

CHAPTER 7 **Community Services**

INTRODUCTION

The social well-being of a community is nurtured and sustained by access to a full range of services that educate, enrich lives, and meet basic human needs for health, safety, and quality of life. To reach these goals, Simi Valley strives to provide quality educational, recreational, and cultural services through schools, parks, libraries, infrastructure, community centers, and cultural centers and events. Access to education, good jobs, active recreational opportunities, and social programs enhances the City's livability for residents. In addition, a skilled workforce and an engaging cultural environment are important in attracting new industries to the community to keep the City's economy healthy.

The following goals and policies provide guidance to ensure that future development within the City and its Planning Area supports the City's commitment to high quality community services, including parks and recreational services and facilities, and other public services such as libraries, cultural facilities, and community education.

PARKS AND RECREATION (PR)

Park and Recreational Facilities

Parks and open space are important elements in Simi Valley, contributing to residents' quality of life and a healthy population. The Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District (RSRPD), an independent special district, is responsible for the acquisition, development, and maintenance of parkland and open space within its jurisdiction, which includes the entire City of Simi Valley in addition to lands beyond the City's boundaries. Parks and recreational facilities serve as focal points of neighborhood identity and activity. Parklands also



Rancho Madera Community Park

help to sustain natural environmental resources by providing landscapes that absorb greenhouse gases, produce oxygen, and filter pollutants to the groundwater basin.

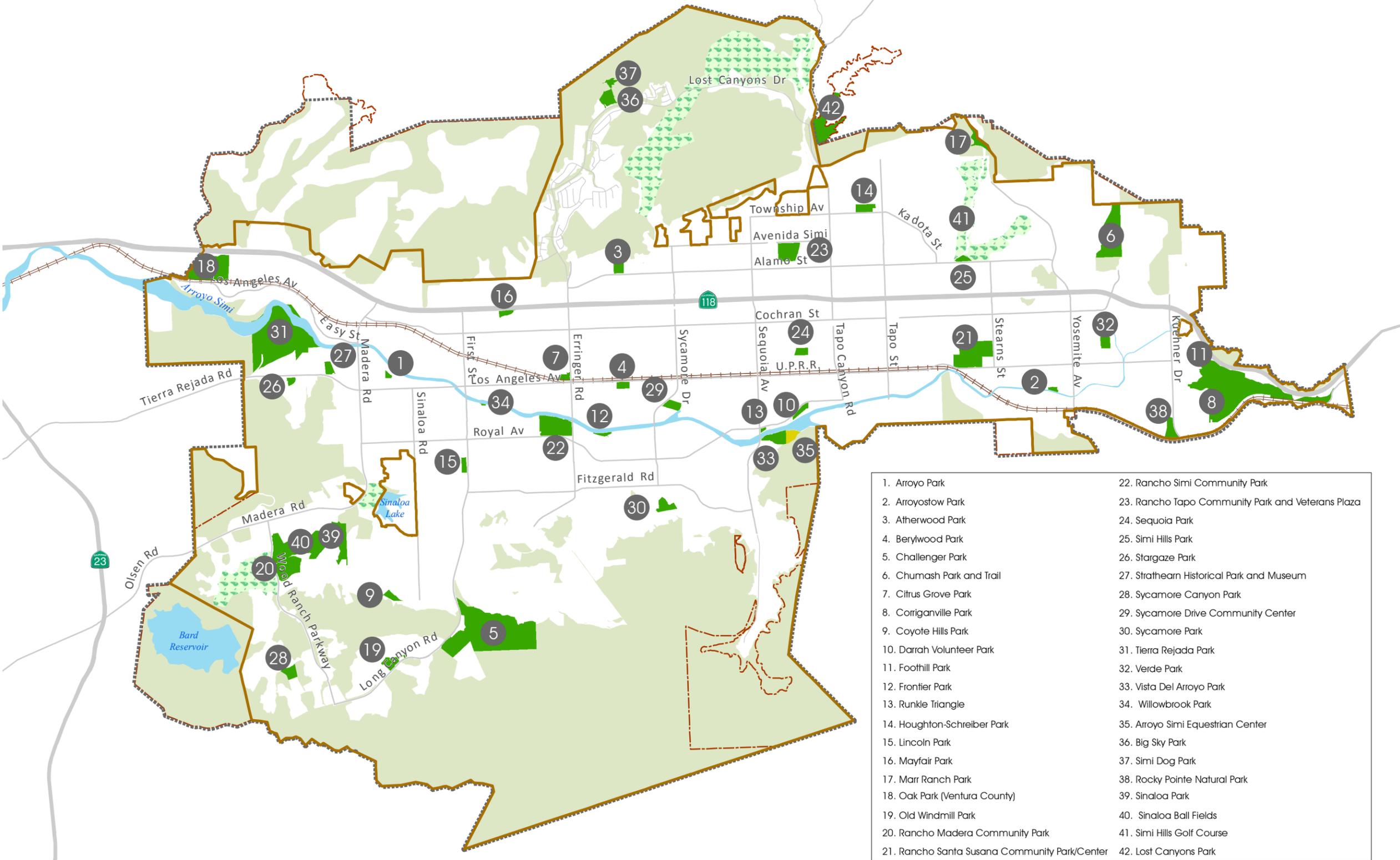
As depicted in Figure PR-1 (Parks/Recreation Facilities), Simi Valley residents are offered a comprehensive system of parks, golf courses, trails, and outdoor amenities that are heavily used. In addition, the City

maintains a broad spectrum of cultural and recreational facilities including the Cultural Arts Center and a state-of-the-art Senior Center. Goals and policies in this section address the broad range of recreation resources available to Simi Valley residents including parklands, recreational facilities and programs, and trails. Simi Valley's extensive trail system, depicted in Figure PR-2 (Trails) indicates existing and future trails, designed to accommodate both pedestrians and equestrians for the enjoyment of the City's rich natural setting.

