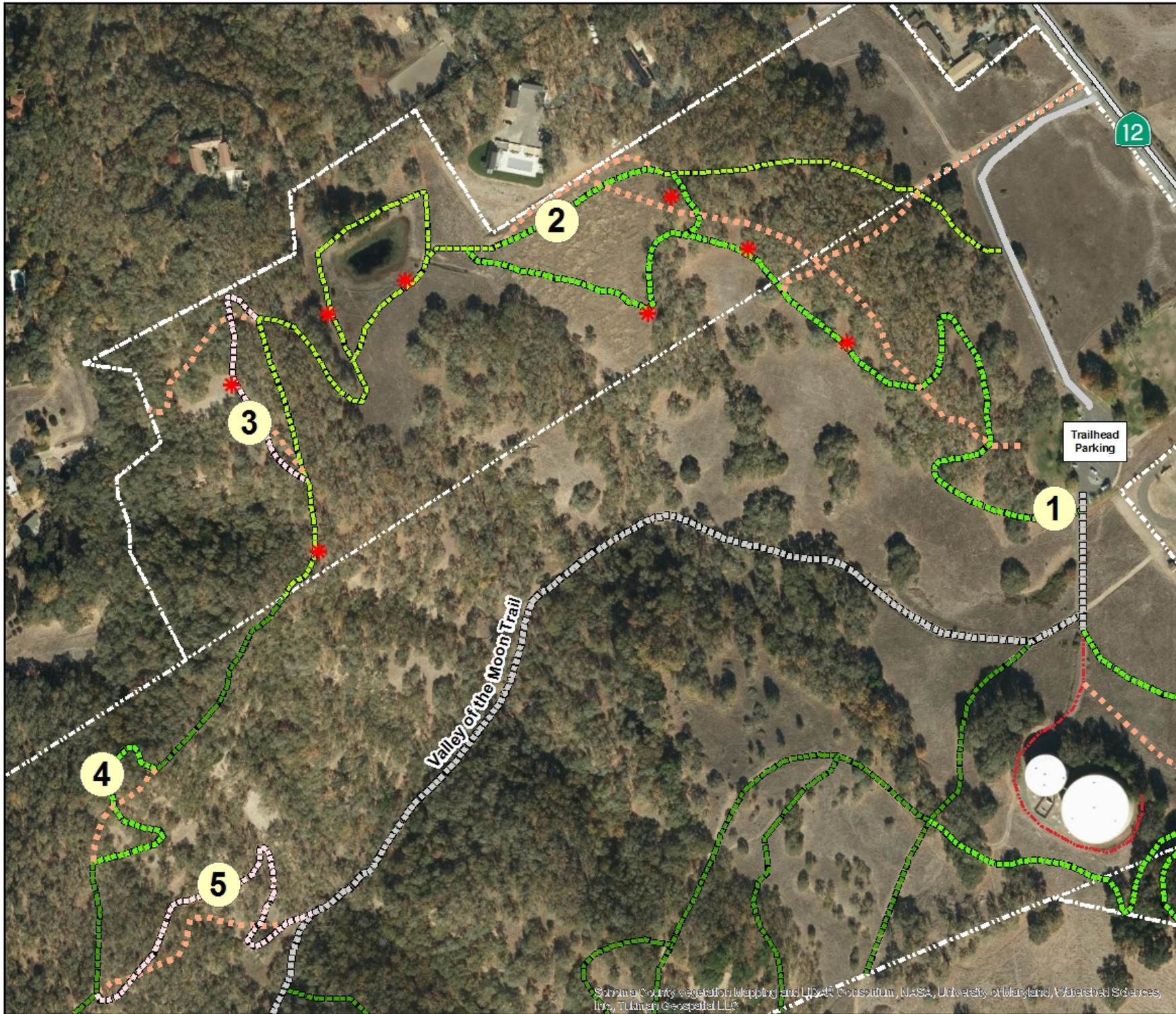
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Final Draft- Trails



Sonoma Valley Regional Park Expansion Curreri Draft Final Trail Map

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Locations for tables and benches



Bobcat – 0.49 mi. – multi-use



Cougar – 0.08 mi. – realign multi-use Room for veg. screen



Moon View – 0.1 mi. – hike only



Cougar – 0.1 mi. – realign multi-use



Black Canyon Creek – 0.1 mi. Realign hiker only

Multi-use - 1.49 mi.
 Hiker only – 0.14 mi
 Decommission - 0.59 mi.

