



SANTA MARIA CREEK GREENWAY PROJECT

Public Workshop

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Workshop Agenda

- **Presentation**
 - Project Background
 - Progress Updates
 - Next Steps

- **Stations**
 - Your Input is Needed!
 - Trail Alignment
 - Trail Character
 - Ask Questions



Project Background

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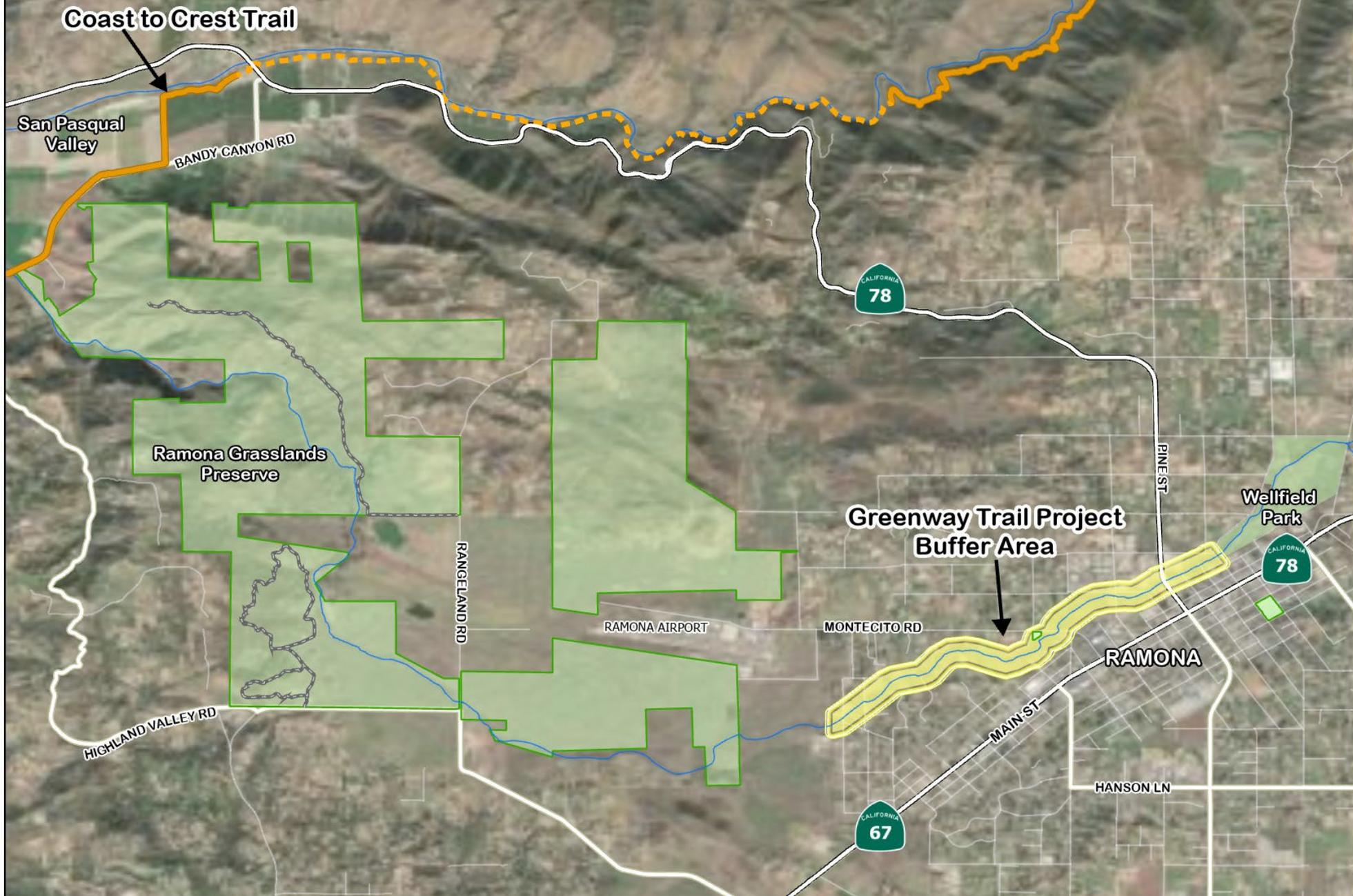
What is a Greenway?

