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This section of the DEIR evaluates the potential for implementation of the Sierra Madre General Plan Update (General Plan Update) to impact park and recreation facilities in the City of Sierra Madre. The analysis in this section is based in part on the following technical report, which is incorporated by reference in this DEIR:

- City of Sierra Madre General Plan Update Technical Background Report, PlaceWorks, September 2012.

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Regulatory Background

State and local laws, regulations, plans, or guidelines that are potentially applicable to the General Plan Update are summarized below.

State

Quimby Act

The Quimby Act (California Government Code Section 66477) was established by the California Legislature in 1965 to provide parks for the growing communities in California. The act authorized cities and counties to adopt ordinances addressing parkland and/or development impact fees on residential subdivisions for the purpose of providing, preserving, and improving open space and recreational facilities. The Quimby Act sets a statewide standard of three acres of parkland for every 1,000 residents, unless the city adopts a higher standard not to exceed five acres per 1,000 residents. The act also specifies acceptable uses and expenditures of the generated revenue.

California Public Park Preservation Act

The primary instrument for protecting and preserving parkland in the state is California's Public Park Preservation Act of 1971. Under the California Public Resource Code, cities and counties may not acquire any real property that is in use as a public park for any non-park use unless compensation, land, or both, are provided to replace the parkland acquired. This provides no net loss of parkland and facilities.

Local

City of Sierra Madre Municipal Code

Title 16 (Subdivision), Chapter 16.44 (Regulations for Dedication of Land for Park and Recreation Land) of the City's Municipal Code requires parkland dedication or in-lieu park fees for all new developments to ensure the City provides its residents with adequate parks and recreational activities. The dedication of parkland is based on a formula that takes into account the type of dwelling unit (i.e., single-family, duplex, cluster, apartments, etc.) and average density being proposed, as outlined in Section 16.44.040 (Formula for Dedication of Land). If no park or recreation facility is designated within the proposed subdivision to serve the immediate and future needs of the residents of the subdivision, the developer is required to, in lieu of

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dedicating land, pay a fee equal to the value of that land using a formula outlines in Section 16.44.050 (Formula for Fees In Lieu of Land Dedication). The revenue generated from this fee is required to be used only for the purpose of acquiring necessary parkland and developing new or rehabilitating existing parks or recreational facilities reasonably related to serving the subdivision development. Section 16.44.030 (General Standard) sets a general citywide standard of three acres of parkland per 1,000 residents to ensure an adequate amount of neighborhood and community parks exist within the city to serve its residents. The standard is in accordance with the parkland requirements of the Quimby Act.

5.11.1.2 EXISTING CONDITIONS

The City's parks and recreational facilities provide a balance of active- and passive-use spaces, and include a range of amenities. Aside from the parks, Sierra Madre also offers the Bailey Canyon Wilderness Area, the historic Mount Wilson Trail, and specialized recreation centers. Additionally, the City provides a wide range of recreational programs and organized sports.

Parks and Trails

Parks

The City's parks encompass an approximate total of 23 acres of public recreational open space to its residents. Park and facility reservations are also available for select park shelters and recreation facilities such as the Sierra Madre Room, the Youth Activity Center, and Hart Park House for banquets, shows, or private events. The parks in Sierra Madre are summarized in Table 5.11-1.