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General Plan Update

Parks/
Recreation
Facilities

- Legend
- Open Space
 - Golf Course
 - Park
 - Arroyo Simi Equestrian Center
 - City Boundary
 - City Urban Restriction Boundary
 - Sphere of Influence



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|---|---|
| 1. Arroyo Park | 22. Rancho Simi Community Park |
| 2. Arroyostow Park | 23. Rancho Tapo Community Park and Veterans Plaza |
| 3. Atherwood Park | 24. Sequoia Park |
| 4. Berylwood Park | 25. Simi Hills Park |
| 5. Challenger Park | 26. Stargaze Park |
| 6. Chumash Park and Trail | 27. Strathearn Historical Park and Museum |
| 7. Citrus Grove Park | 28. Sycamore Canyon Park |
| 8. Corriganville Park | 29. Sycamore Drive Community Center |
| 9. Coyote Hills Park | 30. Sycamore Park |
| 10. Darrah Volunteer Park | 31. Tierra Rejada Park |
| 11. Foothill Park | 32. Verde Park |
| 12. Frontier Park | 33. Vista Del Arroyo Park |
| 13. Runkle Triangle | 34. Willowbrook Park |
| 14. Houghton-Schreiber Park | 35. Arroyo Simi Equestrian Center |
| 15. Lincoln Park | 36. Big Sky Park |
| 16. Mayfair Park | 37. Simi Dog Park |
| 17. Marr Ranch Park | 38. Rocky Pointe Natural Park |
| 18. Oak Park (Ventura County) | 39. Sinaloa Park |
| 19. Old Windmill Park | 40. Sinaloa Ball Fields |
| 20. Rancho Madera Community Park | 41. Simi Hills Golf Course |
| 21. Rancho Santa Susana Community Park/Center | 42. Lost Canyons Park |

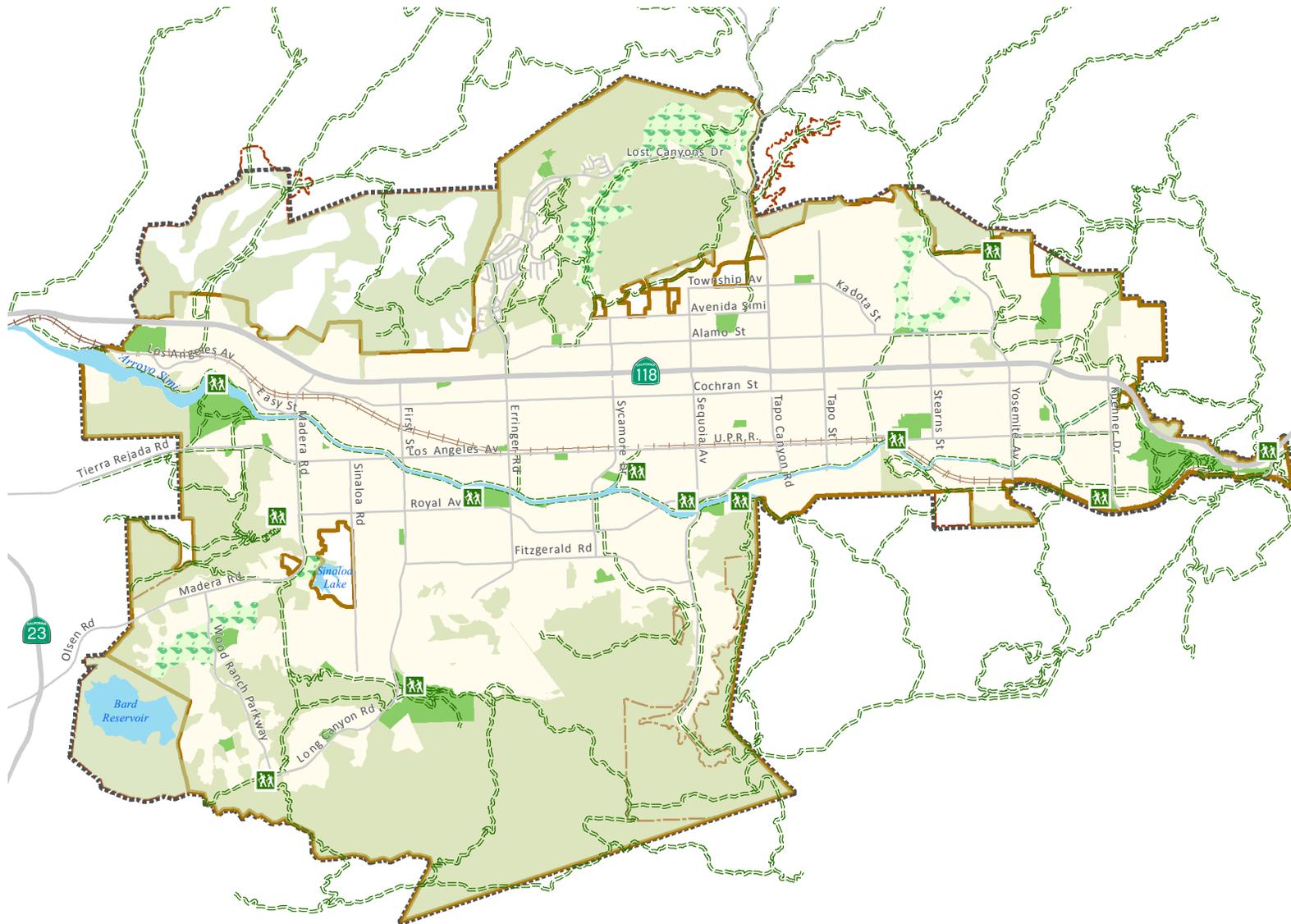
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Figure PR-1

CITY of SIMI VALLEY General Plan Update

Trails



Legend

-  Trailhead
-  Hiking/Equestrian Trail*
-  Park
-  Open Space
-  Golf Course
-  City Boundary
-  City Urban Restriction Boundary
-  Sphere of Influence

*Trail locations are conceptual. Actual design to be determined during project review.