Outdoor spaces connecting people and places. Each greenway is unique, reflecting the character of the communities it connects. Greenways typically include 4 elements:

- Trail
- Amenities
- Connections
- Conservation

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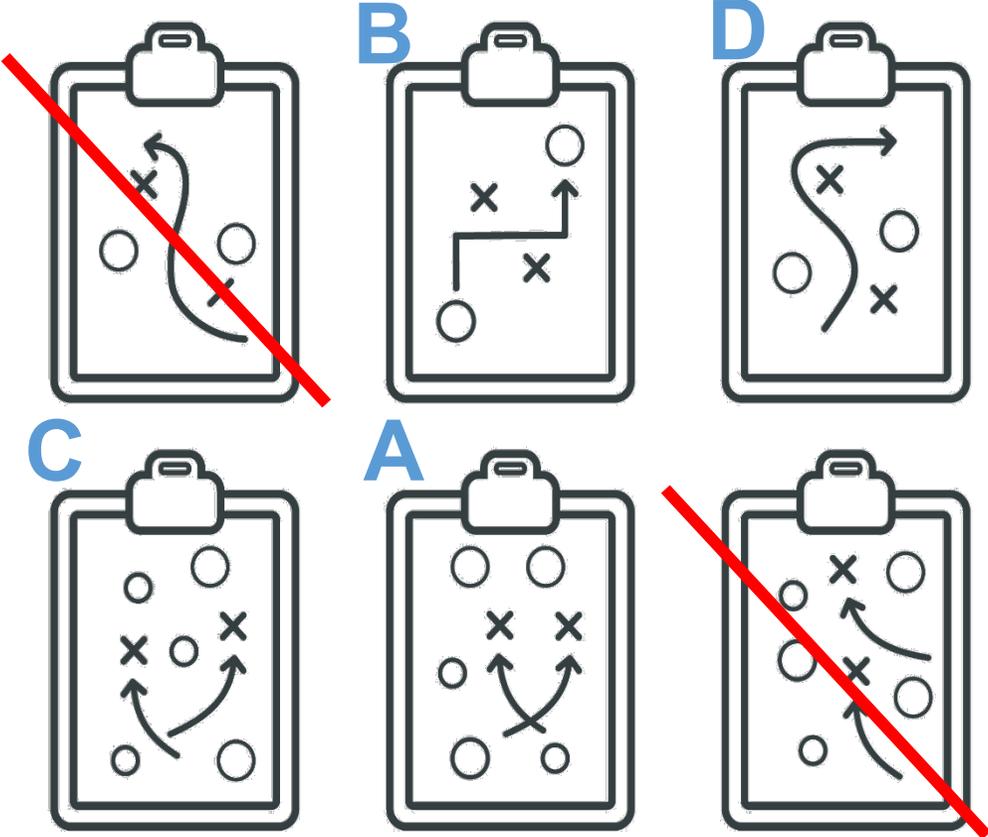
Project Location

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Feasibility Analysis and Implementation Plan

- Information Gathering
- Identify Opportunities and Constraints
- Community Workshop 8/12/24
- Evaluate
- **Community Workshop 12/03/24 (TODAY)**
- **Refine Potential Alignment Concepts**
- **Develop an Implementation Plan for Advancing the Greenway**
- **Develop Trail Design Guidelines**



Progress Updates

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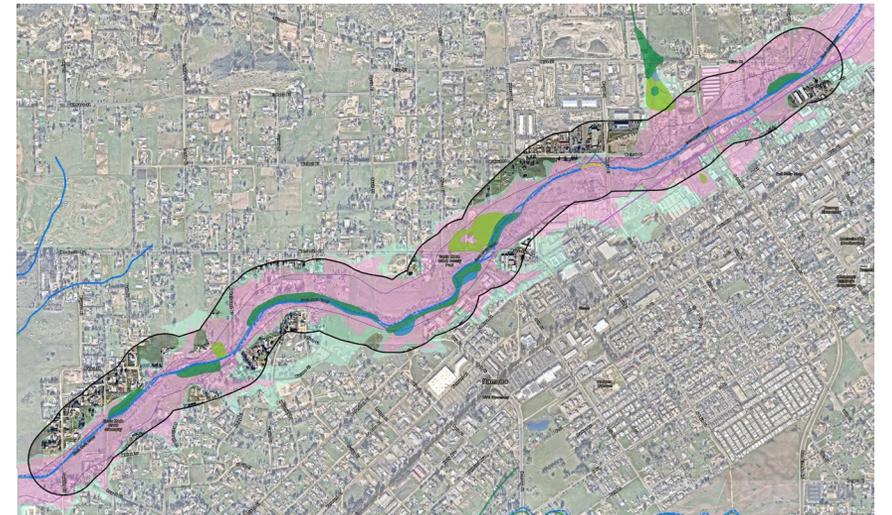
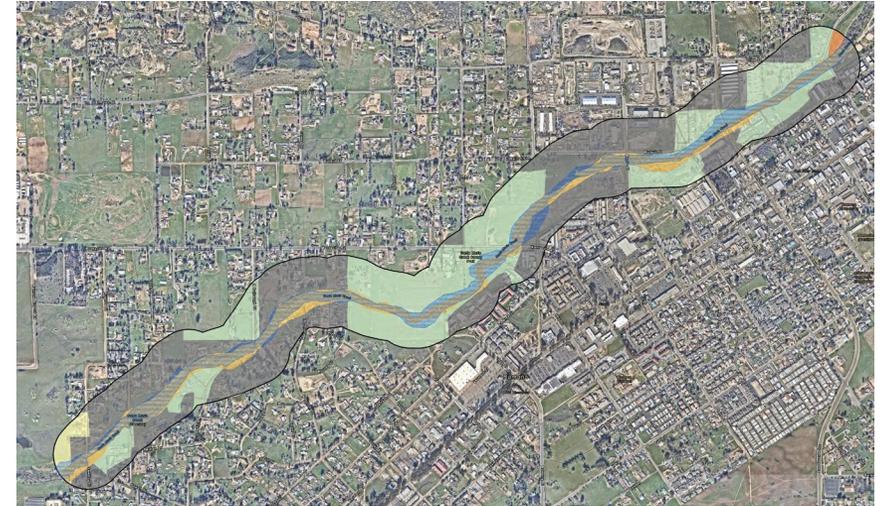
Opportunities and Constraints