Cougar Trail – 0.87 mi. mod. grade
 Bobcat Trail – 0.49 mod. Grade
 Moon View Trail – 0.1 mi. easy grade
 Damsel Fly Pond – 0.13 mi. easy grade



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Final Draft- Trails (Curreri)



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- Locations for tables and benches

- 1** Sonoma Valley – 0.75 mi. – multi-use
- 2** Sonoma Sunshine Spur – 0.24 mi. – multi-use
- 3** Sonoma Sunshine – 0.86 mi. – multi-use
- 4** Woodland Star – 0.17 mi. – Realign multi-use

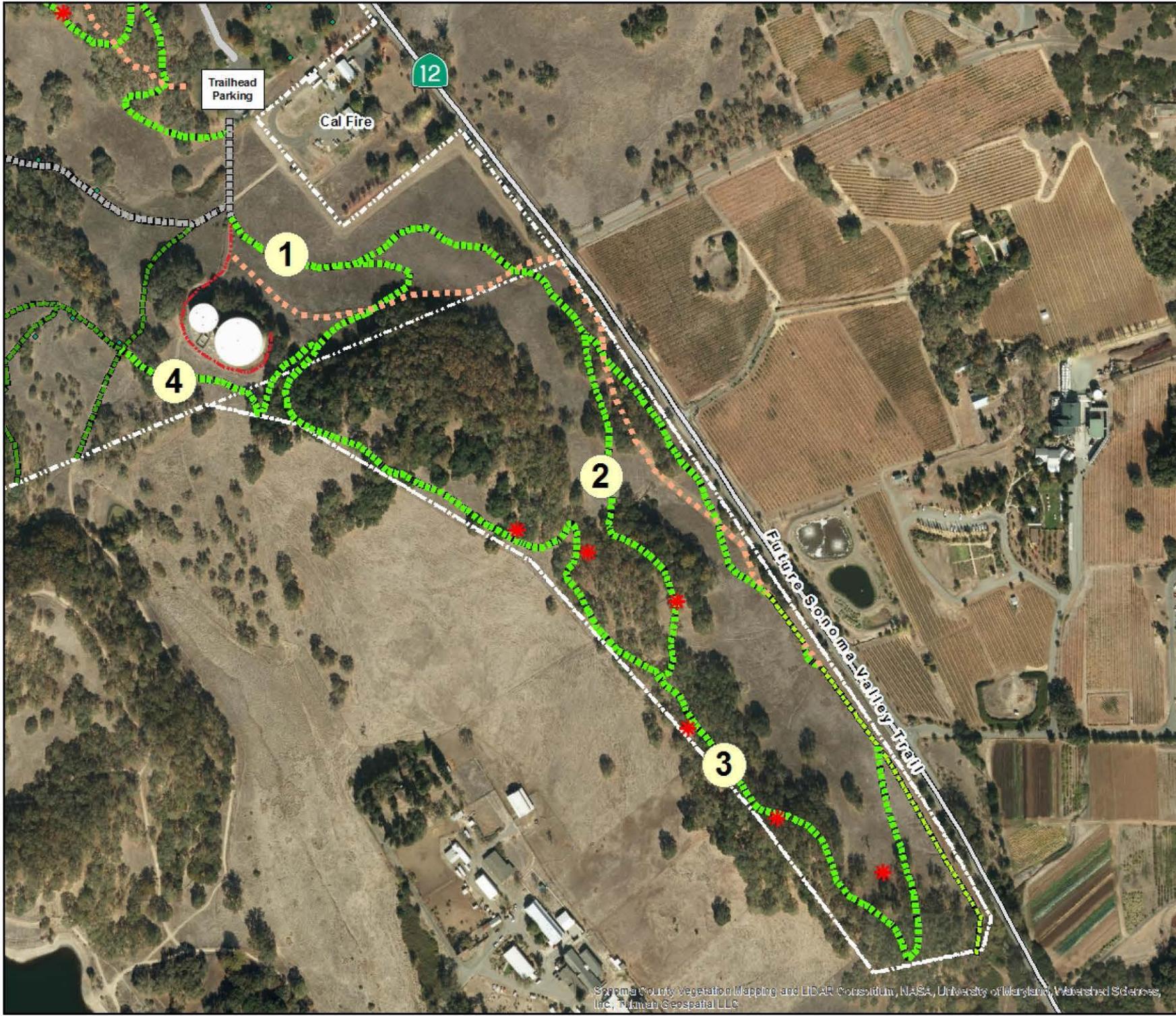
Multi-use - 2.02 mi.
Decommission - 0.50 mi.