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Figure PR-2

GOAL PR-1

Parks and Recreation Facilities. Parks, recreation, and community facilities that enhance community livability and contribute to public health are available to serve the diverse recreational needs of residents and visitors.

Policies

- PR-1.1 Park and Recreation System.** Support RSRPD in its efforts to develop, operate, and maintain a system of parks, recreational facilities (i.e., swimming pools, golf courses, ball courts, etc.), and open space areas throughout Simi Valley that provide opportunities for both passive and active recreation and leisure activities. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, PR-1)*
- PR-1.2 Location of Facilities.** Work with RSRPD to ensure that parks and recreational facilities are well dispersed throughout the community and include opportunities for all residents regardless of income. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, PR-1)*
- PR-1.3 Service Levels.** Encourage RSRPD to provide two acres of neighborhood parks and three acres of community parks per 1,000 residents. Strive to provide park facilities so that all residents live within 2 miles of a community park and ½ mile of a neighborhood park. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, PR-1, PR-2, PR-3, PR-5)*
- PR-1.4 Park Zone.** Work with RSRPD to develop and implement a new zoning district to designate existing and future parks in the City. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, PR-1, PR-3)*
- PR-1.5 Conservation of Natural and Historical Assets.** Support, encourage, and participate in enhancing community aesthetics by conserving natural assets such as mature trees, fragile animal habitats, endangered species, and historically significant sites, as part of park and facilities development. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, NR-1, NR-2, PR-1)*
- PR-1.6 Arrangements with Private and Public Entities.** Seek to make expanses of open space, natural parks, or other recreational areas, which may be owned and/or controlled by private parties or other agencies, available for public use by entering into mutually beneficial agreements for the operation of such areas. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, NR-2, PR-1, PR-2)*
- PR-1.7 On-Site Facilities.** Require large-scale business parks or office development projects to provide recreational amenities and gathering places, when deemed appropriate. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, PR-2)*
- PR-1.8 Shared Facilities.** Work cooperatively with RSRPD and Simi Valley Unified School District (SVUSD) to allow or facilitate the use of school facilities for recreational use by youth and adult sport leagues and the general public. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, PR-1)*
- PR-1.9 Revenue Generating Recreational Facilities.** Work with RSRPD to develop recreational amenities such as miniature golf courses and quality food concessions to generate additional revenue which will help support, improve, and expand recreational opportunities in the community. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, PR-1)*
- PR-1.10 Private Commercial Recreational Facilities.** Encourage private commercial recreational facilities such as ice rinks, bowling alleys, indoor or outdoor skateboard parks, Frisbee golf and paintball

facilities, and bow and arrow ranges to maintain, upgrade, and preserve facilities to help meet recreational interests of residents, workforce, and visitors. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, PR-2)*

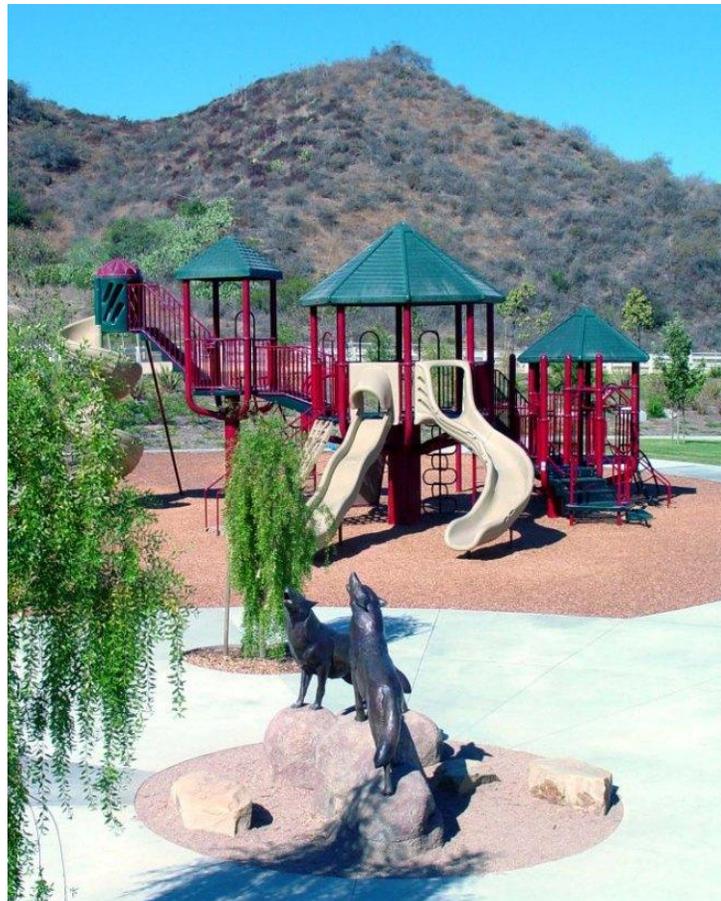
PR-1.11 Youth Facilities. Work with RSRPD to plan and design parks to incorporate adequate facilities for youth to ensure safe and active gathering places for their recreation. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, PR-1)*