Natural Resources:

- Aquatic
- Agriculture
- Field/Pasture
- Non-Native Grasslands
- Southern Riparian Scrub

Flooding:

- Floodplain
- Floodway



Opportunities and Constraints

Land Use and Ownership

- Public Agencies
- Private

Roadway Crossings

- 7th
- SR 78
- 13th
- Montecito
- Durgin
- Sawday



Opportunities and Constraints

Community Resources & Connectivity

- Wellfield Park
- Staging Area
- Community Centers
- Ramona Grasslands

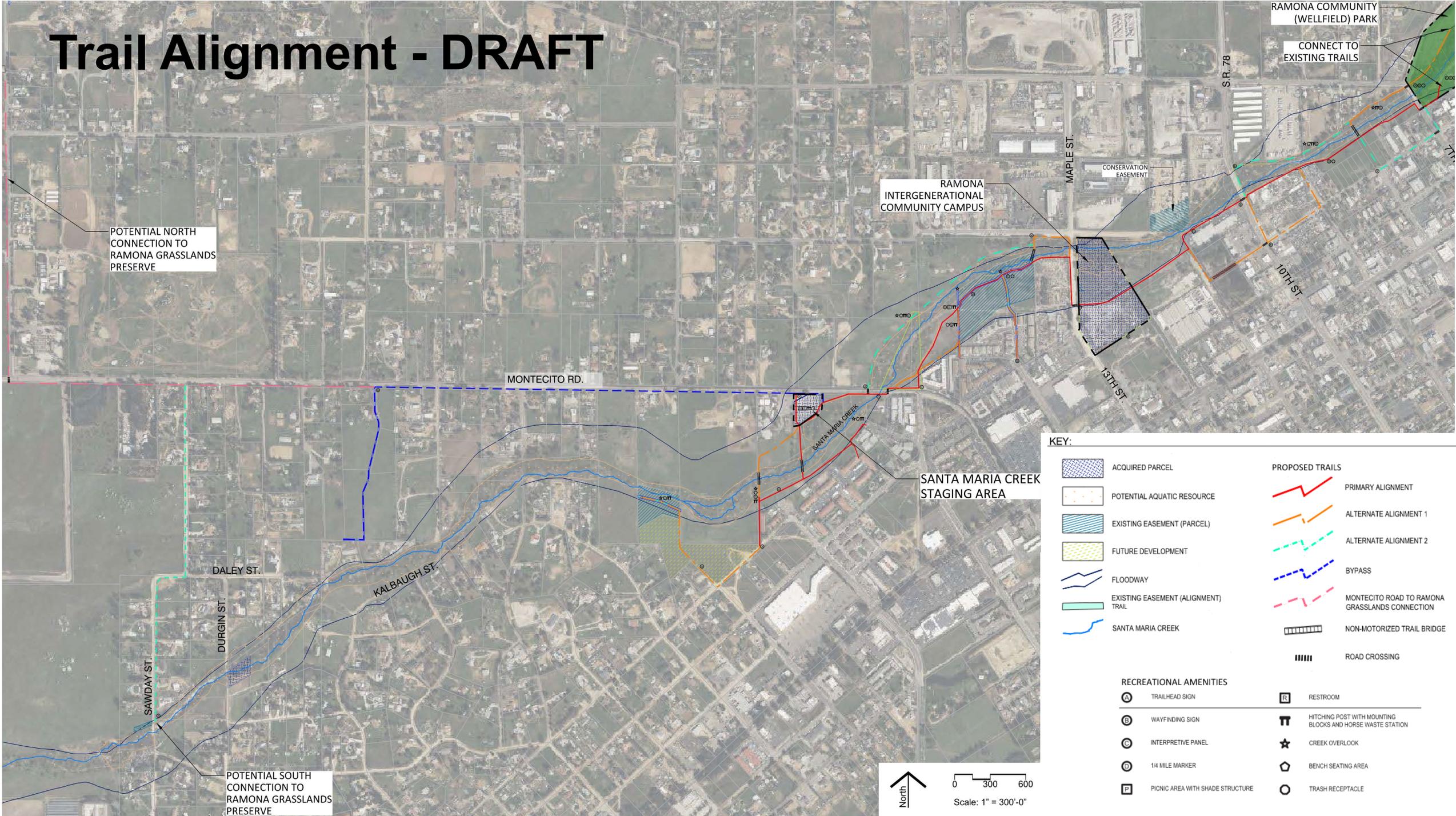


Additional Considerations

- Community Workshop 8.12.24
- What we heard....
 - Provide Horse Trailer Parking
 - Enhance Road Crossing Safety
 - Restroom Facilities
 - Water Access



Trail Alignment - DRAFT



POTENTIAL NORTH CONNECTION TO RAMONA GRASSLANDS PRESERVE

RAMONA COMMUNITY (WELLFIELD) PARK

CONNECT TO EXISTING TRAILS

RAMONA INTERGENERATIONAL COMMUNITY CAMPUS

CONSERVATION EASEMENT

MONTECITO RD.

MAPLE ST.

S.R. 78

10TH ST.

13TH ST.

SANTA MARIA CREEK

SANTA MARIA CREEK STAGING AREA

DALEY ST.

KALBAUGH ST.

DURGIN ST.

SAWDAY ST.

POTENTIAL SOUTH CONNECTION TO RAMONA GRASSLANDS PRESERVE

KEY:

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|---|-------------------------------------|---|--|
|  | ACQUIRED PARCEL |  | PRIMARY ALIGNMENT |
|  | POTENTIAL AQUATIC RESOURCE |  | ALTERNATE ALIGNMENT 1 |
|  | EXISTING EASEMENT (PARCEL) |  | ALTERNATE ALIGNMENT 2 |
|  | FUTURE DEVELOPMENT |  | BYPASS |
|  | FLOODWAY |  | MONTECITO ROAD TO RAMONA GRASSLANDS CONNECTION |
|  | EXISTING EASEMENT (ALIGNMENT) TRAIL |  | NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL BRIDGE |
|  | SANTA MARIA CREEK |  | ROAD CROSSING |

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES

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|---|----------------------------------|---|--|
|  | TRAILHEAD SIGN |  | RESTROOM |
|  | WAYFINDING SIGN |  | HITCHING POST WITH MOUNTING BLOCKS AND HORSE WASTE STATION |
|  | INTERPRETIVE PANEL |  | CREEK OVERLOOK |
|  | 1/4 MILE MARKER |  | BENCH SEATING AREA |
|  | PICNIC AREA WITH SHADE STRUCTURE |  | TRASH RECEPTACLE |



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Scale: 1" = 300'-0"

KEY:

PROPOSED TRAILS

- PRIMARY ALIGNMENT
- ALTERNATE ALIGNMENT 1
- ALTERNATE ALIGNMENT 2
- BYPASS
- NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL BRIDGE
- ROAD CROSSING
- SANTA MARIA CREEK