Table 5.11-1 Sierra Madre Parks

Name	Address	Acres	Description of Amenities
Bailey Canyon Wilderness Park	451 W. Carter Avenue	15 acres	Picnic areas, drinking fountain, hiking trails, trail marker signage, native botanical area, fire ring, interpretive display, handicap accessibility, outdoor restrooms, and a kiosk.
Kersting Court	Intersection of Baldwin Avenue and Sierra Madre Boulevard	2,500 square feet	Small grassy area, picnic tables and benches, a drinking fountain, and a bell tower.
Memorial Park and Hart Park House Senior Center	222 W. Sierra Madre Boulevard	3.5	Playground, weeping wall, outdoor restrooms, picnic areas, a covered pavilion, band shell, tennis courts, community gardens, Veteran's Memorial Wall, and the Hart Park House/Senior Center building.
Milton and Harriet Goldberg Recreation Area	171 Sunnyside Avenue	0.21	Passive recreation areas, picnic areas, stone benches, native plants, a sand play area, a desert willow hut structure, and a dry stream bed.
Mira Monte/ Mount Wilson Trail Park	189 E. Mira Monte Avenue	0.34	Playground equipment, picnic tables, open grass areas, restrooms, access to Mount Wilson Trail, and the historic Richardson House and Lizzie's Trail Inn.
Sierra Vista Park	611 E. Sierra Madre Boulevard	5	Community recreation center office, community room, youth activity center, aquatic center, covered pavilion, picnic areas, playground, tennis courts, volleyball court, basketball court, baseball fields, dog park, outdoor restrooms, and the Sierra Madre Rose Float Barn.

Source: Sierra Madre 2014; Matsumoto 2013.

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In addition to the city's parkland, Sierra Madre is uniquely located at the base of the southern foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains and provides a gateway to the trails within the Angeles National Forest, which offers over 550 miles of hiking and equestrian trails and encompasses approximately 700,000 acres in total (USDA Forest Service 2010).

Trails

The Mount Wilson Trail offers an active recreation opportunity for residents and visitors of Sierra Madre. It is the oldest trail in the San Gabriel Mountains and was adapted from an Indian trail by Benjamin (Don Benito) Wilson in 1864 for access to timber. Historically, the trail was used to transport materials, by pack mule, for the Mount Wilson Observatory, built in 1889 by Harvard College. Eventually, the trail became a very popular hiking trail and attracted visitors from all over the country.

The trail begins at the corner of Mountain Trail Avenue and E. Mira Monte Avenue and leads to the Mount Wilson Observatory at the mountain's summit, which stands at 5,710 feet above mean sea level. Once on the trail, several trails lead up to the top of Mount Wilson. Aside from its natural resources and beauty (e.g., Sturtevant Falls and vegetation), the Mount Wilson Trail offers amenities such as, parking areas and restrooms, trailheads, campgrounds, and a visitor's center. The historic Lizzie's Trail Inn and Richardson House stand at the entry to the Mount Wilson Trail.

Recreational Centers

Youth Activity Center

The City's Youth Activity Center (YAC) is at 611 E. Sierra Madre Boulevard on the second floor of the Community Recreation Center. Through a partnership with the YMCA, the programs for youth ages 11 to 17 are provided on a year-round basis. Youth members have the opportunity to drop in after school to 6:00 pm Monday through Thursday to participate in engaging activities, including crafts, athletics, and assistance with homework. On Fridays, YAC programming takes place downtown in Kersting Court.

Aquatic Center

The Sierra Madre Aquatic Center is located at 611 E. Sierra Madre Boulevard. Through a partnership with Waterworks Aquatics, the pool is open year round offering programs such as swim lessons, lap swimming, water aerobics, swim team, recreational swim and special events.

Senior Center

Sierra Madre's Hart Park House has served as Sierra Madre's Senior Center for 20 years. Located at 222 W. Sierra Madre Boulevard, the Senior Center is open Monday through Friday and provides daily low-cost lunches for residents ages 60 years and over. The Senior Center also provides recreation opportunities including arts, computer education, gardening, physical fitness activities, health screenings, and educational activities. Additionally, the Senior Center hosts special luncheons and entertainment events, as well as organizes day trips to local places of interest. Other services include workshops and meetings to discuss

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issues pertinent to seniors. The Senior Center completed a sixth-month major interior renovation in November 2011.