PR-1.12 Recycled Water. Encourage RSRPD to utilize recycled water for irrigating landscaping at new and existing parks and golf courses, when infrastructure is available to do so. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, IU-4, PR-1)*

PR-1.13 Arroyo Simi Greenway Recreational Amenities. Provide for the development of new parks and the expansion of existing parks, including rest areas and other amenities, as part of the Arroyo Simi Greenway system to link these resources to provide recreation, pedestrian, and visual amenities. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, PR-4)*

PR-1.14 Arroyo Simi Greenway Educational Amenities. Encourage the incorporation of kiosks, interpretive signage, and public art at strategic locations along the Arroyo Simi Greenway. Examples of educational topics include watershed and water quality, Native American and cultural history, and native habitat. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, NR-8, PR-4)*

PR-1.15 Complementary Design. Ensure that the design and aesthetics of all parks, recreation, and community centers is compatible with existing adjoining uses. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, PR-2)*



Park amenities

PR-1.16 Small Public Places for Infill Areas.

Require new development to provide small plazas, pocket parks, civic spaces, and other gathering places that are available to the public, particularly in infill areas, in addition to Quimby Act requirements. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-3, LU-16, LU-18, PR-3)*

PR-1.17 Park Safety. Coordinate security between RSRPD and the Simi Valley Police Department as a means to impede vandalism and other illegal activities. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, PR-1)*

PR-1.18 Accessible Facilities. Encourage RSRPD to renovate recreational facilities to achieve accessible standards as specified in state and federal laws such as the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, PR-1)*

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- PR-1.19 Funding.** Work with RSRPD to fund the costs of acquisition and development of parks and recreation facilities through land dedication, Quimby Act funds, federal and state grants, in lieu fees, development impact fees, and other funding sources, as appropriate. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-14, LU-18, ED-6, ED-8, PR-1, PR-5)*
- PR-1.20 Development Agreements.** Provide incentives and enter into development agreements with developers to contribute financing for parks and other amenities for infill and mixed-use areas. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-14, LU-18, ED-6, ED-8, PR-2, PR-5)*
- PR-1.21 Multiple Tools.** Work with RSRPD to leverage a broad range of federal, state, and local funding and economic development tools to ensure high-quality development, maintenance, and programming for Simi Valley’s parks and recreation system. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, ED-8, PR-1)*
- PR-1.22 Joint Use.** Encourage RSRPD to enter into agreements and joint partnerships with other agencies, where feasible, to expand recreational opportunities. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, PR-1)*
- PR-1.23 Land Lease and License Agreements.** Encourage RSRPD to enter into agreements with private and/or quasi-public companies (i.e., utilities) to serve the public and generate revenue for the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, PR-1)*

Park and Recreational Programs

GOAL PR-2

Recreational and Leisure Programs. Recreational programs and services are provided that promote personal enrichment, healthy lifestyles, wellness, fun, lifelong learning, skill development, and positive relationships.

- PR-2.1 Quality of Life.** Promote healthy lifestyles, recreational, and leisure activities, and programs for the entire family, including youth and senior populations, as important considerations for recreational programs and amenities. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, PR-1)*
- PR-2.2 Variety of Services.** Encourage RSRPD to provide a wide range of recreation opportunities designed to enrich the lives of all residents including passive, active, individual, team, and organized recreational activities. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, PR-1)*
- PR-2.3 Programs for All Residents.** Encourage RSRPD to accommodate special needs individuals and groups as part of the provision of recreational programs. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, PR-1)*
- PR-2.4 Senior and Youth Programs.** Work with RSRPD to provide services and programs which meet social, recreational, and health needs for the senior and youth population. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, PR-1)*
- PR-2.5 Recreation Programs to Meet Needs.** Support existing and future recreation programs and services to ensure that programmed activities are meeting community needs. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, PR-1)*
- PR-2.6 User Fees.** Support RSRPD in the collection of user fees from participants of recreation classes, activities, programs, sport leagues, and facility rentals to help offset the cost of providing park and recreation services and facilities. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, PR-1)*

Trails

GOAL PR-3

Accessible and Connected Trail System. An interconnected and accessible trail system is available to provide connections to community facilities, recreational areas, public and private schools, regional trails, canyons, hills, and open space to provide an important recreational opportunity throughout Simi Valley.

PR-3.1 Multi-Use Trails. Provide multi-purpose trails with sufficient width to accommodate visitors desiring access to nature to travel using various options (e.g., on foot, on bike, on horseback, with dogs on leashes, etc.), when travel options are compatible and are environmentally sustainable, and offer a variety of experiences/challenge levels as appropriate. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, PR-6)*

PR-3.2 Integrated Trail System. Continue to link the community's trails system with neighboring trail systems and the Arroyo Simi Greenway to create an integrated trail system throughout the community as identified on the Trail System Map. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, PR-6)*

PR-3.3 Private Development of Trails. Require the dedication and construction of trails, accessible to the public, for projects proposed in open space areas, along the Arroyo Simi Greenway and its tributaries, and other areas identified on the Trail System Map. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, PR-2, PR-6)*

PR-3.4 Trail Size. Develop trails with sufficient width to accommodate multiple uses while minimizing environmental impacts. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, PR-6)*

PR-3.5 Physical Accessibility. Design trails and other visitor facilities to be accessible for people with disabilities, when feasible. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, PR-6)*

PR-3.6 Trailheads. Provide trailheads that can include parking, restrooms, directional signage, shade, water, and convenient access to trails. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, PR-6)*

