

## Exhibit C | Vision Statement



### Planning Framework Hahamongna Watershed Park Annex City of Pasadena

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The following was developed based on the input received from the public via the open house event January 28, 2006; the public workshops conducted April 6 and May 4, 2006; and comments submitted directly to the City of Pasadena. Since the planning for the Annex will be integrated into the *Hahamongna Watershed Park Master Plan (Master Plan)*, the same goal framework will likely be applied. As such, the goals and objectives from the Master Plan are used as the starting point for goals and objectives for the Annex site. While the goals from the Master Plan are consistent with the input received from the public regarding the Annex, additional objectives are proposed. Those objectives from the Master Plan that are consistent with the input received regarding the Annex appear in *italics* and proposed additional objectives that apply to the Annex are added in **bold**. Additional input received at the May 18, 2006 community meeting has also been integrated into this planning framework. This planning framework will remain a draft document until it is considered as part of the Hahamongna Watershed Park Annex project that is presented to the City Council for adoption.

#### **Vision Statement**

As a unique, centralized part of the Hahamongna Watershed Park (park) and the Arroyo Seco Watershed, the Annex site will be a focal point for visitors to the park and the greater Arroyo Seco area, functioning as both a local and regional hub for education and passive recreation that is compatible with natural resource protection and enhancement. The Annex will also provide a gateway to the broader network of open spaces and trails that connect the Angeles National Forest, La Cañada Flintridge, Altadena, the central and lower Arroyo of Pasadena, and South Pasadena.

As a model for demonstrating the integration of context-sensitive facilities within a natural setting by applying sustainable design and management practices, the Annex will emphasize protection of the site's unique oak and willow habitat, indoor and outdoor education, and continued passive recreation for the public. Key facilities will include an equestrian facility, multipurpose interpretive center; and native plant nursery. As a public facility, the Annex will be sustained through partnerships and financing.

#### **Goals & Objectives**

##### **Goal 1: Preserve, restore, and enhance the native habitats**

###### *Objectives:*

- *Develop a habitat restoration plan for Hahamongna Watershed Park.*
- *Protect and enhance the Hahamongna Watershed Park wildlife corridor linkages to the upper watershed and the downstream reaches of the Arroyo Seco.*
- *Restore, enhance, and reestablish the historical native plant communities of the Arroyo Seco.*

- **Protect and enhance the oak woodland on the south end of the HWP Annex site.**
- *Locate new facilities in developed or disturbed areas so as to minimize impact to established habitats.*
- *Limit exterior lighting for security, safety, and operational purposes to lessen the impact on nocturnal wildlife.*
- **Preserve and protect the nighttime environment and dark skies through minimal, quality outdoor lighting**
- *Relocate existing overhead power and communications lines to restore the natural environment and provide adequate, safe maintenance access.*
- **Develop on-site native plant nursery facilities at the Annex to facilitate restoration and enhancement of the HWP and greater Arroyo.**

**Goal 2: The Devil’s Gate flood control basin will be managed to provide protection to the developed and natural downstream areas.**

*Objectives:*

- *Develop a grading plan that allows habitat restoration and recreational activities to co-exist with flood management and water conservation.*
- **Protect the streams and wetlands in the HWP Annex area as part of improved watershed management.**
- **Integrate storm water best management practices (BMPs) into the HWP Annex site.**
- **Maximize ground water recharge within the HWP Annex site that is compatible with the site’s uses.**

**Goal 3: Conserve and protect the water resources of the Arroyo Seco.**

*Objectives:*

- *Maximize groundwater recharge to minimize the amount of water purchased from outside sources.*
- *Develop a grading plan that allows habitat restoration and recreational activities to coexist with flood management and water conservation.*

**Goal 4: Provide diverse recreation opportunities for the Pasadena community\*.**

*Objectives:*

- **Provide passive recreation and both indoor and outdoor educational activities at the Annex as part of a balanced range of recreation activities in HWP.**
- **Evaluate, and to the extent feasible and appropriate, adapt and enhance the former USDA Forest Service facilities.**
- **Provide an interpretive center at the Annex.**
- *Develop a grading plan that allows habitat restoration and recreational activities to co-exist with flood management and water conservation.*
- **Maintain and enhance current recreation uses within the Annex area, including equestrian uses, youth programs consistent with a natural park, and trail uses.**
- **Deliver education and passive recreation programs in the Annex through partnerships with public and private entities.**

## **Goal 5: Enrich and promote the unique history and culture of Hahamongna Watershed Park\*.**

### *Objectives:*

- *Develop HWP as a “living laboratory” for local schools and environmental education programs.*
- **Integrate sustainable and green design and management practices to the Annex site that are compatible with a natural park setting and that will facilitate learning and connections to the natural environment for the public.**
- *Preserve and encourage Native American use of HWP as a cultural resource.*
- *Explore the possibilities of a joint partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and Native Americans in developing an interpretive center and native-plant nursery at HWP.*
- *Develop design guidelines to ensure aesthetic compatibility and quality construction for any improvements made in HWP.*
- *Develop passive viewing areas with unique vantage points.*
- *Create programs that inform and educate the public about the natural processes, the history and the culture of the site.*
- *Underground or relocate the existing above-ground electrical transmission lines.*

## **Goal 6: Provide a safe and secure park.**

### *Objectives:*

- *Develop guidelines and delegate agency responsibilities for recreation, flood management, and water conservation liabilities.*
- *Retain and enhance, as needed, the recently reestablished Park Ranger Program to ensure compliance with municipal laws, codes, and regulations. Secure entrances and perimeter of HWP.*
- **Minimize the use of fencing for security purposes at the Annex site to prevent impacts to trail access and wildlife movement.**
- **Any security measures and operations at the Annex site should be low impact and include options such as mounted patrols.**

## **Goal 7: Provide adequate circulation, access and parking**

### *Objectives:*

- *Provide public transportation and nonmotorized access to HWP.*
- *Provide adequate parking throughout the park for all proposed recreation activities and facilities.*
- **Minimize environmental impacts from parking in the HWP Annex site.**
- *Maintain and restore the trail links to the Central Arroyo, the surrounding neighborhoods, and the Angeles National Forest.*
- **Provide for safe multiple trail uses**
- **Ensure connectivity through the HWP Annex and to local and regional trail networks.**
- *Comply with ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) standards for a “natural park.”*
- *Develop a signage system that provides clear directional information and informs park visitors without being intrusive.*
- *Improve and enhance regional trail connections.*

\*Note: Many suggested and supported the idea of providing a separate goal that focuses on education, rather than combining it with recreation goals. At this point, an additional goal will not be added. However, as the final planning framework is refined

and the issue of whether to combine the Annex planning framework with the Master Plan's is resolved, this issue will be reconsidered.