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RAMONA INTERGENERATIONAL COMMUNITY CAMPUS

CONNECT TO EXISTING TRAILS
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SANTA MARIA CREEK STAGING AREA

Eastern Trail Alignment - DRAFT

Trail Experience & Character

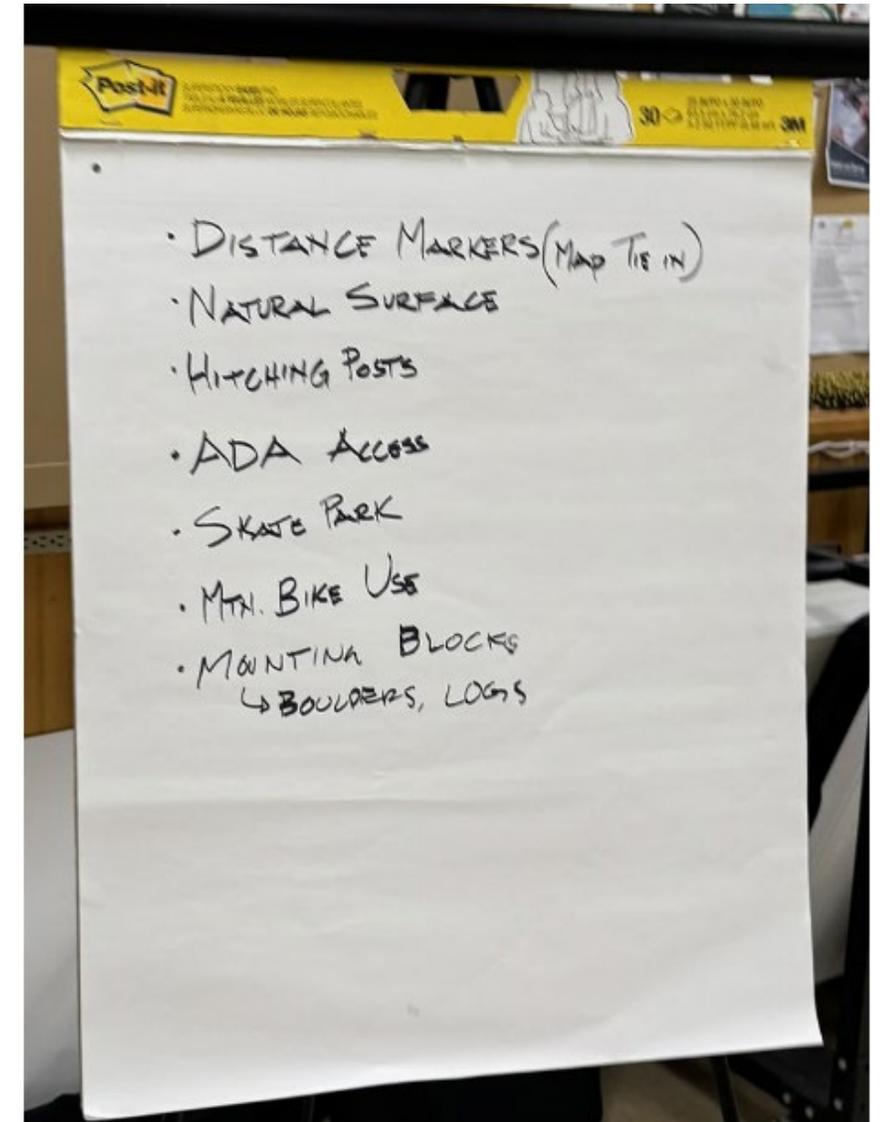


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Trail Experience & Character

- Community Workshop 8.12.24
- What we heard....
 - Multi-modal: Pedestrian, Equestrian, Bicycle
 - Hitching Posts & Mounting Blocks
 - ADA Access
 - Distance Markers



Trail Experience & Character



Conceptual Trail Section



LEGEND

- 1 Decomposed Granite Trail Surfacing (10 ft width typ.)
- 2 Boulders, typ.
- 3 Native Trees, typ.
- 4 Native Plantings, typ.
- 5 Existing Native Trees, typ.



