

# MILE SQUARE REGIONAL PARK

FIRST COMMUNITY WORKSHOP – JANUARY 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019





# Agenda

Welcome and Introductions

**OC Parks Overview** 

Mile Square Regional Park History

Park Presentation

Public Input

Adjourn





#### OC Community Resources / OC Parks



#### Our Vision

Champions of the Land for a Thriving Community

#### Our Mission:

We Preserve and Enhance OC Parks'
Natural and Cultural Resources for
Recreation,
Education and Exploration.

#### Core Values:

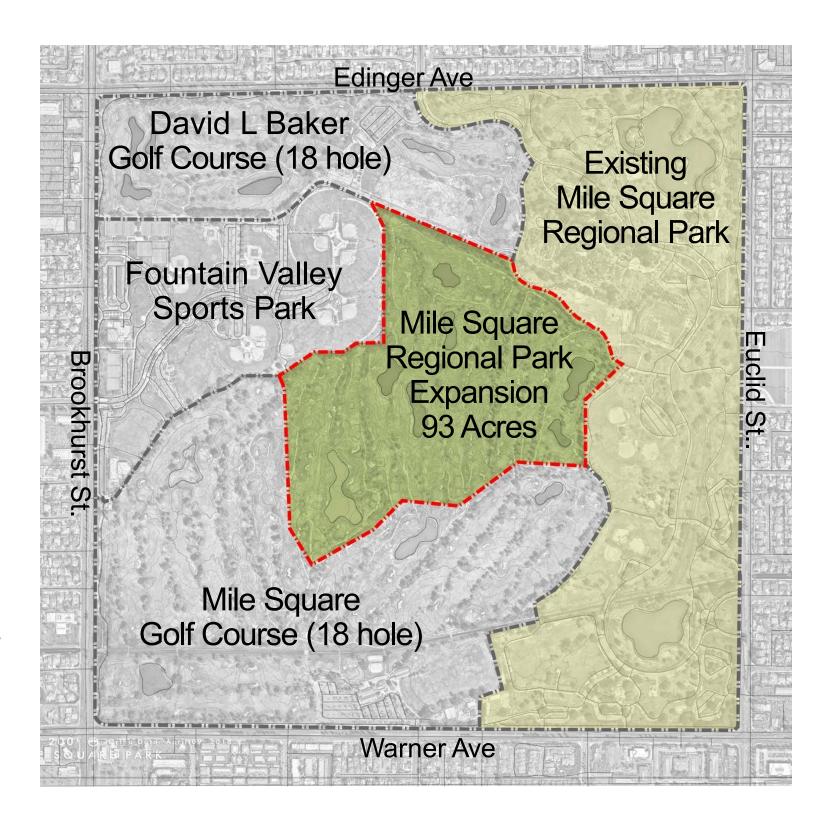
Community
Commitment to Excellence
Service
Stewardship





#### **Use Conversion**

- Golf Course Operator initiated business negotiations
- March 13, 2018 Board of Supervisors Public Meeting
  - Board of Supervisors
     approved an amendment
     to the Mile Square Golf
     Course lease
  - Converts 93 acres of golf to the regional park







#### Welcome

#### Chris Gaarder 1<sup>st</sup> District



County of Orange Board of Supervisors

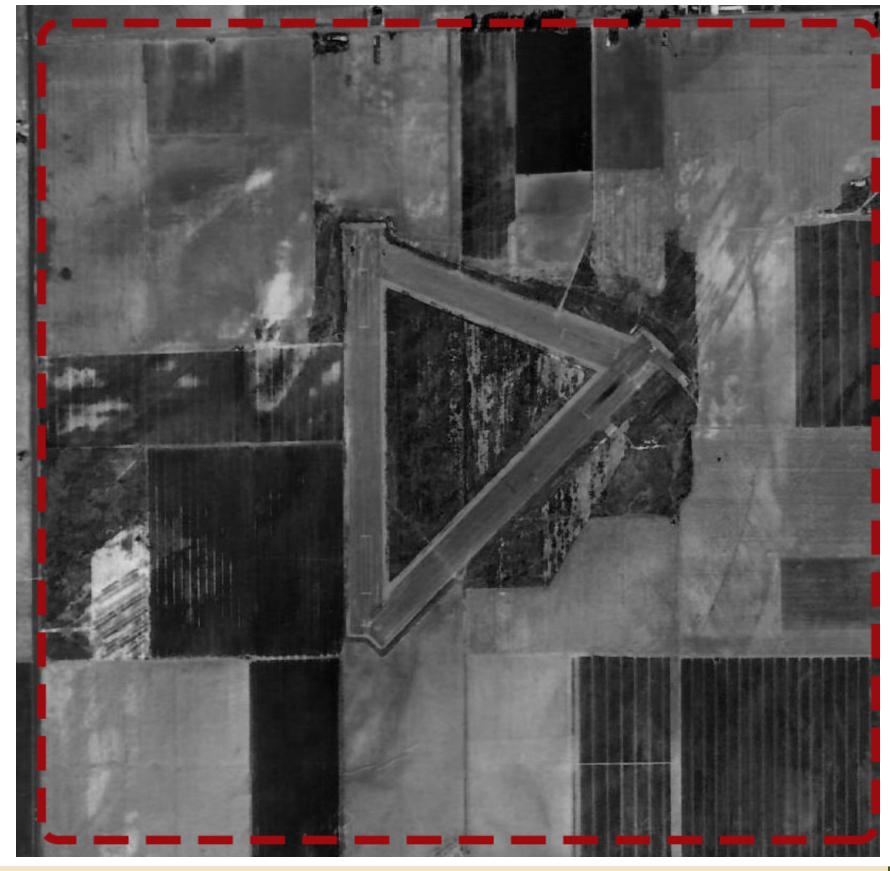




1963 – Master Plan for County Regional Parks

 Mile Square identified as Priority Group I

1967 – Leased 459 acres from Federal Government to create Mile Square Park







1969 – Mile Square Golf Course completed 18–hole course.