PR-3.7 Alternate Transportation Modes. Provide facilities and services (e.g., bike racks, co-location of trailheads and transit stops, etc.) that encourage



Arroyo Simi Trail

the use of bicycles and work with other agencies to encourage and facilitate transit travel to trails, including the Arroyo Simi Greenway. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, M-10, PR-6)*

PR-3.8 Sustainable Trails. Consider and implement sustainable, best practices for the location and design of trails including the use of long-lasting natural materials and permeable surfaces; reduction or avoidance of chemicals; construction that follows natural terrain and minimizes intrusion on natural habitat; prevention of run-off into habitat or streams to minimize erosion; and care in scheduling maintenance activities to minimize disturbance of nesting and breeding of sensitive species. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, NR-2, NR-7, PR-6)*

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PR-3.9 Education Amenities. Install in appropriate locations educational and interpretive signs and kiosks to enhance public understanding of the history of the area, natural resources, and the need for maintenance and enhancement of trails and open space areas. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, PR-6)*

Implementation Program

Each General Plan policy is correlated with one or more implementation measure. The Parks and Recreation Implementation Program, presented in Table PR-1 (Parks and Recreation Implementation Program), describes the measures or actions to be taken by the City to carry out the goals and policies defined in this section.

Table PR-1 Parks and Recreation Implementation Program		2011	2012-2015	2016-2035	Annual	Ongoing
PR-1	<p>Interagency Coordination and Partnership. The City shall coordinate with appropriate agencies, such as Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District, Simi Valley Unified School District, and the Simi Valley Police Department regarding issues addressing parks, recreation facilities, and open space; joint use of shared facilities; natural and historical assets preservation; facilities for youth and seniors; park safety; funding for parks and recreation facilities; accessibility of parks; and recreational and leisure programs to meet the needs of the community.</p> <p>Implements Which Policy(ies) PR-1.1~PR-1.6, PR-1.8, PR-1.9, PR-1.11, PR-1.12, PR-1.17~PR-1.19, PR-1.21~PR-1.23, PR-2.1~PR-2.6</p>					●
PR-2	<p>Development Review Process. The City shall continue to regulate development for compliance with General Plan goals, policies, land uses, and development standards through the Development Review Process to ensure the following: provide recreational amenities and gathering places for large-scale business parks and office developments; encourage private commercial recreational facilities to meet community needs; and ensure compatibility of parks and recreation facilities with adjacent uses.</p> <p>Implements Which Policy(ies) PR-1.3, PR-1.6, PR-1.7, PR-1.10, PR-1.15, PR-1.20, PR-3.3</p>	●				
PR-3	<p>Simi Valley Municipal Code. The City shall update the Development Code to establish a new Park zoning district, to establish development standards for existing and future parks in the City; to require new development proposals to provide public places for infill areas.</p> <p>Implements Which Policy(ies) PR-1.3, PR-1.4, PR-1.16</p>					●
PR-4	<p>Arroyo Simi Greenway Plan. The City shall consider the expansion of existing parks, including rest areas and other amenities, as part of the Arroyo Simi Greenway system to link these resources to other recreation, pedestrian, and visual amenities; encourage the incorporation of educational amenities.</p> <p>Implements Which Policy(ies) PR-1.13, PR-1.14</p>					●

Table PR-1 Parks and Recreation Implementation Program		2011	2012-2015	2016-2035	Annual	Ongoing
PR-5 Development Impact Fees. The City shall require that new development proposals provide fees or enter into development agreements to contribute financing for parks and other amenities.						●
Implements Which Policy(ies)	PR-1.3, PR-1.19, PR-1.20					
PR-6 Open Space/Trail Program. The City shall continue to encourage and support an interconnected and accessible trail system throughout the community and surrounding open space areas as an important recreational amenity.						●
Implements Which Policy(ies)	PR-3.1~PR-3.9					

COMMUNITY SERVICES (CS)

Community services and cultural arts such as libraries, schools, museums, human service programs, and performing arts are essential to maintaining an educated, informed, caring, and culturally enriched community. These services provide the building blocks for the kind of neighborhoods and communities that are key to this General Plan. A challenge to sustaining a high quality of life in Simi Valley is being able to balance providing these key services in locations that enhance the community's access to them and minimize adverse impacts to the community from their operation. Refer to Figure CS-1 (Community Facilities), for the general location of key public service facilities in Simi Valley.

In Simi Valley, the Simi Valley Unified School District (SVUSD) is responsible for providing the majority of primary and secondary education for Simi Valley residents. Additional educational facilities in the City include a number of private and parochial schools operated by religious organizations or other private entities. Additionally, the City contracts with the Ventura County Library Service Agency to provide library service to Simi Valley residents from the Simi Valley Library located in the Civic Center.

Though state law does not require that General Plans address these community services, goals and policies in this section address Simi Valley's commitment to continue efforts to support community service needs, including high quality education, library, and cultural arts programs for the anticipated growth of its population. These goals and policies further address human service programs which include improving health, living a balanced and productive life, and preventing homelessness. The City of Simi Valley, the private sector, and private and non-profit partners will continue to provide the tools and resources that focus on individual, family, and community improvements that respond to service needs identified by Simi Valley residents.

GOAL CS-1

Human Service Needs. A broad range of community services and programs are provided to meet the social and human needs of residents and enrich daily living in the community.