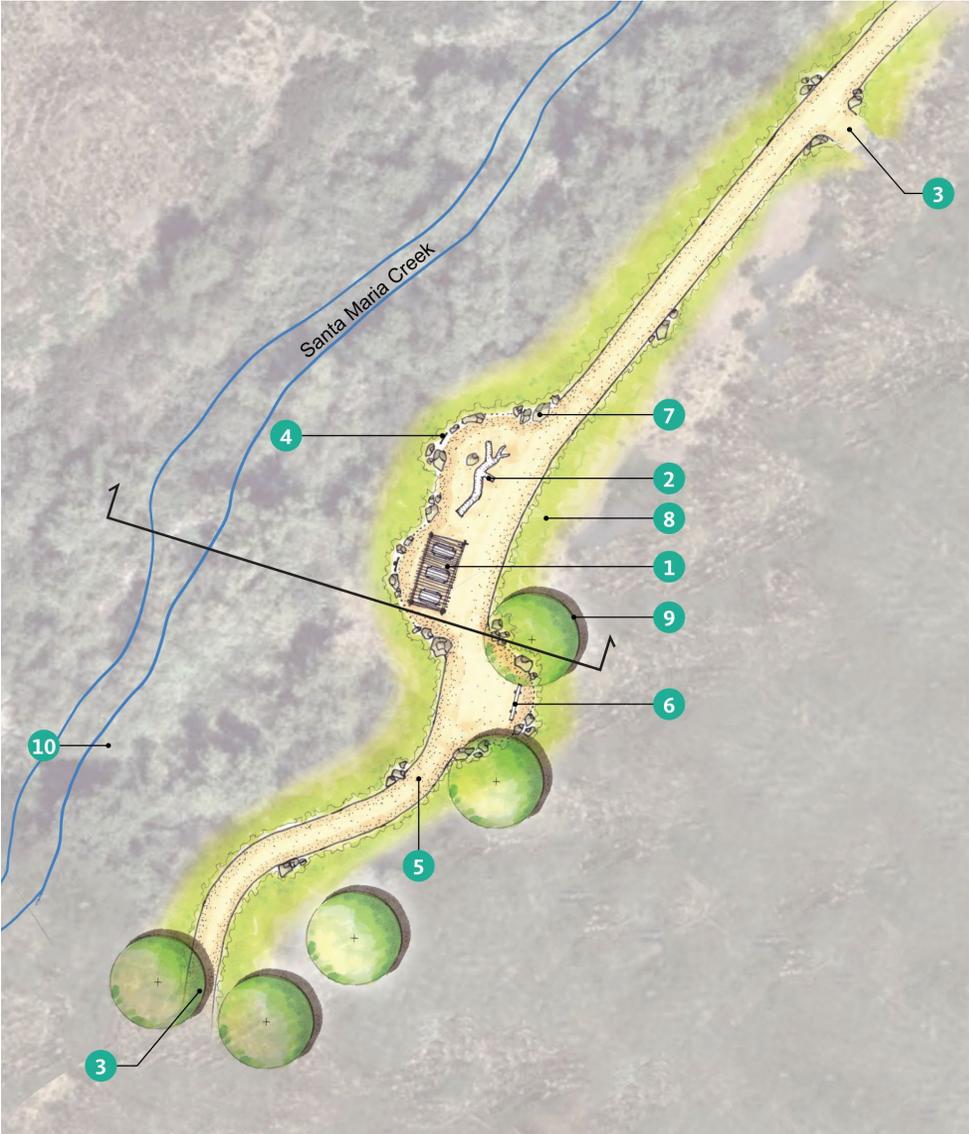
Conceptual Trail Visualization



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Conceptual Trail Amenities



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- 1 Picnic Area with Shade Structure