1970 – Mile Square Regional Park Phase I construction complete







1973 – Mile Square Regional Park Phase II complete

County owns the land, no longer leasing from Federal Government

County leases 60 acres to city of Fountain Valley







1976 – Mile Square Regional Park Phase III complete







**1989** – David L. Baker Golf Course complete

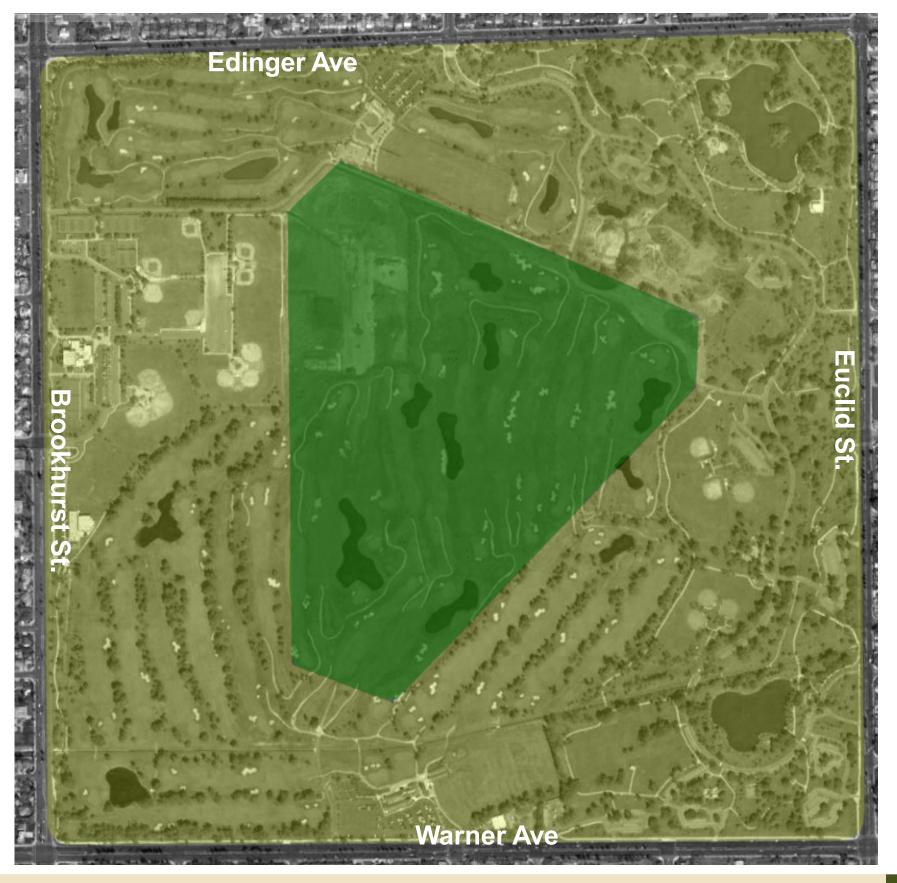






1992 – County purchases triangle from Federal Government

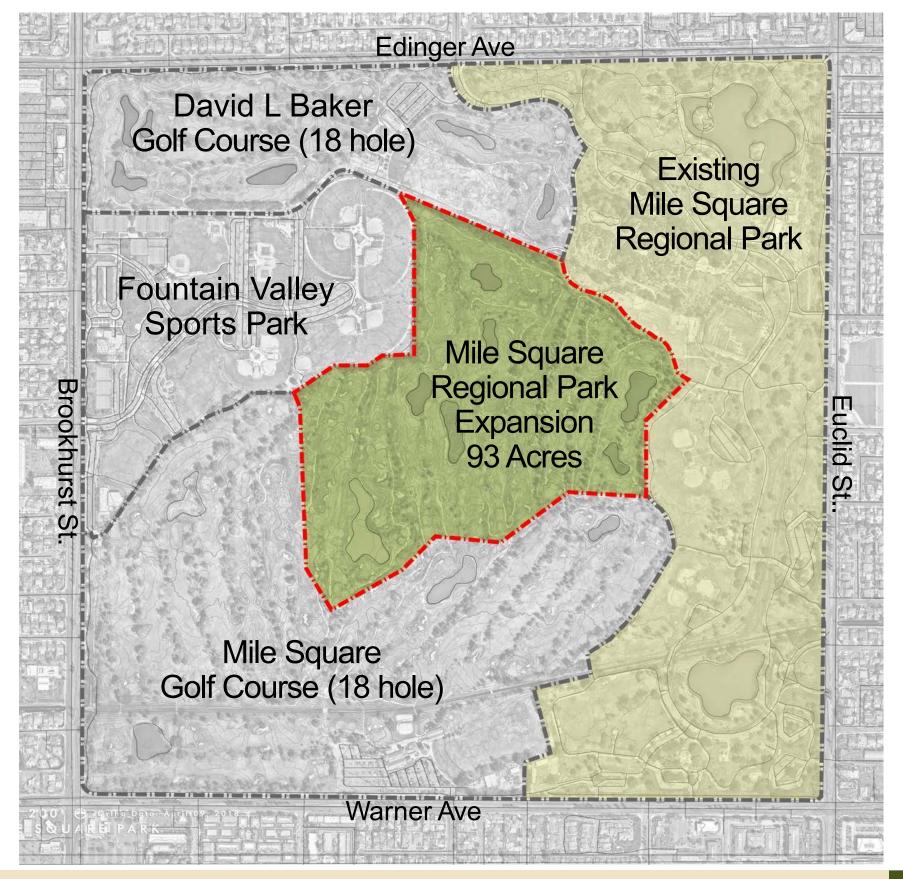
1999 – Mile Square Golf Course expanded







2018 – Mile Square Golf Course lease amended, converting 93 acres of golf course to regional park by 2021







# Design Team

#### LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT

**EPT**DESIGN

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#### **CIVIL ENGINEER**

Soojin Shim John Oliver



#### TRAFFIC ENGINEER

Serine Ciandella



#### **GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEER**

Terri Wright



#### **ARBORIST**

Jim Borer







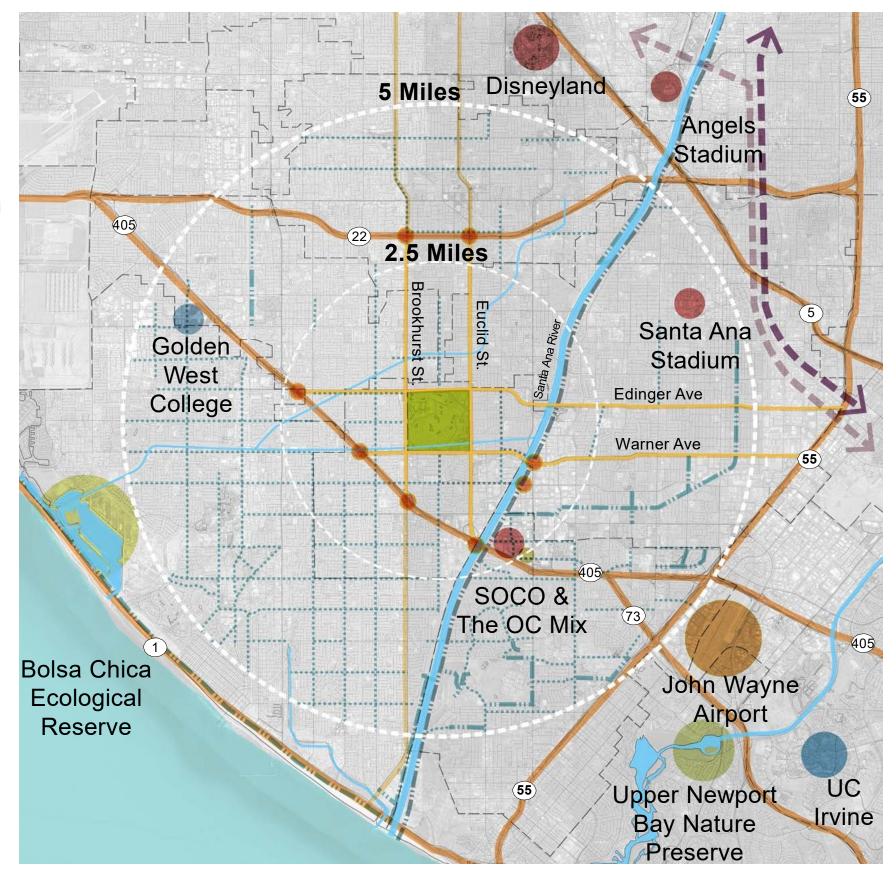
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#### Regional Context