Sonoma Valley Trail – 0.75 mi. easy grade
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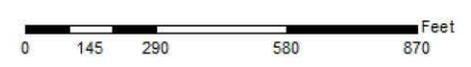
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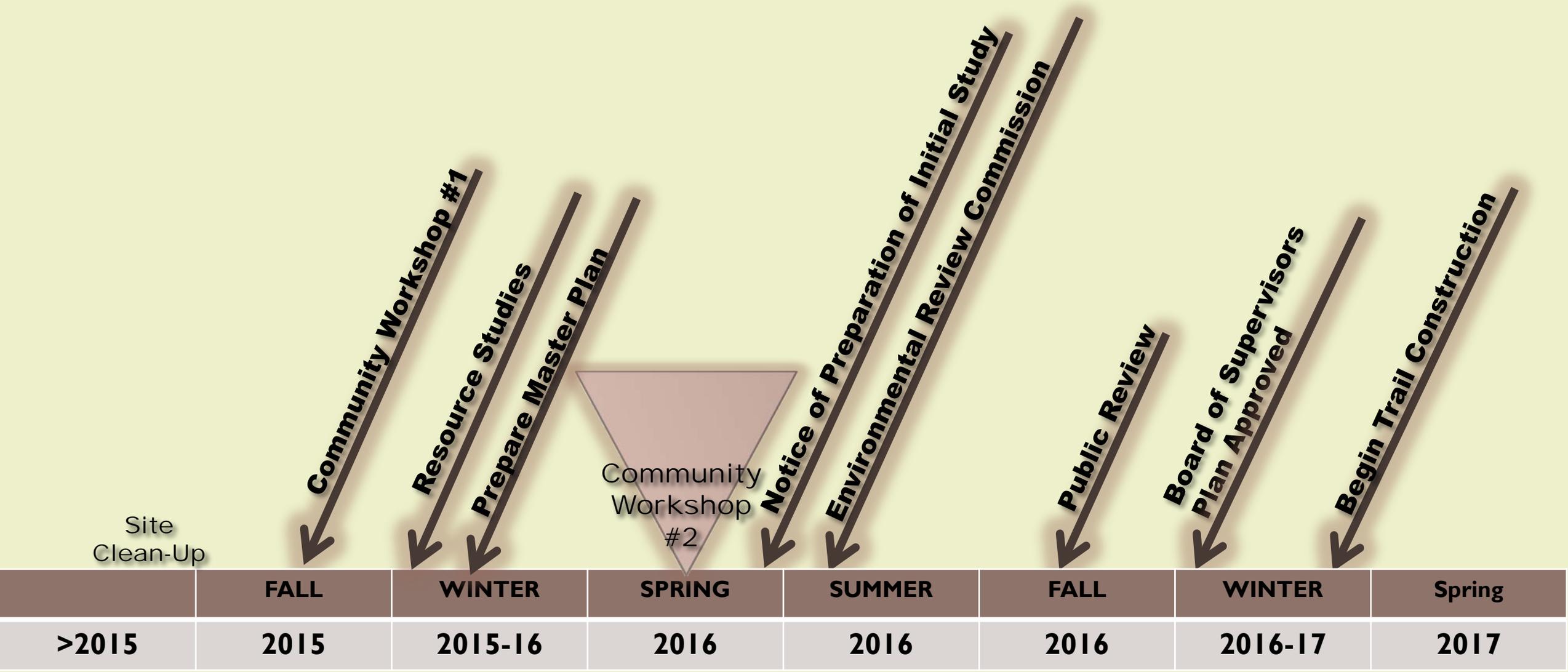
Sonoma Valley Regional Park Expansion Focused Resource Management Map

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- Use and disperse rock
- Restoration
 - Blue Oak Woodland
 - Blue Oak
 - Black Oak
 - Oregon Oak
 - Understory
 - coyote bush
 - manzanita
- Native Vegetated Screen
 - Blue Oak Woodland
 - Native shrub (large)
 - coyote bush
 - manzanita
 - fremontodendron