- 2 Children's Nature Discovery Area
- 3 Trail Connection
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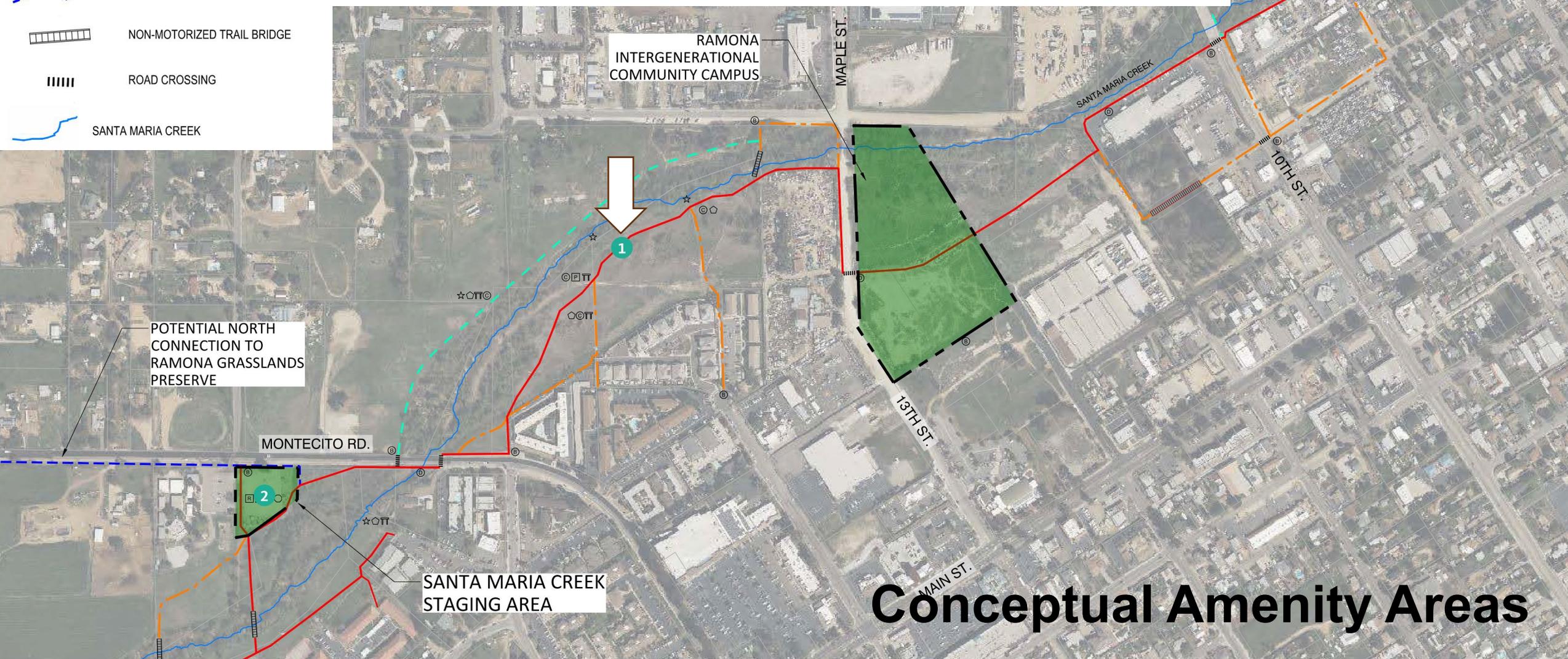
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Enlargement Areas