Recreational Programs and Organized Sports

The City offers a wide range of recreational programs and organized sports to its residents, some through public-private partnerships, including but not limited to:

- After School and Vacation Day Camps
- Special Interest Classes
- Youth/Adult Baseball and Softball Leagues
- Aquatics Programs
- Community Gardens
- Community Excursions
- Family Movie Fridays
- Summer Fun in the Park
- Concerts in the Park

Parkland Standard

As stated in Section 16.44.030 (General Standard) of the City's Municipal Code, Sierra Madre's general citywide parkland standard goal for providing adequate park and recreational facilities to its residents is 3 acres per 1,000 residents. Currently, the City maintains 23 acres of parkland. As a result, the park to population ratio – based on the City's existing population of 11,030 (see Table 3-5, *General Plan Update Summary of Changes in Land Use from Existing Conditions*) – is 2.09 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents. This ratio comes under the City's minimum standard of 3 acres per 1,000 residents. In order to reach the minimum standard, the City would need approximately 10 acres of parkland to reach desired parkland per resident ratio in the City.

Facility Funding

Funding for parks and recreational facilities for the City comes primarily through property tax revenues and park fees in lieu of parkland dedication. Chapter 16.44 (Regulations for Dedication of Land for Park and Recreation Land) of the City's Municipal Code outlines the in lieu fee imposed on all new developments if no park or recreation facilities are designated within the new development's proposed subdivision. The fee is determined by a formula explained in Section 16.44.070 (Amount of Fee in lieu of Land Dedication), consisting of multiple variables such as the number of dwelling units, population per dwelling unit, fair market value, buildable acres of the proposed subdivision, and an additional 20 percent cost towards offsite improvements. The fees collected are used solely for the acquisition, development, improvement, and maintenance of public parks and recreational facilities in the City.

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5.11.2 Thresholds of Significance

According to Appendix G of the CEQA Guidelines, a project would normally have a significant effect on the environment if the project:

- R-1 Would 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.
- R-2 Includes recreational facilities or requires the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment.

5.11.3 Relevant General Plan Policies and Implementation Program Measures

The following are relevant policies and implementation measures of the Sierra Madre General Plan Update and Implementation Program, respectively, which are designed to reduce potential impacts on park and recreation facilities from implementation of the General Plan Update.

General Plan Update Policies

Land Use Element

- **Policy L10.8:** Require that new development be designed in a way which preserves the flood control channel as an open space focal point.
- **Policy L24.4:** Require that buildings include useable common open space in addition to private patios and balconies.
- **Policy L33.7:** Encourage the development of outdoor spaces for dining, and public gathering spaces.

Resource Management Element

- **Policy R3.2:** Ensure that wildland open space, including the areas of the City designated as High Fire Hazard Severity Zone, is left in its natural state with the exception of brush abatement for public safety in order to aid the City in fighting fires.
- **Policy R2.2:** Designate properties purchased by the Conservancy and other non-profit organizations as natural open space utilizing conservation easements.
- **Policy R2.1:** Assist the Sierra Madre Mountains Conservancy and other non-profit organizations in the application of funds to purchase hillside property, and when feasible, to provide public access to the mountains via parks and trails.

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Community Services Element

- **Policy C6.1:** Provide quality programs for youth, adults, and seniors that meet the needs of the community within the City's limited budget.
- **Policy C6.2:** Explore the feasibility of offering additional weekend classes and programs for youth, adults and seniors.
- **Policy C6.3:** Monitor and evaluate recreation programs and facility usage, including surveying program participants and the general citizenry.
- **Policy C6.4:** Notify City residents seasonally on the types of recreational programs, special events and facilities available.
- **Policy C6.5:** Encourage sponsorships of programs by local businesses and participation from the community.
- **Policy C6.6:** Explore the possibility for special events involving running and bicycle programs
- **Policy C7.1:** Continue to seek outside funding to keep facilities retrofitted to meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- **Policy C7.2:** Continue to create programs that can accommodate the physically challenged.
- **Policy C8.1:** Continue a park maintenance program to secure the existing nature and beauty of City Parks and open space areas.
- **Policy C8.2:** Involve community youth in park maintenance efforts.
- **Policy C8.3:** Install and replace existing landscape with native and drought resistant plants in City parks where deterioration has occurred.
- **Policy C8.4:** Identify each recreational site with its name and encompassing facilities with signage visible to the public.
- **Policy C8.5:** Continue to improve the conditions of Hal Dapper Field to maintain the field's safety and usability.
- **Policy C8.6:** Continue to coordinate with Pasadena Unified School District, Saint Rita's, Bethany School, Alverno High School, La Salle High School and Passionist Father Monastery Retreat Center with regards to the feasibility of utilizing their properties for recreational or special event use during non-operational hours.