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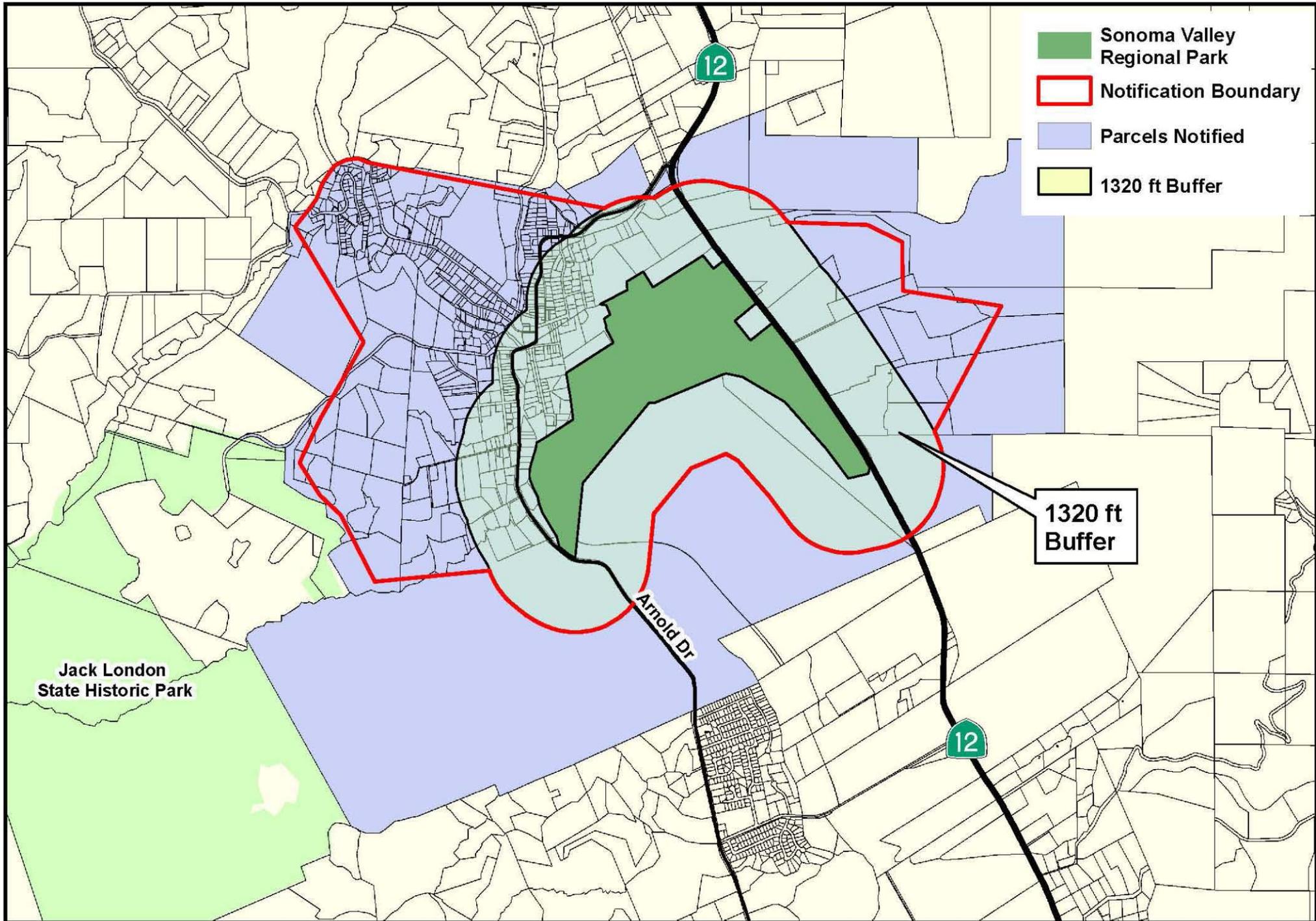
Final Draft - Restoration Plan



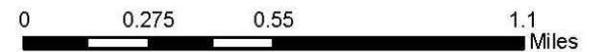
Project Schedule



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**Sonoma Valley Regional Park Expansion Master Plan
Community Workshop #1
Notification Map**



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