- 1 Creek Overlook
- 2 Staging Area



Conceptual Amenity Areas

Conceptual Amenity Areas - Overlook



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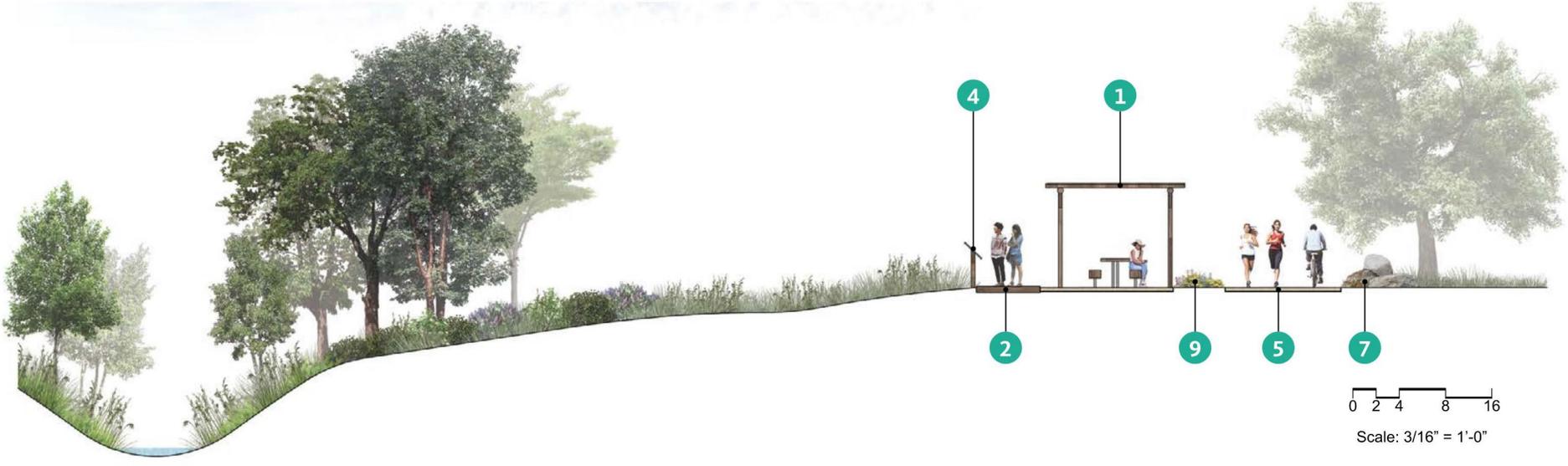


LEGEND

- 1 Picnic Area with Shade Structure
- 2 Wooden Deck Creek Overlook
- 3 Wayfinding Signage
- 4 Interpretive Educational Panels
- 5 Decomposed Granite Trail Surfacing (10 ft width typ.)
- 6 Hitching Post with Mounting Blocks
- 7 Boulders, typ.
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- 11 Existing Native Trees, typ.