- Government
- Education / Institution
- Entertainment
- Natural Reserves
- Water Drainage
- Transportation
- Major Access Points
- Major Road
- --> Orange County Line
- --> Inland Empire Line
- Class I Bike Trail
- Class II Bike Trail



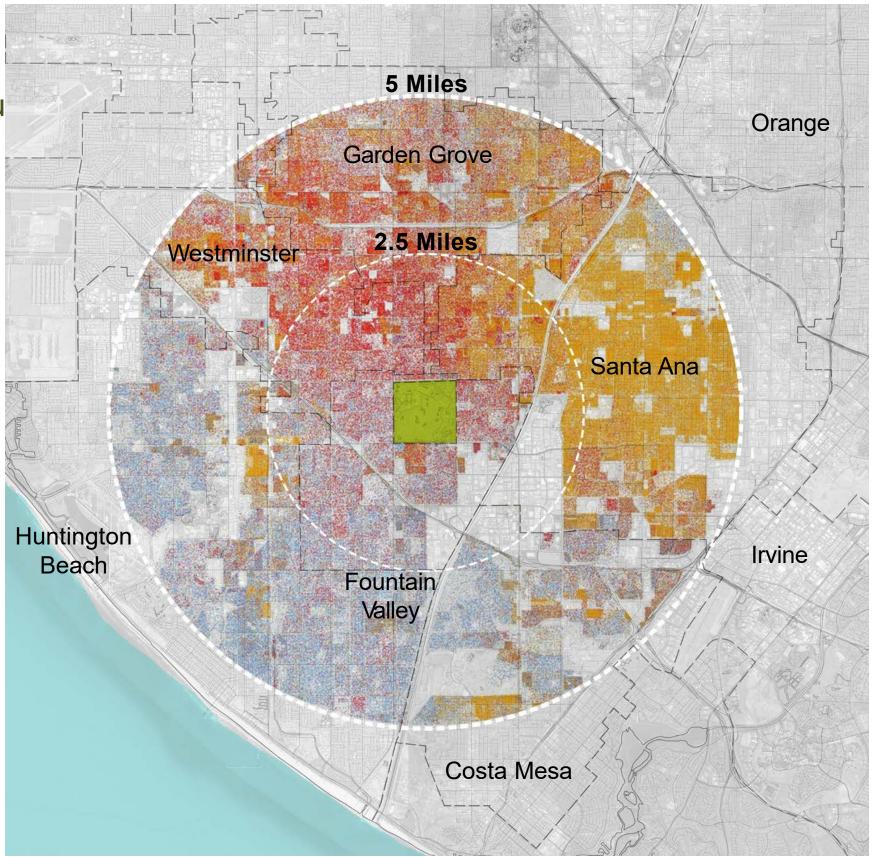




# Demographics

Source: 2010 Census Bureau

- White
- African American
- Asian
- Hispanic
- Other

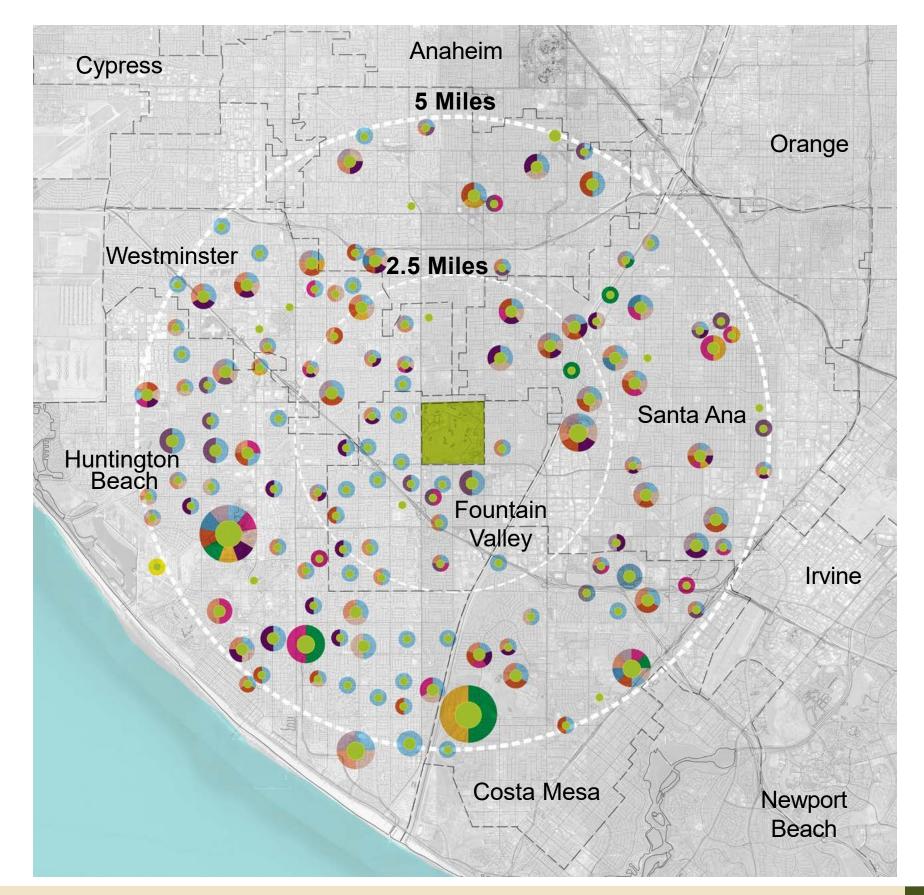






#### Park Needs Assessment

- Playground
- Natural
- Baseball Field
- Soccer Field
- Event Venue
- Tennis Court
- Cultural Element
- Special Feature
- Dog Park
- Basketball Court
- Multi Use Field