- CS-1.1 Agency Collaboration.** Collaborate with the County, community-based agencies, non-profit groups, and public and private schools to develop service programs that are responsive to the needs of all ages and socio-economic groups. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, CS-1)*
- CS-1.2 Location of Community Services.** Encourage the development of community and social services "under one roof" to save on costs, avoid duplication of services, and provide greater convenience for residents. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, CS-1)*
- CS-1.3 Services Provided by Other Agencies.** Support service programs provided by the County, nonprofit groups, and other agencies. Encourage these groups in the expansion, maintenance, and coordination of services. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, CS-1)*

CS-1.4 Senior and Youth Services. Support the provision and expansion of services, programs, and facilities to meet the needs of seniors and youth in Simi Valley. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, CS-2, CS-3)*



Simi Valley Senior Center

CS-1.5 Health and Mental Health Services. Support existing and future health and mental health services and programs, emergency shelters, and transitional housing provided by the County, the City, and other private or non-profit agencies or groups, to serve the needs of residents. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, CS-1)*

CS-1.6 Homeless Services. Support public and nonprofit agencies in securing funding for and the development and provision of homeless services, programs, emergency shelters, and transitional housing. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, CS-4)*

CS-1.7 Emergency Weather Centers. Support the provision of emergency warming and cooling centers as needed. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, CS-4)*

CS-1.8 Community Services and Volunteer Opportunities. Work with public and non-profit agencies and service providers to publicize, promote, and coordinate volunteer opportunities for community services and programs. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, CS-1)*

Arts and Culture

Goals and policies in this section support the establishment and maintenance of a diversity of cultural facilities and amenities in Simi Valley. The City is home to the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum, the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center, Strathearn Historical Park and Museum, and a number of other historic and cultural resources. Art and cultural programs, exhibitions, performances, and similar events provide opportunities for the attendance, participation, and appreciation of residents and visitors. The inclusion of visual arts opportunities broadens the exposure and awareness of City residents and visitors to enhance and enrich Simi Valley's cultural environment and quality of life. Historical Resources are addressed in the Community Development Chapter.

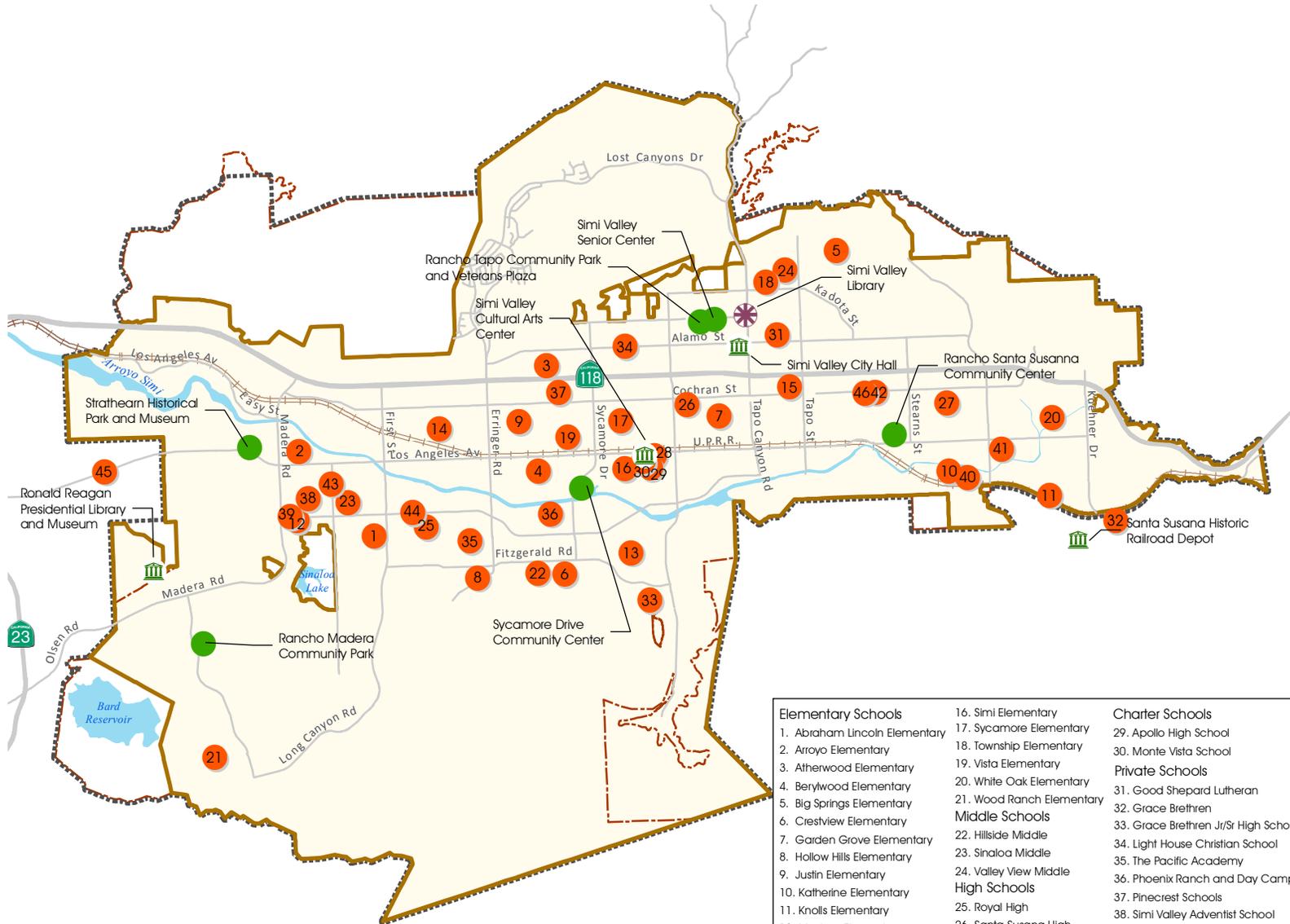
GOAL CS-2

Facilities and Programs. A diversity of arts and cultural facilities and programs are available for people of all ages to enrich the community and enhance the quality of life for residents.