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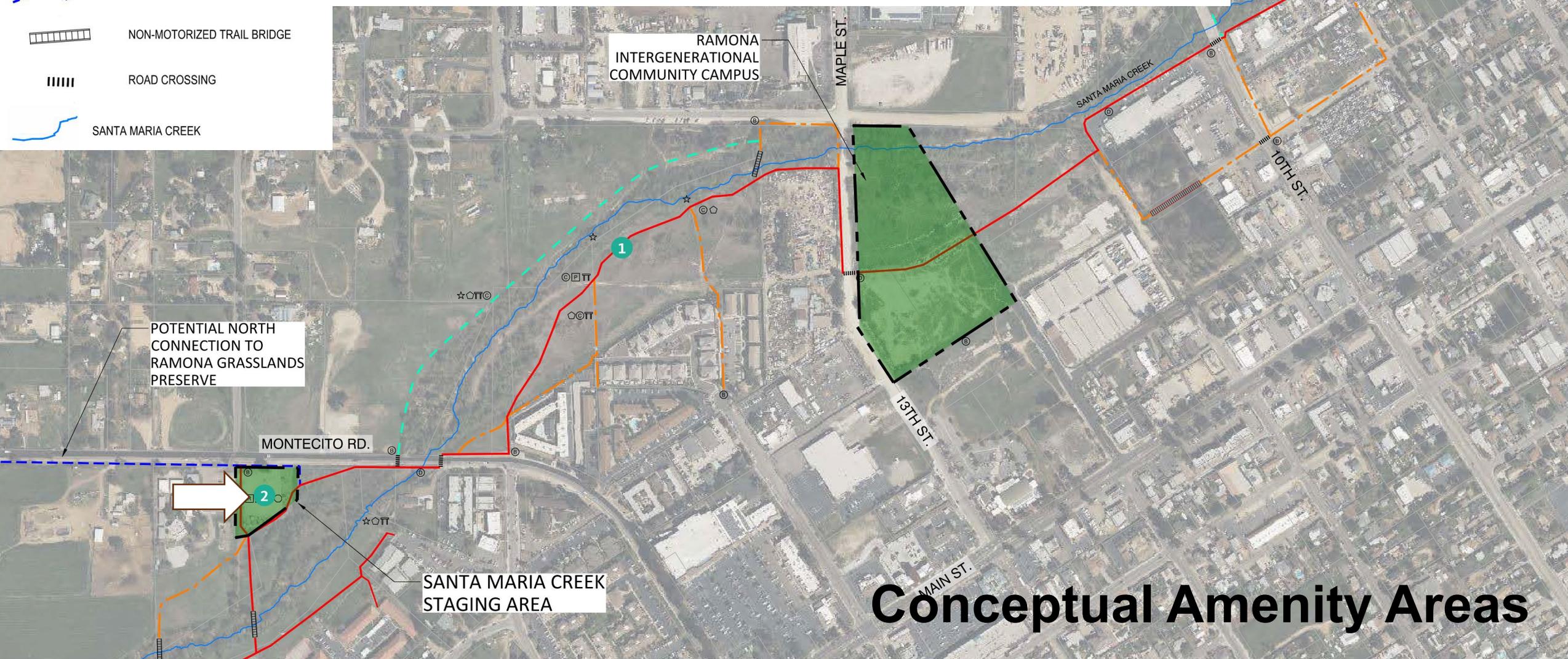
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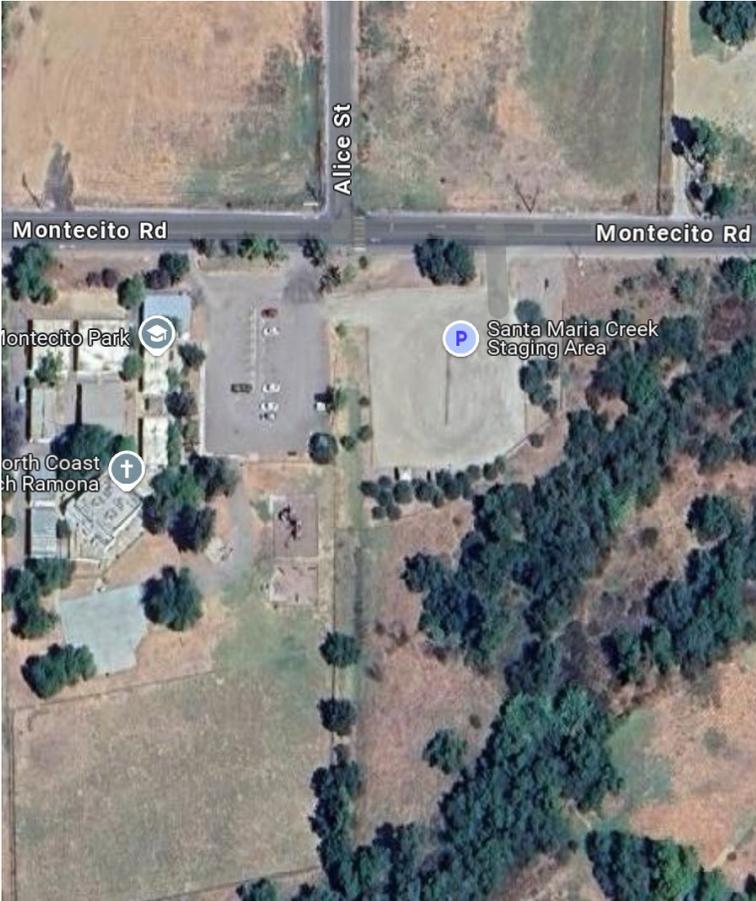
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Conceptual Amenity Areas

Conceptual Amenity Areas – Staging Area



Conceptual Amenity Areas – Staging Area



LEGEND

- 1 Picnic Area with Shade Structure
- 2 Restroom Building
- 3 Existing Staging Area Sign
- 4 Native Gardens with Educational Signage
- 5 Decomposed Granite Trail Surfacing (10 ft width typ.)
- 6 Hitching Post with Mounting Blocks
- 7 Boulders, typ.
- 8 Native Trees, typ.
- 9 Existing Native Trees, typ.
- 10 Existing Picnic Shade Shelter and Sign
- 11 Existing Gravel Parking Lot



Conceptual Amenity Areas – Staging Area



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Next Steps

- Review public feedback
- Refine alignments
- Develop greenway implementation plan and design guidelines
- Circulate implementation plan among community groups and agencies



Workshop Stations



Trail Character



Trail Alignment

Guidelines

Participate

- Discussions are better when everyone gets involved.

Contribute

- Community input will be documented and incorporated in the project moving forward.

The Golden Rule

- Treat everyone the way you would want to be treated.



Thank you!

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**For progress updates and more,
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