

TIMING/SCHEDULE OF IMPLEMENTATION

The project will be constructed in two phases with the first phase to be completed by Spring of 2009.

PHASE I

The first phase will include:

- Creek realignment
- Park/picnic upgrades
- Relocation of golf maintenance facility & construction of golf restrooms
- Removal of barriers to fish passage
- Restoration planting
- A trail between Blackberry Farm & McClellan Ranch
- Construction of the classroom for environmental programs
- Removal of invasive, nonnative plants

Blackberry Farm is now closed to allow for construction of the first phase and will reopen in 2009 as a restored community park

PHASE II

The second phase may include additional realignment of the creek, additional restoration plantings and the completion of the trail to Stevens Creek Boulevard. This is likely to be completed in 2011.



PLANNED CHANGES FOR THE STEVENS CREEK RESTORATION PARK PROJECT

EXISTING	PLANNED
Large-scale picnic facilities for 4,000	Public picnic facility for 800
Parking for 1,100 cars	Parking for 350 cars
Concrete rubble, diversion dam, 3 low-flow crossings found in creek	Removal to improve steelhead habitat for spawning
Path of creek bed not original; presence of invasive non-native plants	Realignment of creek to improve aquatic habitat; will require removal of some existing trees & replanting new ones to stabilize banks & improve sustainable ecosystem
Pool facilities, catering facilities outdated	Remodeled pool complex, snack bar area, construction of new catering station
Congestion at park entry	Old park entry kiosk removed & rebuilt inside the park to improve traffic flow
Existing golf course maintenance building & yard located in flood plain	New facilities built on higher ground; rest rooms for golfers added
Limited public, pedestrian and bike access	Construction of a trail over a mile long & 8 feet wide, compatible with natural setting
No dedicated classroom facilities	Construction of 2,000 sq ft environmental classroom
Current 4-H facility 17,000+ sq ft	Expanded 4-H facility in cooperation with San Jose Conservation Corps
Removal of 3.76 acres of impervious asphalt surface	Use of permeable materials including flagstone decking around pools
Utilities are above ground	Utilities will be moved underground



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Santa Clara Valley Water District
 Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society
 Rolling Hills 4-H

Department of Water Resources
 State of California Resources Agency
 San Jose Conservation Corps



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The Ohlone Indians were present when the second De Anza expedition arrived in 1776 and christened the creek "Cupertino" in honor of the patron saint of Copertino, Italy. • In 1848, American and European immigrants came seeking opportunity and discovered the agricultural value of the land. The earliest vineyard was that of Captain Elisha Stephens, a pioneer leader who guided the first successful wagon train across the Sierras. Stephens settled on the banks of the same little creek only a few hundred yards from the spot where Anza and his men had camped 73 years earlier. He also planted the blackberry patch that is now the namesake of the Blackberry Farm golf course & picnic area. • In the 1880's, John T. Doyle developed wineries on both sides of the creek and utilized the renamed "Stevens Creek" for irrigation and wine production, digging pits along the banks, creating a dam and pumping water. • Vineyards gave way to orchards, and these gave way to housing, businesses and the current growth in technology • Throughout all these transitions, the one constant of the Stevens Creek Corridor has been of people using and changing the land and its creek. Now the City has chosen to return the land to a more natural condition as a legacy for future generations.