CS-2.1 Arts and Cultural Partnerships. Encourage partnerships among arts and cultural groups, educational facilities, community organizations, and the private sector to develop arts and cultural educational activities and programming for all ages. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, CS-5)*

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Community Facilities



Legend

-  Cultural Facility
-  Library
-  Park/Community Center
-  School
-  City Boundary
-  City Urban Restriction Boundary
-  Sphere of Influence

Elementary Schools	Middle Schools	High Schools	Charter Schools	Private Schools
1. Abraham Lincoln Elementary	16. Simi Elementary	29. Apollo High School	29. Apollo High School	31. Good Shepard Lutheran
2. Arroyo Elementary	17. Sycamore Elementary	30. Monte Vista School	30. Monte Vista School	32. Grace Brethren
3. Atherwood Elementary	18. Township Elementary	31. Light House Christian School	31. Light House Christian School	33. Grace Brethren Jr/Sr High School
4. Berylwood Elementary	19. Vista Elementary	32. Phoenix Ranch and Day Camp	32. Phoenix Ranch and Day Camp	34. The Pacific Academy
5. Big Springs Elementary	20. White Oak Elementary	33. Pincrest Schools	33. Pincrest Schools	35. Simi Valley Adventist School
6. Crestview Elementary	21. Wood Ranch Elementary	34. St. Rose of Lima Elementary	34. St. Rose of Lima Elementary	36. Valley Bible Academy
7. Garden Grove Elementary	22. Hillside Middle	35. Simi Valley High School	35. Simi Valley High School	
8. Hollow Hills Elementary	23. Sinaloa Middle	36. Simi Valley Adult School	36. Simi Valley Adult School	
9. Justin Elementary	24. Valley View Middle			
10. Katherine Elementary	25. Royal High			
11. Knolls Elementary	26. Santa Susana High			
12. Madera Elementary	27. Simi Valley High			
13. Mountain View Elementary	28. Simi Valley Adult School			
14. Park View Elementary				
15. Santa Susana Elementary				

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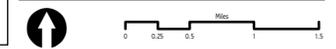
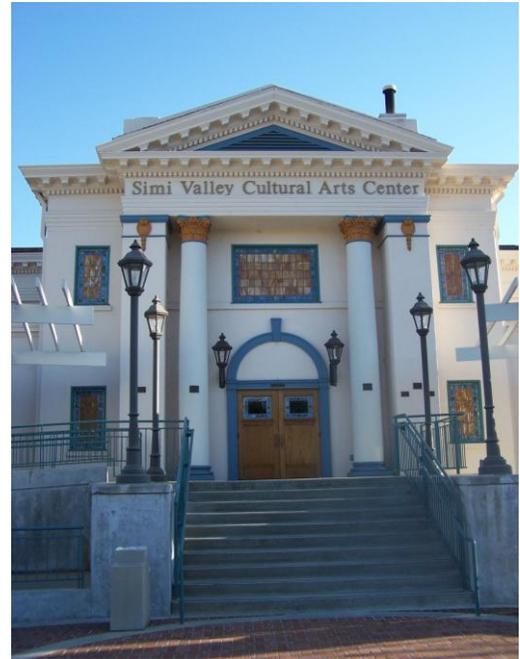


Figure CS-1

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- CS-2.2 Public Art.** Support the donation, installation, and display of public art and the incorporation of display space in new public facilities and key recreational areas such as along the Arroyo Simi Greenway. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, CS-5)*
- CS-2.3 Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center.** Support the continuation and expansion of events, performances, and art shows occurring at the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, CS-5)*
- CS-2.4 Events and Programs.** Support festivals, seminars, workshops, concerts, and community cultural programs. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, CS-5)*
- CS-2.5 Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center Foundation.** Support the mission and activities of the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center Foundation. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, CS-5)*
- CS-2.6 Cultural Tourism.** Promote cultural tourism in Simi Valley to attract visitors and tourists interested in cultural events, such as promotion of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum, Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center, Corriganville Park, and Strathearn Historical Park and Museum. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, CS-5)*
- CS-2.7 Cooperative Partnerships.** Work cooperatively with RSRPD, SVUSD, and community groups including the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center Foundation to support art programs and cultural facilities located in Simi Valley. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, CS-1)*
- CS-2.8 Strathearn Historical Park and Museum.** Encourage relocation of historical structures threatened with demolition to the Strathearn Historical Park and Museum and support activities, events, and historical programs occurring at the Strathearn Historical Park and Museum. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, CS-1)*



Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center

Community Education

Goals and policies in this section provide for the development of schools commensurate with population growth that are accessible from every neighborhood. Opportunities for life-long learning are encouraged, enabling Simi Valley residents to obtain skills to meet the needs of evolving business sectors. Schools are encouraged to be located and designed to serve as a key component of neighborhood identity and activity.

GOAL CS-3

Community Education. High-quality and equitably distributed educational facilities are available that provide an education for the children and youth of Simi Valley as well as life-long learning opportunities for all residents.