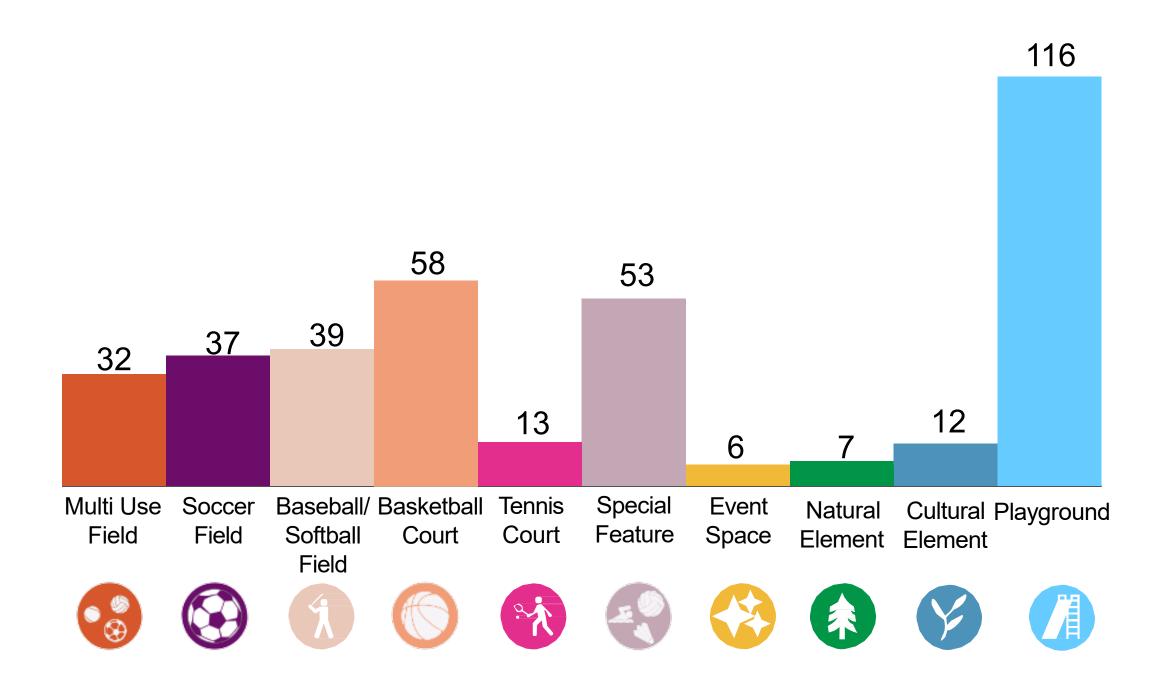






#### Park Amenities Data

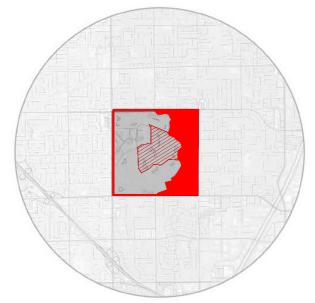
Within 5 Miles of Mile Square Regional Park



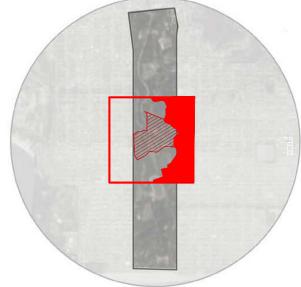




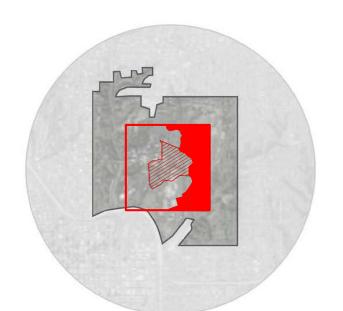
# Park Comparisons



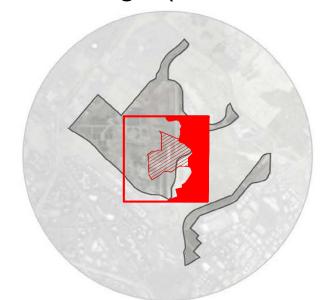
Mile Square Park Fountain Valley (640 acres)



Golden Gate Park San Francisco (1017 acres)



Balboa Park San Diego (1,200 acres)



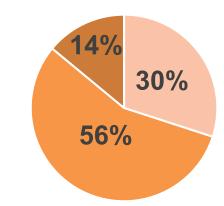
OC Great Park Irvine (688 acres)



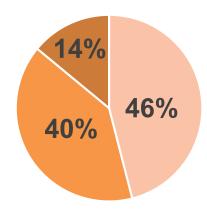


#### Park Boundaries

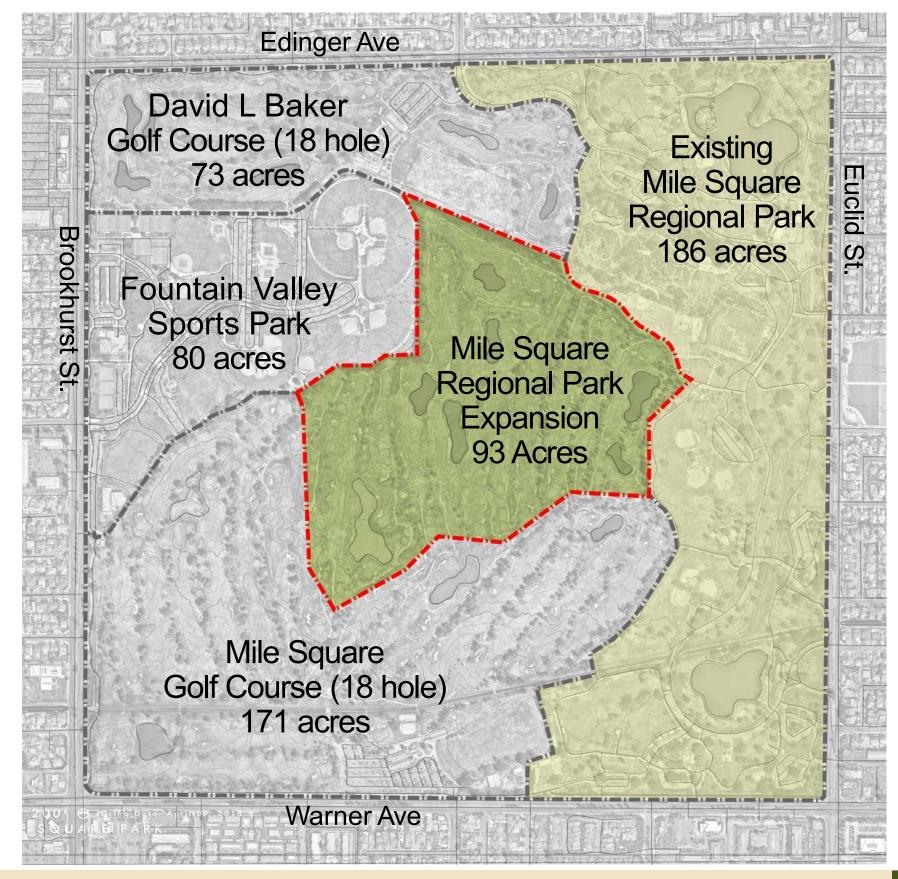
Current Park (Acre Percentage)



