CONNECTING PEOPLE TO NATURE & AGRICULTURE

Exploring Open Space

Picture Coyote Valley as a place where newly protected valley open space creates new, accessible ways for people to connect with nature. The photos below show examples of new amenities that could support and enhance public access to Coyote Valley.

SHADED BUS SHELTER

A public bus stop with improved seating, shade, interpretive features and access to the trail network.

STAGING AREA

An area with public parking, a restroom, an information kiosk and trail access, as well as a picnic area with tables and seating for groups to gather.

WELCOME & EDUCATION CENTER

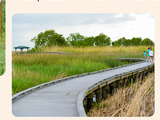
A building designed for interactive, changing programs and exhibits that educate and welcome visitors to Coyote Valley.

OUTDOOR SHADE AREA

Open-air shade structures could provide learning spaces with shelter from sun and weather, along with seating arranged for outdoor education.

WETLAND BOARDWALK

An elevated pathway offering views and interpretation of wetland habitat.



INTERPRETIVE FEATURES

A sign, display or artwork that helps people understand natural and cultural history.

WILDLIFE OVERLOOK

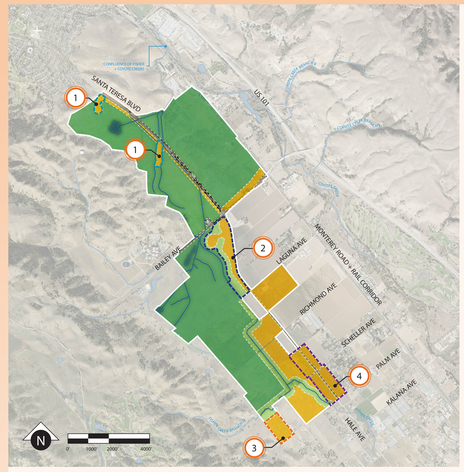
A spot designed for people to watch animals safely, while keeping disturbance to wildlife as low as possible.

NATURE PLAY AREA

A place where families can explore and play using natural things like logs, rocks and plants, encouraging creativity and hands-on discovery.

IMAGINE THIS...

Imagine a connected network of trails, transit and roadway improvements that make it easier - and safer - for everyone to reach and enjoy Coyote Valley. These upgrades open up more ways to connect with nature, including options that don't require a car.



POTENTIAL NEW PUBLIC ACCESS DESTINATIONS

1 LAGUNA SECA OVERLOOK

2 HILLVIEW HUB

3 COYOTE VALLEY FIELD STATION

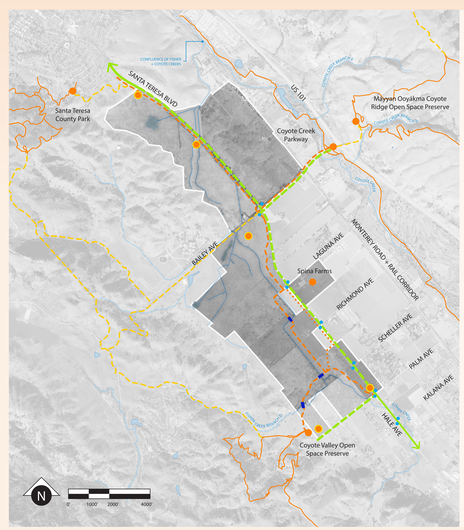
4 AGRICULTURAL GATEWAY

USE & ACCESS ZONES

ACCESS + AGRICULTURAL FOCUS ZONE | 360 Acres
Area where project work will focus on public access-related uses and amenities and active agricultural uses. This zone includes segments of City and County street right of way where key trail connections may be built.

TRANSITION ZONE | 120 Acres
Area where public access and agriculture, if present, will need to be carefully weighed and woven into habitat restoration plans.

HABITAT FOCUS ZONE | 1,130 Acres
Area where project work will focus on restoring a rich mosaic of habitat types. Public access will focus on guided activities and agriculture will be generally limited to conservation grazing.



REGIONAL TRAIL CONNECTIONS

- Exisiting Trail
- New Regional Trail *Within project area*
- Alternate Route for New Regional Trail *Within project area*
- Proposed Regional Trail *Outside project area*
- New Bridge
- Existing Open Space Destination
- Potential New CVCAMP Destination
- Existing On-Road Bike Route *Outside project area*
- New/Improved Bike Route *Within project area*
- VTA Bus Stops Route 68

The map above shows conceptual alignments for new regional trails in the project area. Specific alignments will be refined during upcoming phases of the master plan. Upcoming planning phases will also explore improvements to Santa Teresa Boulevard and Bailey Avenue that make these key corridors safer for all users and wildlife.

Supporting Local Agriculture

Picture Coyote Valley as a place where farming remains strong and local growers have more opportunities. These photos show potential new amenities that could connect people to agriculture in Coyote Valley and support farmers growing food on its protected agricultural lands.

FARMER HUB

An area with buildings and storage for farm infrastructure, potentially with Farm Tenant/Manager Housing.

AGRICULTURAL DEMONSTRATION AREA

A working farm that showcases how to use climate-friendly and wildlife-friendly farming practices.

EDUCATIONAL BARN

A multi-purpose building used for farm operations, educational programs and events.

FARM STAND

A place to buy local farm goods, potentially with space for agricultural education.

Caring for Nature

Picture Coyote Valley alive with people actively restoring and stewarding its natural lands. These photos show potential new amenities that could support restoration activities and natural lands stewardship.

NATIVE PLANT NURSERY

A place where native plants are grown for habitat restoration projects and potentially for sale.

LEARNING GARDENS

Learning gardens could include spaces for hands-on habitat restoration and areas that grow native plants to support pollinators like bees, butterflies and birds.

GRASSLAND DEMONSTRATION AREA

An area restored to showcase California's now-rare native grasses.

HEDGEROW

A line of plants that help wildlife and support a healthy environment.