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- **Policy C8.7:** Continue the public-private partnerships to improve and maintain the existing municipal pool facilities.
- **Policy C8.8:** Continue a maintenance program for the City's recreation center to include routine and long-term maintenance of the facility.
- **Policy C8.9:** Research better use of existing City open space.
- **Policy C9.1:** Continue to monitor and assess the needs of the senior community.
- **Policy C9.2:** Continue to provide hot lunches Monday through Friday to seniors at a feasible cost to participants (Nutrition Program).
- **Policy C9.3:** Work in cooperation with other agencies to sponsor a daily hot lunch program to home-bound seniors (Meals on Wheels).
- **Policy C9.4:** Provide educational programs for the community, especially senior citizens including but not limited to healthcare, retirement planning, health screening, public and personnel safety, tax assistance, and mature driver courses.
- **Policy C9.5:** Maintain the Senior Center to provide additional senior activities and community meeting space.
- **Policy C9.6:** Maintain a senior volunteer core to assist in accomplishing goals.
- **Policy C9.7:** Update the Senior Master Plan.
- **Policy C9.8:** Improve and maintain the Hart Park House to better serve its seniors.
- **Policy C9.9:** Continue to work in conjunction with the Senior Community Commission to provide programming such as excursions, special events and educational programs.
- **Policy C10.1:** Explore the possibility of creating new activity centers such as a multi-purpose ball field for soccer, baseball, softball, football, a roller hockey rink, skate park, and community gymnasium or a center for family recreation activities.
- **Policy C10.2:** Develop relationships with public and private facilities such as family entertainment and recreation centers, to be used for additional youth activities and special events.
- **Policy C10.3:** Expand funds for park acquisition using Quimby Act, State park funds, Bicycle Fund, fund-raising and business contributions, State and Federal grants.

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- **Policy C10.4:** Require that all new commercial and residential subdivision developments provide open space areas on-site for passive or active recreation or contribute fees for public development of such uses.
- **Policy C10.5:** Evaluate additional means of obtaining land and funding for the purpose of purchasing parkland.
- **Policy C11.1:** Maintain a Parks and Facilities Master Plan that identifies existing facilities and uses, existing programs and services, existing open space recreation areas and proposed acquisition, developments and improvements.
- **Policy C11.2:** Maintain and update a maintenance and repair plan for existing and future City facilities.
- **Policy C12.1:** Explore the feasibility of a bicycle lane throughout the City for recreational and transportation usage.

Implementation Program Measures

Recreation Services Implementation Program

- **Measure IM-2:** The City will continue to host annual special events such as the Huck Finn Fishing Derby, Mount Wilson Trail Race, Fourth of July Festivities, Concerts in the Park, Family Movie Fridays and Halloween Happenings.
- **Measure IM-3:** The City will meet with local sports organizations (including, but not limited to, the Sierra Madre Little League, Sierra Madre Girls Softball Association, Sierra Madre Pony, Pasadena Unified and AYSO Region 2) on a bi-annual basis to plan for upcoming seasons.
- **Measure IM-5:** The City will continue to work with Waterworks, or another aquatics services provider, to provide aquatic services for youth, adults and seniors.
- **Measure IM-7:** The City will utilize the special event committees to secure sponsorships for events and programs.
- **Measure IM-8:** The City will reach out to community cycling and running businesses to partner for cycling and/or running-based event.
- **Measure IM-11:** The City will reach out to local schools or the YMCA Teen Leadership Club to create a volunteer program for park maintenance/clean-up with the Sierra Madre Environmental Action Council.
- **Measure IM-12:** The City will seek to secure grants to fund replacement of park landscape with native plants and drought-resistant landscaping.