Future Park (Acre Percentage)



- Sports Park
- Golf Courses
- Mile Square Regional Park

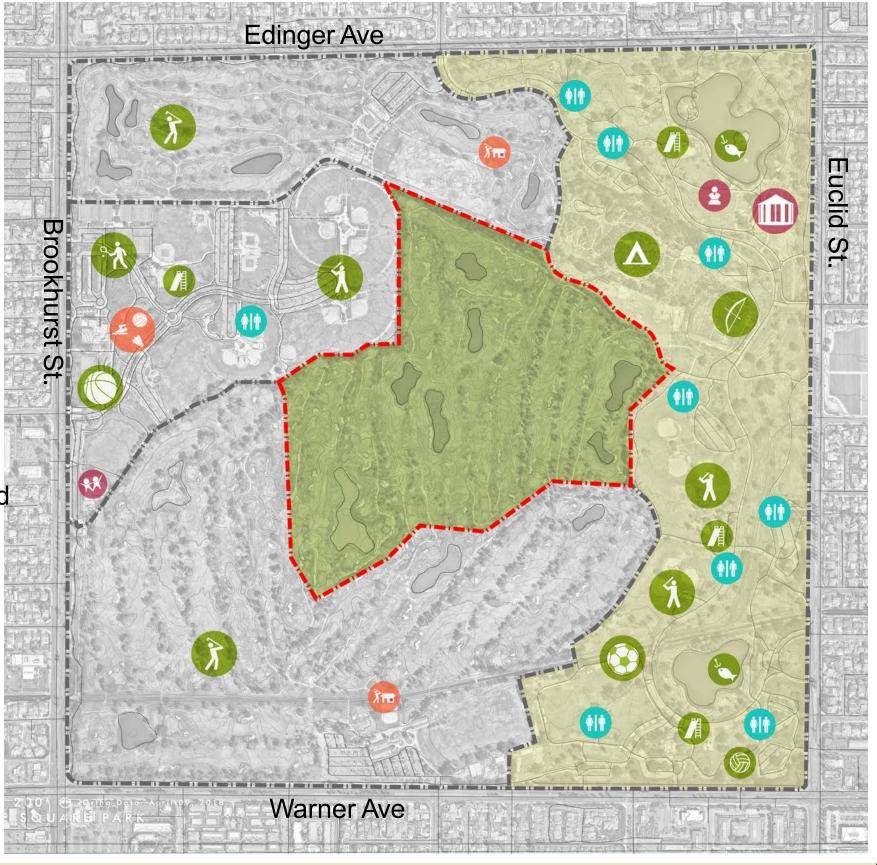






#### **Existing Facility**

- Playground
- Baseball / Softball
- Basketball
- Tennis Court
- Soccer
- **Golf**
- Archery Range
- Fishing
- Nature Center Campground
- Wolleyball Court
- Club House
- Recreational Center
- Sculptures
- Freedom Hall
- Boys & Girls Club
- Restroom





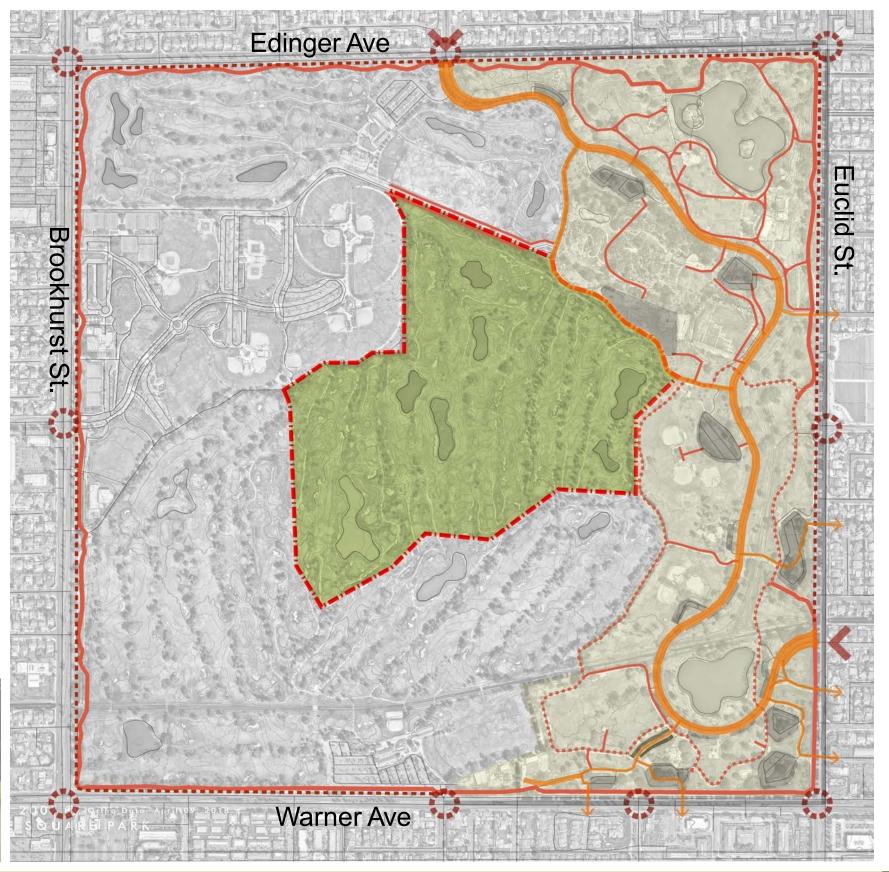


# Existing Site Circulation Plan

- Primary Vehicular
- Secondary Vehicular
- Vehicular Exit
- Perimeter Pedestrian
- Internal Pedestrian
- Trail Loop (1.5 miles)
- .... Dirt Trail on Turf
- Signalized Intersection
- Park Entry
- Parking











# **Physical Features**

















#### Site Analysis

- Opportunity to expand adjacent sports fields
- Opportunity for connection to park
- Existing park access points may need to be upgraded
- Appropriate buffer needed from adjacent golf activity
- Maintain existing heritage and perimeter buffer trees where possible
- Opportunity to utilize existing ponds within golf course for storm water management and water features