- CS-3.1 Provision of Schools.** Work with the SVUSD to provide school sites and upgrade existing facilities that serve the needs of the community. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, CS-1)*

- CS-3.2 New School Sites.** Assist SVUSD to find appropriate sites for new or expanded school facilities within infill development opportunities in the community. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, CS-1)*
- CS-3.3 Joint-Use.** Work with SVUSD and RSRPD to explore opportunities for joint-use that integrates uses for recreation, cultural, and non-school-related activities at new and existing facilities. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, CS-1)*
- CS-3.4 Multi-Use Facilities.** Work with SVUSD to provide and design creative multi-use facilities that integrate schools with community rooms, parks, public libraries, and City services, such as police facilities, as part of one multi-use development. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, CS-1)*
- CS-3.5 Continuing and Adult Education.** Encourage and support the development, expansion, and upgrade of adult education facilities and continuing educational programs in order for residents to obtain workforce skills to meet the needs of the business community. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, CS-1)*
- CS-3.6 Support for Community Colleges.** Support the activities of nearby community colleges to provide continuing education programs, career development, and academic courses to Simi Valley residents. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, CS-1)*
- CS-3.7 Youth Workforce.** Encourage and support programs to develop the youth workforce to meet the needs of the business community and prepare youth for the future. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, CS-3)*

Libraries

Goals and policies in this section provide for the continuation of library services and the provision of facilities commensurate with population growth. Not only do libraries serve as a repository for books, music, and other resources, they also can serve as gathering places for readings and other community activities.

GOAL CS-4

Library Services and Facilities. Library facilities are provided that enhance Simi Valley’s quality of life and create opportunities for self-learning and cultural and academic enrichment.

- CS-4.1 Library Services.** Continue to support Ventura County in the provision of library services and programs to meet the needs of residents. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, CS-1)*
- CS-4.2 Joint Use Facilities.** Encourage libraries to be sited and consolidated with other community facilities such as civic centers, community centers, and educational facilities. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, CS-1)*



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- CS-4.3 Satellite Libraries.** Develop new freestanding “satellite libraries” or shared library facilities with area schools, at new community centers, or within private development in order to supplement services offered at the Simi Valley Library. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, CS-1)*

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- CS-4.4 Facility Usage.** Encourage the use of library facilities, including the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, as additional venues for community events and programs. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, CS-1)*
- CS-4.5 Multi-Functional Facilities.** Support the use of the Simi Valley Library, the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, and other new facilities to serve as multi-functional facilities, cultural centers, and gathering places. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, CS-1)*
- CS-4.6 Technology and Access.** Encourage the use of computers and the internet to digitally access library resources, multi-media, and other information. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, CS-1)*
- CS-4.7 Alternative Service Delivery.** Work with Ventura County and other agencies, as necessary, to explore alternative models to deliver library services to Simi Valley residents, in situations when Ventura County cannot provide the level and/or type of services desired by the City, and the means to fund payment of these services. *(Imp A-1, A-2, LU-18, CS-1)*

Implementation Program

Each General Plan policy is correlated with one or more implementation measure. The Community Services Implementation Program, presented in Table CS-1 (Community Services Implementation Program), describes the measures or actions to be taken by the City to carry out the goals and policies defined in this section.

Table CS-1 Community Services Implementation Program		2011	2012-2015	2016-2035	Annual	Ongoing
<p>CS-1 Interagency Coordination and Partnership. The City shall coordinate with appropriate agencies, such as the County of Ventura, nonprofit groups, community-based agencies, public and private schools, Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District, and Simi Valley Unified School District regarding the following: provide service programs and venues that are responsive to the needs of the community; coordinate services and provide services “under one roof”; pursue funding for various community service needs; provide health and mental health services; establish a central location to advertise community services and programs and to publicize volunteer opportunities; encourage partnerships to develop arts and cultural activities; support art programs and cultural facilities located in the community; support community education; provide library services and facilities within the community, and encourage relocation of historical structures threatened with demolition to the Strathearn Historical Park and Museum.</p>						●
Implements Which Policy(ies)	CS-1.1~CS-1.3, CS-1.5, CS-1.8, CS-2.7, CS-2.8, CS-3.1~CS-3.6, CS-4.1~CS-4.7					
<p>CS-2 Senior Citizens Programs. The City shall support and coordinate with other agencies for the provision of programs and services for senior citizens in the community, including the Simi Valley Senior Center; senior nutrition programs; Council On Aging, an advisory body to the City Council on issues affection seniors; the Lifeline Program providing emergency response for seniors; Brown Bag Program; and other special events and fundraisers.</p>						●
Implements Which Policy(ies)	CS-1.4					

Table CS-1 Community Services Implementation Program		2011	2012-2015	2016-2035	Annual	Ongoing
<p>CS-3 Youth Programs. The City shall support and coordinate with other agencies for the provision of programs and services for youth in the community, including developing the youth workforce; providing support and referral for youth and their families with issues related to truancy, substance abuse, runaways, peer pressure, and personal crises; and the Youth Council, an advisory body to the City Council on issues affecting youth.</p>						●
Implements Which Policy(ies)	CS-1.4, CS-3.7					
<p>CS-4 Homeless Programs. The City shall support and coordinate with other agencies for the provision of programs and services for persons in the community, including homeless persons. This shall include providing information and referrals to local programs and nonprofit resources regarding a wide variety of needs, such as landlord/tenant issues, homeless services, and other social services and support to the Task Force on Homelessness, an advisory body to the City Council on issues related to homelessness. Where feasible, the City shall encourage development of new or expanded homeless services and programs, emergency weather centers, and transitional housing.</p>						●
Implements Which Policy(ies)	CS-1.6, CS-1.7					
<p>CS-5 Public Art and Cultural Tourism Programs. The City shall support public art in new public facilities and key recreational areas, such as the Arroyo Simi Greenway; support the continuation and expansion of events at the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center; support the mission and activities of the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center Foundation; support festivals, seminars, workshops, concerts, and community cultural programs; and promote cultural tourism in the community to attract visitors.</p>			●			
Implements Which Policy(ies)	CS-2.1~CS-2.6					