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- **Measure IM-14:** The City will continue to work with the Sierra Madre Pony League to improve the field conditions at Dapper Field.
- **Measure IM-15:** The City will continue partnership with Pasadena Unified School District and Alverno High School to share use of facilities.
- **Measure IM-16:** The City will reach out to St. Rita's, Bethany and La Salle schools to seek out opportunities for shared use of facilities through creation of a Memorandum of Understanding.
- **Measure IM-18:** Utilize the Parks and Facilities Master Plan Scorecard to research new opportunities for open space use.
- **Measure IM-22:** The City will continue to partner with the Senior Community Commission to provide monthly senior programs such as special activities, lunch and learn and the movie series.
- **Measure IM-24:** The City will continue to seek out volunteers to assist with programs like the daily lunch service and to provide classes such as chair yoga and strength training.
- **Measure IM-27:** The City will create a Community Services subcommittee to explore the possibility of building new recreational facilities.
- **Measure IM-28:** The City will designate staff to reach out to local private and public organizations for shared use of facilities.
- **Measure IM-29:** The City will agendize for Community Services Commission to provide direction regarding the expansion of funding grants for park acquisition.
- **Measure IM-30:** The City will amend the Subdivision Ordinance to include a requirement for new commercial and residential subdivisions to provide open space or contribute fees as part of new development.
- **Measure IM-31:** The City will coordinate with the interest groups, such as the Sierra Madre Mountain Conservancy, in order to evaluate their ability to acquire new land for City parks.
- **Measure IM-32:** The City will complete a Parks and Facility Master Plan Scorecard.
- **Measure IM-33:** The City will partner with other municipalities that have created new bike lanes for recreational and transportation uses.

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5.11.4 Environmental Impacts

The following impact analysis addresses thresholds of significance for which the Notice of Preparation (see Appendix A) disclosed potentially significant impacts. The applicable thresholds are identified in brackets after the impact statement.

For the impact analysis of all thresholds below, it should be noted that the large infill opportunity site shown in Figure 3-5, *Infill Opportunity Sites*, just north of Carter Avenue, which is associated with the residential subdivision known as Stonegate, is an approved development project and was analyzed under separate environmental documentation in accordance with CEQA. The impact on park and recreation facilities resulting from Stonegate were addressed and mitigated for in that environmental documentation. Also, all residential lots within Stonegate are subject to the provisions of the City's Municipal Code and the Hillside Management zone regulations (Chapter 17.52) of the City's Municipal Code, which requires that each residential development within Stonegate obtain approval of a hillside development permit.

For the purpose of the following analysis, it is also important to note that, based on the requirements of CEQA, this analysis is based on a comparison to existing land uses and does not address the differences that would result from a comparison with the existing General Plan land use map, from which there is little variation when compared to the proposed General Plan land use map.

Furthermore, it is also important to note that while the General Plan Update establishes City-wide policy level guidance, includes a revision to the current land use map (see Figures 3-4, *Current Land Use Map*, and 3-6, *Proposed Land Use Map*), and modifies the development potential of certain parcels in the City (see Figure 3-5, *Infill Opportunity Sites*), it does not contain specific development project proposals. The General Plan Update is a regulatory document that sets forth the framework for future growth and development (e.g., infill development, redevelopment, and revitalization/restoration) in the City and does not directly result in development in and of itself. Before any development can occur in the City, all such development is required to be analyzed for conformance with the City's General Plan, zoning requirements, and other applicable local and state requirements; comply with the requirements of CEQA (e.g., preparation of site-specific environmental documentation in accordance with CEQA); and obtain all necessary approvals, clearances, and permits.

Impact 5.11-1: Future development in accordance to the General Plan Update would generate 277 additional residents, which would increase the use of existing park and recreation facilities. [Threshold R-1]

Impact Analysis: Future development in accordance with the General Plan Update would increase housing units in the City from 5,123 (existing) to 5,244 (an additional 121 homes), which would lead to an increase in population from 11,094 (existing) to 11,371 (an additional 277 residents) (see Table 3-5, *General Plan Update Summary of Changes in Land Use from Existing Conditions*). Although the population increase is not a substantial amount, increasing the City's population would generally lead to an increase in the demand of existing park and recreational facilities. Nevertheless, 277 additional residents is a nominal increase, which based on the

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City's minimum parkland standard of 3 acres per 1,000 residents, the projected population would generate a nominal demand for an additional 0.82 acres of parkland.