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# Park Design Goals



Reconnect with Nature



Improve Park Circulation and Hierarchy



Create a Cultural Hub for Orange County



Promote Education and Community Engagement





#### Reconnect with Nature



Introduce native plant habitats

Create an urban forest

Sculpt the land to create a natural park experience

Improve storm water management in the park

Improve the park trail system





#### Create a Cultural Hub for Orange County



Create an iconic cultural center for Orange County

Enable large group events

Create spaces for art, music, dance, and play

Promote the park as a premiere destination in Southern California





#### Improve Circulation and Hierarchy



Provide clear pedestrian and bicycle circulation

Improve vehicular circulation and parking efficiency

Provide clear signage and wayfinding Uphold the importance of public safety





#### Promote Education and Engagement



Create opportunities for education in the natural environment

Introduce natural play opportunities
Create multi-use spaces for all age groups

Create spaces that celebrate our diversity



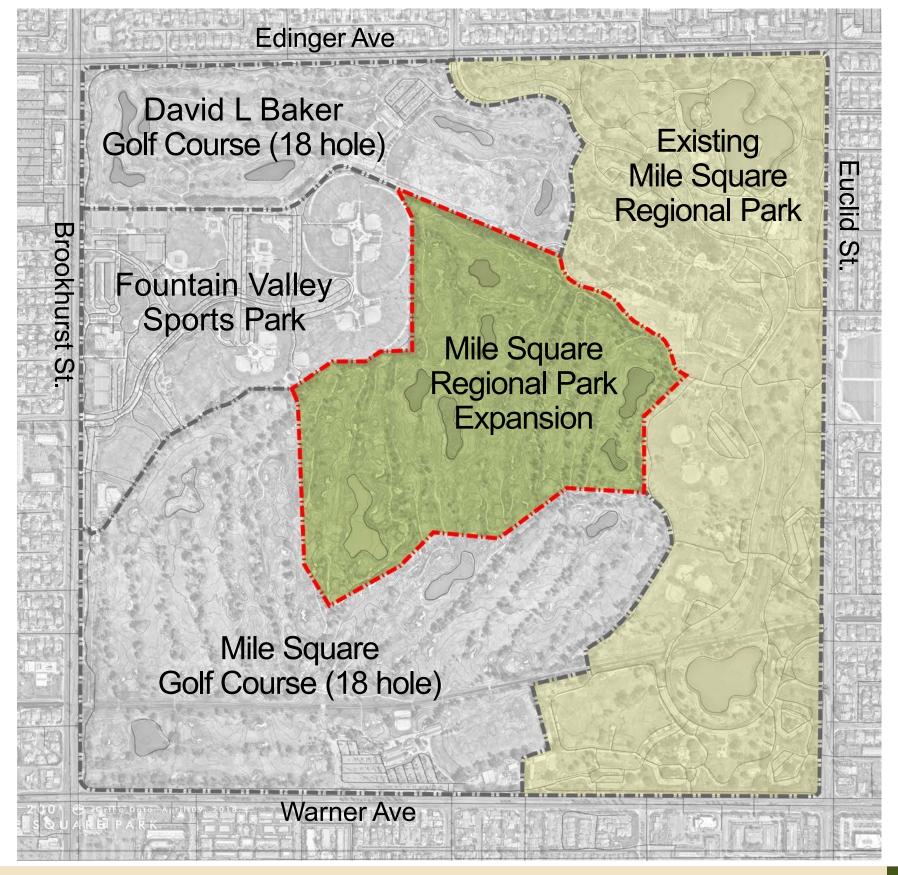








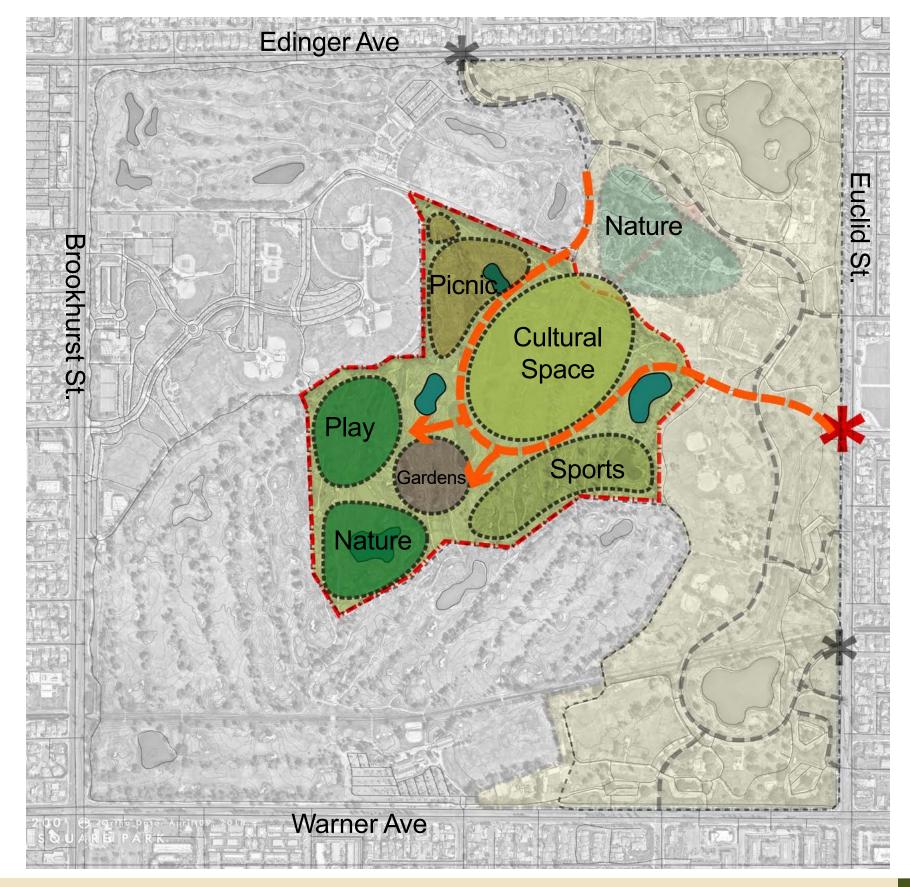
#### Park Expansion







# **Concept Diagram**







# Park Entrance And Access

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Potential New Park Access Point

