

Fairview Park Steering Committee Recommendations

1. Provide clearly defined trails and establish a designated trail system for the park.
2. Develop and adopt design standards for the designated trail system, including widths, materials, and designated modes of travel by trail type.
3. Finalize and adopt the habitat restoration and enhancement opportunities technical report for Fairview Park.
4. Establish functional and pedestrian pathways allowing for pedestrian access in both wet and dry seasons for approved trails (see Rec 1), including from the north end of Pacific Avenue to the north end of Canyon Drive. The pathway shall be planned and designed in a manner that protects the integrity of the vernal pools and the vernal pool watersheds.
5. Provide for long-term preservation of the vernal pools and their associated watersheds using suitable fencing, interpretive displays, and the removal of unauthorized user-defined trails that have formed through the vernal pool watersheds.
6. Relocate the fly field activity currently located within the vernal pool watershed to outside Fairview Park, due to detrimental impacts to sensitive biological resources associated with the activity and required maintenance of the fly field.
7. Revegetate and restore excessive areas of barren ground and exposed soil using ecologically appropriate native vegetation.
8. Provide for a potential native plant growing space on the east side of Fairview Park in a location that avoids impacts to native habitat. The growing space shall be planned and designed in consultation with a qualified restoration ecologist.
9. Provide for improved and updated signage and interpretive materials to highlight the exceptional conservation value of the site, and the importance of local and global biodiversity preservation.
10. Provide for improved and updated signage and interpretive materials to highlight the cultural history of the site, indigenous ecology, and to recognize the site's significance to tribal communities.
11. Utilize the site to enhance community education about the nexus between (1) human health and (2) ecological health and conservation of natural open spaces.
12. Provide for an on-site maintenance and storage facility, or designated area on the east side for efficient storage and use of Fairview Park restoration tools and equipment, and to Once support the operations of the native plant growing space.
13. Continue the current Master Plan recommendation that calls for the removal of unsuitable fill material (imported fill material placed on the Mesa in the late 1980s), protection of culturally sensitive resources, and habitat restoration of the Fairview Park mesa.
14. Continue the current Master Plan recommendation that calls for stabilization and habitat restoration of the Fairview Park west bluffs to protect natural resources and public safety.

15. Continue the operation of the model train railroad facilities, and integrate environmental interpretive content and ecological enhancements along the model train network to provide educational opportunities to all ages while onboard the model train circuit.
16. Develop and adopt the Maintenance, Operations, and Management Plan for Fairview Park, including the Invasive Plant Species Management Plan for Fairview Park.
17. Continue to build partnerships with organizations invested in environmental conservation, and expand opportunities to participate in community-based restoration, stewardship, and nature-based educational activities.
18. Provide continuing opportunities for tribal coordination and participation in the implementation of the Updated Fairview Park Master Plan.
19. Provide ADA-accessible pathway(s) from the main parking lot to the existing paved multipurpose path west of the main parking lot.
20. Provide an emergency and service vehicular access point into the park from Pacific Avenue. Develop protocol guidelines for vehicular use of this access point.
21. Provide for the incorporation of a central interpretive area.
22. Incorporate viewing platforms and scenic viewpoint features to enhance environmental interpretive opportunities while preserving sensitive features.
23. Incorporate nature play elements throughout the park and a nature play area within the existing lawn area.
24. Incorporate a native pollinator area to attract butterflies and other pollinators. The native pollinator area would replace the ornamental vegetation including invasive species currently located in the planter area.
25. Modify and refine the name of the Fairview Park site to a more nature-oriented name, such as “Fairview Nature Park” to reflect the site’s exceptional natural resources, significant conservation value, and lasting legacy as Costa Mesa’s premier natural open space asset.