Currently, the City provides 2.09 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents. At buildout of the General Plan Update, the new parkland ratio would be reduced to 2.03 acres per 1,000 residents. Therefore, the City would continue to not be able to meet its minimum goal of 3 acres per 1,000 residents, in accordance with the parkland provision of Section 16.44.030 (General Standard) of the City's Municipal Code.

However, as stated above, the City is uniquely located at the base of the San Gabriel Mountains foothills and Bailey Canyon Wilderness Park provides multiple trailheads into the Angeles National Forest, which offers over 550 miles of multipurpose trails and consists of approximately 700,000 acres of open space and protected natural land. Therefore, although the City would continue to not meet its parkland standard of 3 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents (buildout of the General Plan Update would actually result in a minor decrease in the parkland standard, as noted above), the nearby Angeles National Forest provides a substantial amount of parkland and open space for residents of Sierra Madre, as well as neighboring cities of Arcadia and Pasadena. The Angeles National Forest offers a large network of multipurpose trails, developed campgrounds, picnic areas, swimming, fishing, skiing, and various other seasonal activities. In addition to the various parks (see Table 5.11-1, *Sierra Madre Parks*) available to Sierra Madre residents, both current and future, residents also have access to a number of recreational centers (e.g., Youth Activity Center, Aquatic Center, and Senior Center) and recreational programs and organized sports (e.g., special interest classes, aquatics programs, community gardens and excursions, concerts in the park).

Additionally, the General Plan Update does not include any changes to open space/park land use designations (see Figures 3-4, *Current Land Use Map*, and 3-6, *Proposed Land Use Map*). For example, the General Plan Update includes changing the current Open Space and Hillside land use designations (see Figure 3-4) to Natural Open Space (see Figure 3-6); this change in land use designations would ensure that the City's hillside and some of the foothill areas would remain natural open space and thereby, continue to provide suitable recreation areas for Sierra Madre residents.

Furthermore, pursuant to Chapter 16.44 (Regulations for Dedication of Land for Park and Recreation Land) of the City's Municipal Code, the City requires and would continue requiring parkland dedications or collecting park in-lieu fees for all new developments, which would go towards funding the City's park maintenance, expansion, and/or acquisition of parkland.

The General Plan Update and Implementation Program also contain policies and implementation measures, respectively, designed to minimize impacts on open space and recreation facilities. Some of the policies and implementation measures include (refer to Section 5.11.3, *Relevant General Plan Policies and Implementation Program Measures*, for a complete list of applicable policies and implementation measures):

- **Community Service Element Policy C6.1:** Provide quality programs for youth, adults, and seniors that meet the needs of the community within the City's limited budget.
- **Community Service Element Policy C8.1:** Continue a park maintenance program to secure the existing nature and beauty of City Parks and open space areas.

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- **Community Service Element Policy C10.1:** Explore the possibility of creating new activity centers such as a multi-purpose ball field for soccer, baseball, softball, football, a roller hockey rink, skate park, and community gymnasium or a center for family recreation activities.
- **Community Service Element Policy C10.3:** Expand funds for park acquisition using Quimby Act, State park funds, Bicycle Fund, fund-raising and business contributions, State and Federal grants.
- **Community Service Element Policy C10.4:** Require that all new commercial and residential subdivision developments provide open space areas on-site for passive or active recreation or contribute fees for public development of such uses.
- **Recreation Services Implementation Measure IM-2:** The City will continue to host annual special events such as the Huck Finn Fishing Derby, Mount Wilson Trail Race, Fourth of July Festivities, Concerts in the Park, Family Movie Fridays and Halloween Happenings.
- **Recreation Services Implementation Measure IM-3:** The City will meet with local sports organizations (including, but not limited to, the Sierra Madre Little League, Sierra Madre Girls Softball Association, Sierra Madre Pony, Pasadena Unified and AYSO Region 2) on a bi-annual basis to plan for upcoming seasons.
- **Recreation Services Implementation Measure IM-7:** The City will utilize the special event committees to secure sponsorships for events and programs.
- **Recreation Services Implementation Measure IM-30:** The City will amend the Subdivision Ordinance to include a requirement for new commercial and residential subdivisions to provide open space or contribute fees as part of new development.
- **Recreation Services Implementation Measure IM-31:** The City will coordinate with the interest groups, such as the Sierra Madre Mountain Conservancy, in order to evaluate their ability to acquire new land for City parks.