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**Existing Entry** 

**Proposed Circulation** 

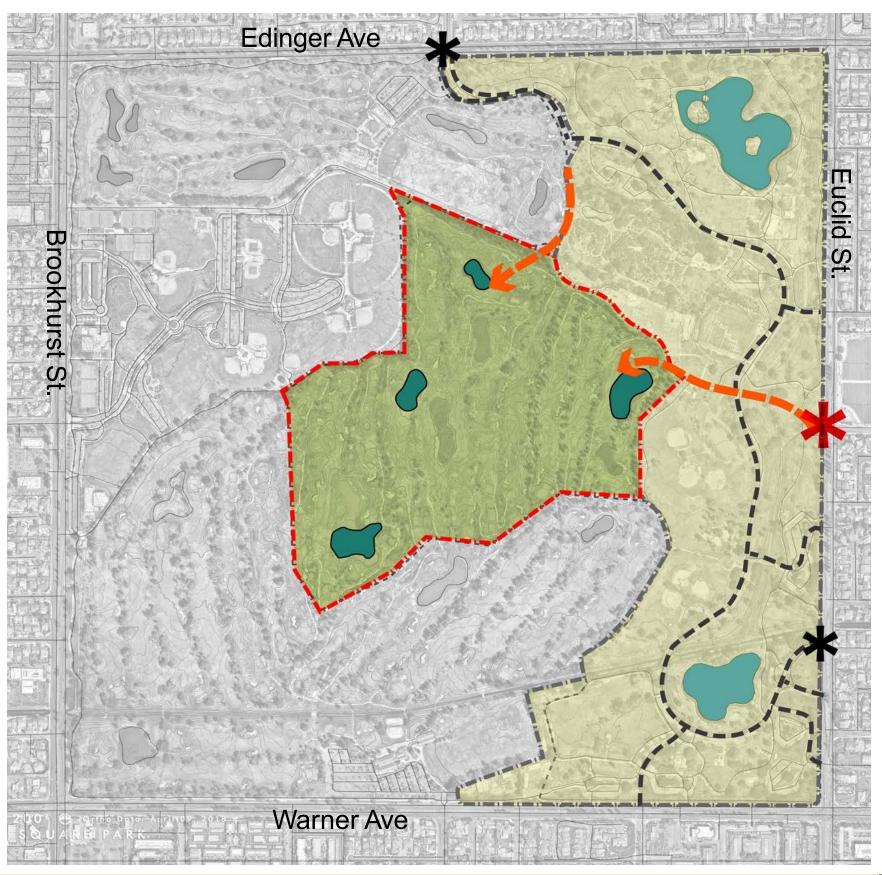
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**Existing Circulation** 