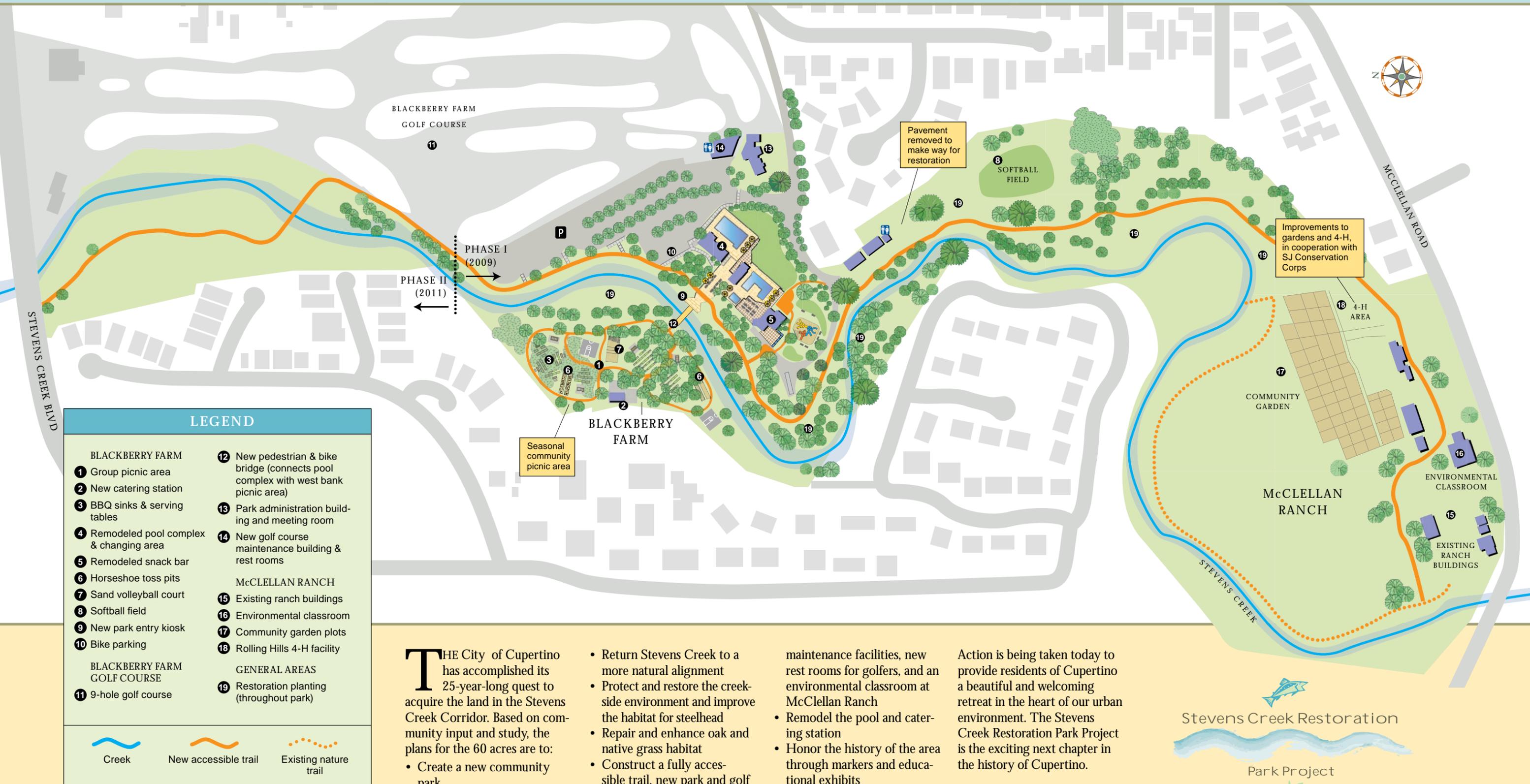


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The Stevens Creek Restoration Plan



LEGEND

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| BLACKBERRY FARM | |
| 1 Group picnic area | 12 New pedestrian & bike bridge (connects pool complex with west bank picnic area) |
| 2 New catering station | 13 Park administration building and meeting room |
| 3 BBQ sinks & serving tables | 14 New golf course maintenance building & rest rooms |
| 4 Remodeled pool complex & changing area | |
| 5 Remodeled snack bar | McCLELLAN RANCH |
| 6 Horseshoe toss pits | 15 Existing ranch buildings |
| 7 Sand volleyball court | 16 Environmental classroom |
| 8 Softball field | 17 Community garden plots |
| 9 New park entry kiosk | 18 Rolling Hills 4-H facility |
| 10 Bike parking | |
| BLACKBERRY FARM GOLF COURSE | GENERAL AREAS |
| 11 9-hole golf course | 19 Restoration planting (throughout park) |



THE City of Cupertino has accomplished its 25-year-long quest to acquire the land in the Stevens Creek Corridor. Based on community input and study, the plans for the 60 acres are to:

- Create a new community park

- Return Stevens Creek to a more natural alignment
- Protect and restore the creek-side environment and improve the habitat for steelhead
- Repair and enhance oak and native grass habitat
- Construct a fully accessible trail, new park and golf

- maintenance facilities, new rest rooms for golfers, and an environmental classroom at McClellan Ranch
- Remodel the pool and catering station
- Honor the history of the area through markers and educational exhibits

Action is being taken today to provide residents of Cupertino a beautiful and welcoming retreat in the heart of our urban environment. The Stevens Creek Restoration Park Project is the exciting next chapter in the history of Cupertino.