For these reasons, future development that would be accommodated by the General Plan Update, any land use changes proposed under the General Plan Update, and any new or updated policies of the General Plan Update are not anticipated to create a significant impact on existing parkland and recreational facilities.

Impact 5.11-2: Implementation of the General Plan Update would not result in the construction or expansion of recreational facilities, which in turn could have an adverse physical effect on the environment. [Threshold R-2]

Impact Analysis: While the General Plan Update establishes City-wide policy level guidance, includes a revision to the current land use map (see Figures 3-4, *Current Land Use Map*, and 3-6, *Proposed Land Use Map*), and modifies the development potential of certain parcels in the City (see Figure 3-5, *Infill Opportunity Sites*), it does not contain specific development project proposals, nor does it propose new or expanded parks or

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recreational facilities. Any future parks and recreational facilities (new or expanded) within the City would be required to be developed in accordance to City's zoning requirements and development standards, and in compliance with applicable policies of the General Plan Update. Additionally, subsequent environmental review would be required for the expansion or development of new park and recreation facility projects.

The General Plan Update and Implementation Program also contain policies and implementation measures, respectively, designed to minimize impacts of any future expansion or development of new park and recreation facility projects. Some of the policies and implementation measures include (refer to Section 5.11.3, *Relevant General Plan Policies and Implementation Program Measures*, for a complete list of applicable policies and implementation measures):

- **Community Services Element Policy C7.1:** Continue to seek outside funding to keep facilities retrofitted to meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- **Community Services Element Policy C8.1:** Continue a park maintenance program to secure the existing nature and beauty of City Parks and open space areas.
- **Community Services Element Policy C10.1:** Explore the possibility of creating new activity centers such as a multi-purpose ball field for soccer, baseball, softball, football, a roller hockey rink, skate park, and community gymnasium or a center for family recreation activities.
- **Community Services Element Policy C11.2:** Maintain and update a maintenance and repair plan for existing and future City facilities.
- **Community Services Element Policy C11.1:** Maintain a parks and facilities master plan that identifies existing facilities and uses, existing programs and services, existing open space recreation areas and proposed acquisition, developments and improvements.
- **Recreation Services Implementation Measure IM-11:** The City will reach out to local schools or the YMCA Teen Leadership Club to create a volunteer program for park maintenance/clean-up with the Sierra Madre Environmental Action Council.
- **Recreation Services Implementation Measure IM-27:** The City will create a Community Services subcommittee to explore the possibility of building new recreational facilities.

For these reasons, future development that would be accommodated by the General Plan Update, any land use changes proposed under the General Plan Update, and any new or updated policies of the General Plan Update are not anticipated to create a significant impact related to new or expanded park and recreational facilities.

5.11.5 Existing Regulations

- Quimby Act (California Government Code Section 66477)

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- City of Sierra Madre Municipal Code Title 16 (Subdivisions), Chapter 16.44 (Regulations for Dedication of Land for Park and Recreation Land)

5.11.6 Level of Significance Before Mitigation

Upon compliance with the regulatory requirements and implementation of the General Plan Update policies and Implementation Program measures, the following impacts would be less than significant: 5.11-1 and 5.11-2.

5.11.7 Mitigation Measures

All impacts were determined to be less than significant; therefore no mitigation measures are required.

5.11.8 Level of Significance After Mitigation

No mitigation measures are identified and impacts remain less than significant.

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