

4.14 RECREATION

The Recreation section of an EIR should assess the impact of the proposed project with regard to recreation facilities in the area. The recreation analysis is intended to determine the extent to which a project contributes to the physical deterioration of publicly provided recreation facilities. The EIR should discuss any increased demand for various recreational facilities and identify any potential need for new recreational facilities generated by the project.

The project would have less-than-significant impacts to recreational facilities. No mitigation is required.

4.14.1 ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

There are several parks and recreational facilities in the Anderson/Cottonwood area. These facilities are listed in Table 4.14.1 and shown in Figure 4.14.1: Project Vicinity Recreational Facilities.

**Table 4.14.1
Recreational Facilities in the Anderson/Cottonwood Area**

Recreational Facility	Acres
Anderson River Park	502
Veterans Park	1
Volonte Park	12
Balls Ferry Boat Launch	10
Cottonwood Community Center	8

Source: City of Anderson, 2009.

REGULATORY SETTING

An overview of existing and proposed *Shasta County General Plan* land use classifications and *Shasta County Zoning Plan* designations for the project site is provided in Section 3.4: Panorama Planned Development Regulatory Setting. Following is a discussion of objectives and policies in the *Shasta County General Plan* that are pertinent to the recreational facilities evaluation for the project site.

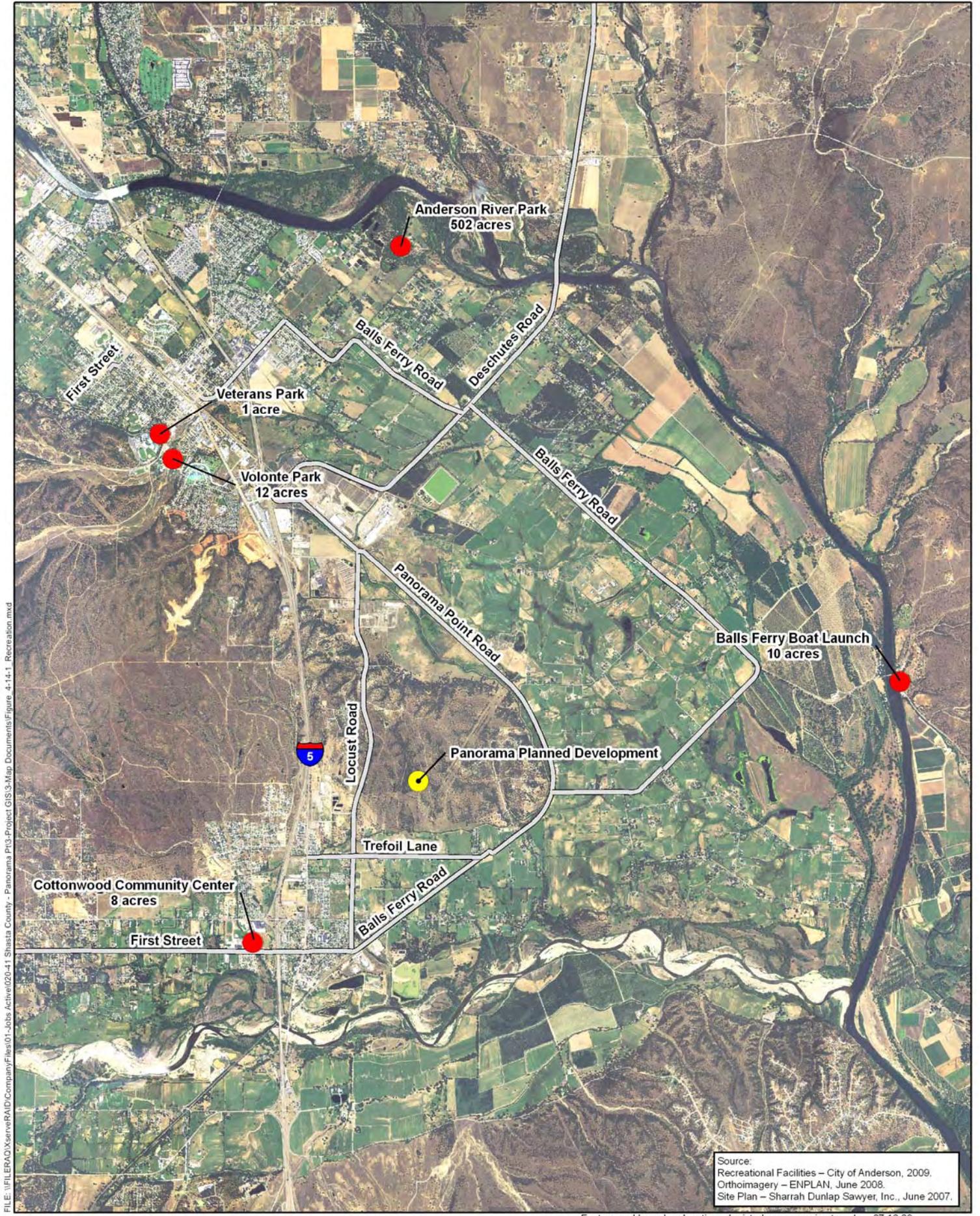
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Objectives

- OSR-1 Protection of the open space and recreation resources of Shasta County for the use and enjoyment by County residents both now and in the future.
- OSR-2 Provision of public access to open space and recreation resources consistent with the need to protect these resources and the rights of private property owners.

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Figure 4.14.1
Project Vicinity Recreational Facilities



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4.14.2 THRESHOLDS OF SIGNIFICANCE

Criteria for determining the significance of impacts related to recreation were based on the Environmental Checklist Form in Appendix G of the State CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Code Regs., Title 14, Section 15000 et seq.). An impact related to recreation was considered significant if it 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.
- Include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment.

4.14.3 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS AND MITIGATION

Impact REC-4.14-1 Increase Use of Existing Parks and Recreational Facilities *(Less-than-Significant Impact)*

Approximately 130 acres of the project site would be preserved as open space (including ±58 acres of transmission line corridor rights-of-way and ±79 acres of open space). The open space preserve would be maintained and managed in perpetuity by a conservation-oriented third-party entity. The open space preserve would include a system of trails around the existing pond and along the stream corridors downstream of the pond, connecting different neighborhoods within the project. Other recreational facilities would include a small community-use building, located adjacent to the preserve near the existing pond, which could be reserved for resident gatherings or association meetings. This amenity would have access to the trails system.

While residents of the proposed development may use vicinity parks and/or recreational facilities, the project is not expected to result in the need for expansion of these facilities. As discussed in the *Panorama Planned Development Fiscal Impact Analysis* (MuniFinancial, 2008), project implementation is expected to result in a net positive fiscal impact for Shasta County, in that it would generate more revenue on a per-capita basis than is currently being spent for the provision of services. To the extent that the project would have an impact on County recreational facilities, the Board of Supervisors could allocate sufficient revenues to offset this impact. Project implementation would result in a less-than-significant impact with regard to recreational facilities.

No mitigation measures are necessary for the above less-than-significant impact.

Impact REC-4.14-2 Require Construction or Expansion of Recreational Facilities *(Less-than-Significant Impact)*

See analysis under Impact REC-4.14.-1 above.

No mitigation measures are necessary for the above less-than-significant impact.

4.14.4 LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE AFTER MITIGATION

The project would have less-than-significant impacts to recreational facilities. No mitigation is required.

End of Section.