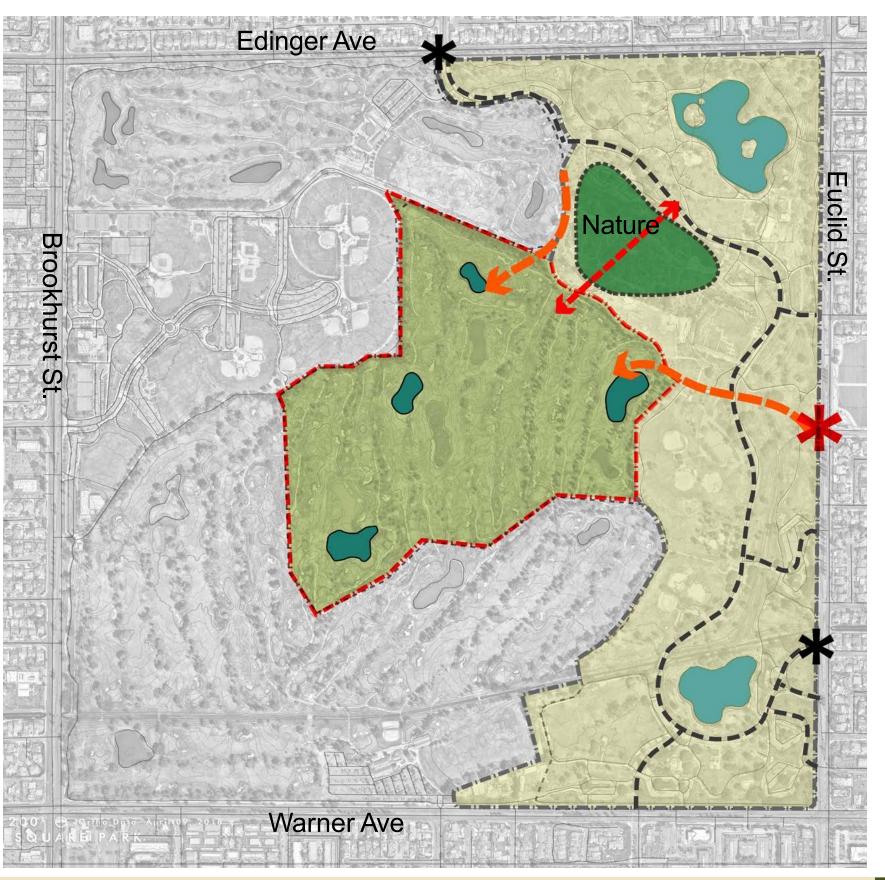
# Pedestrian Connection To Expansion















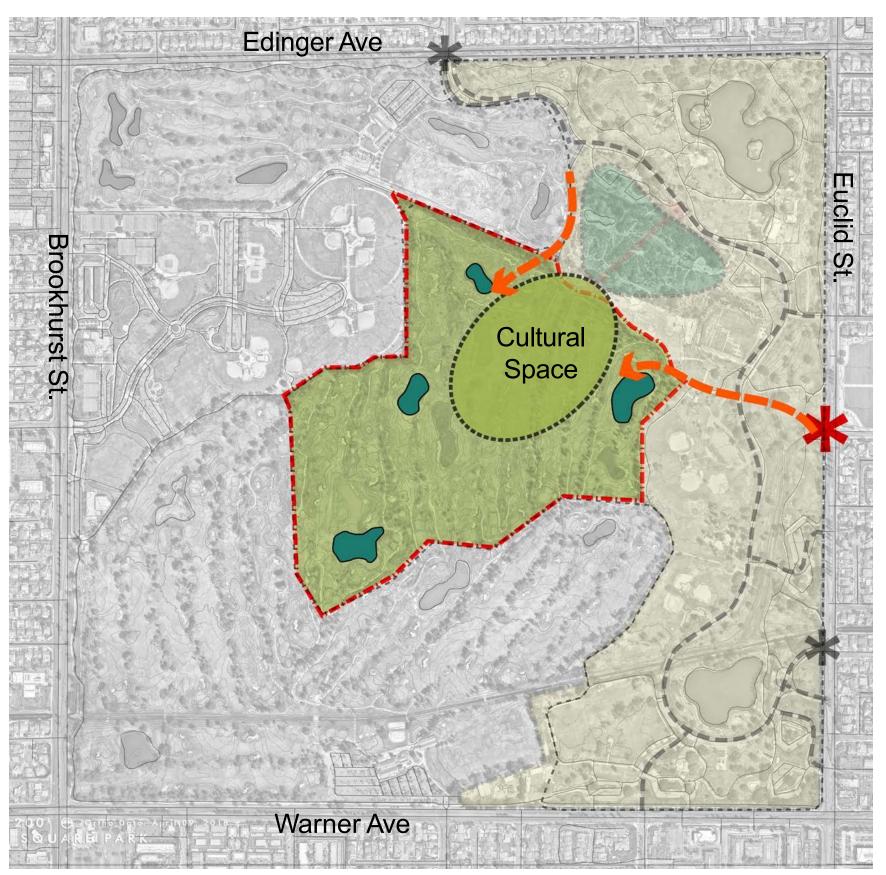
# **Cultural Space**











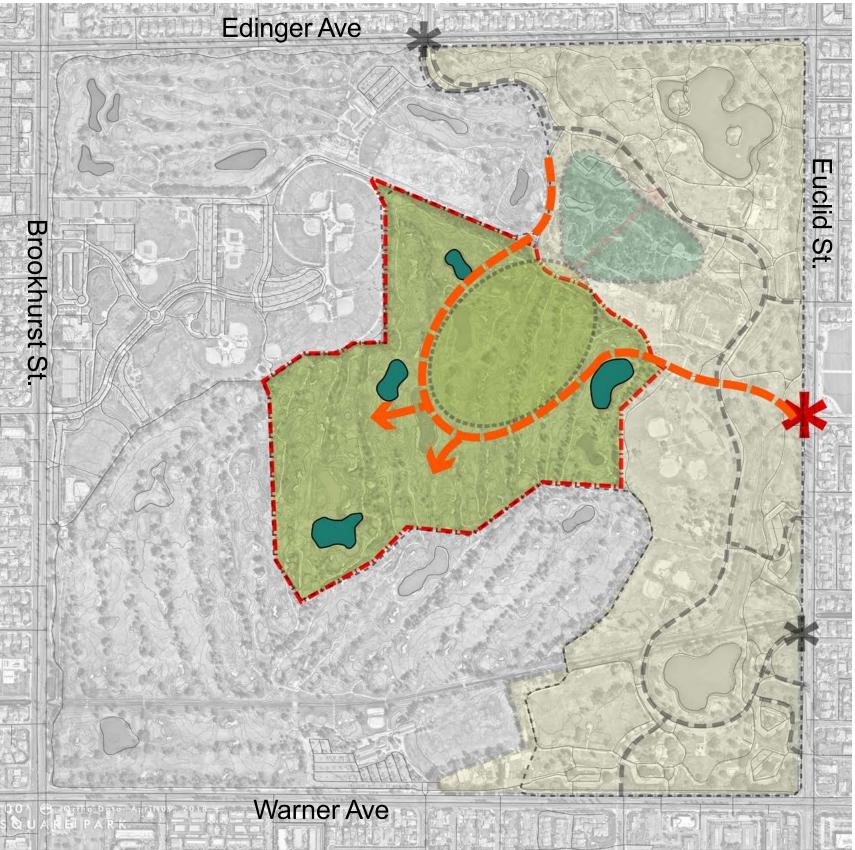




# Loop Road







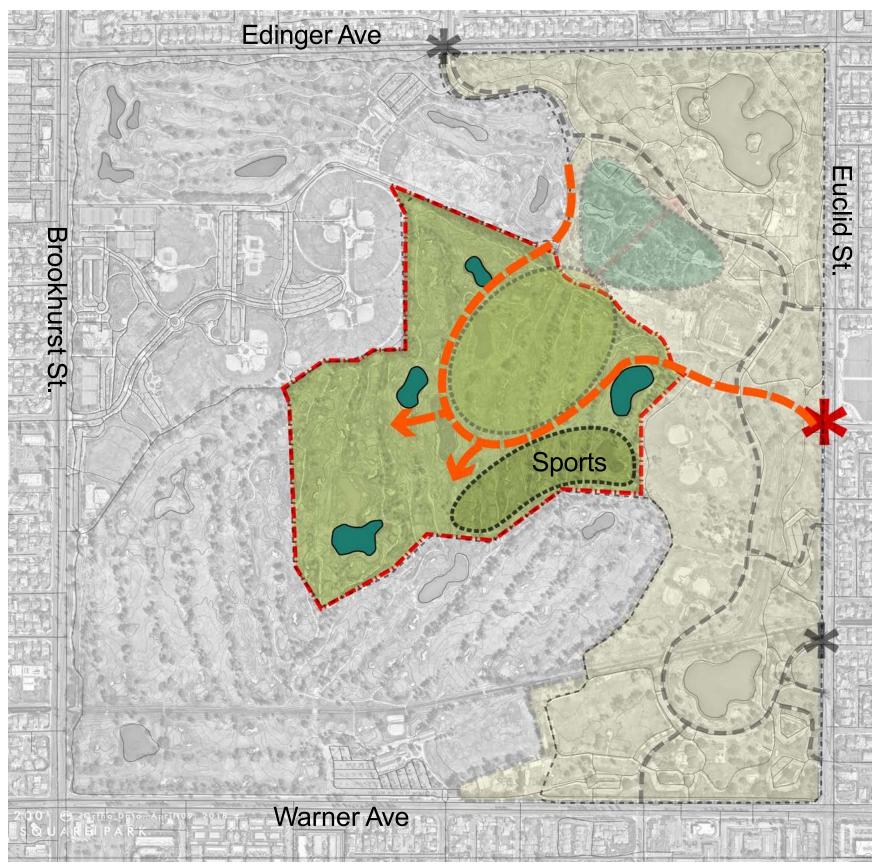




# Sports Expansion



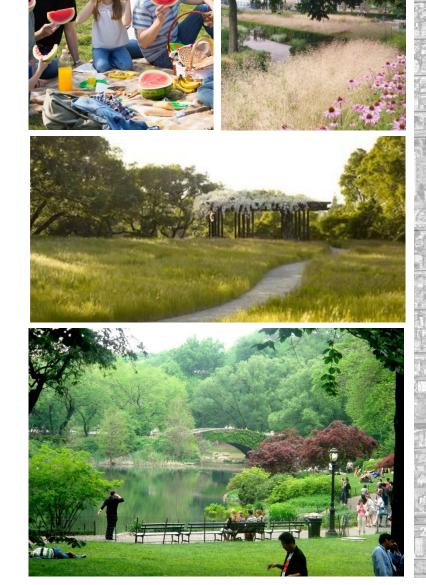








#### Picnic Area

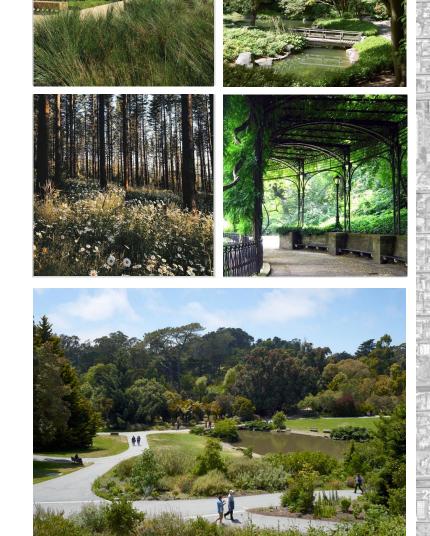


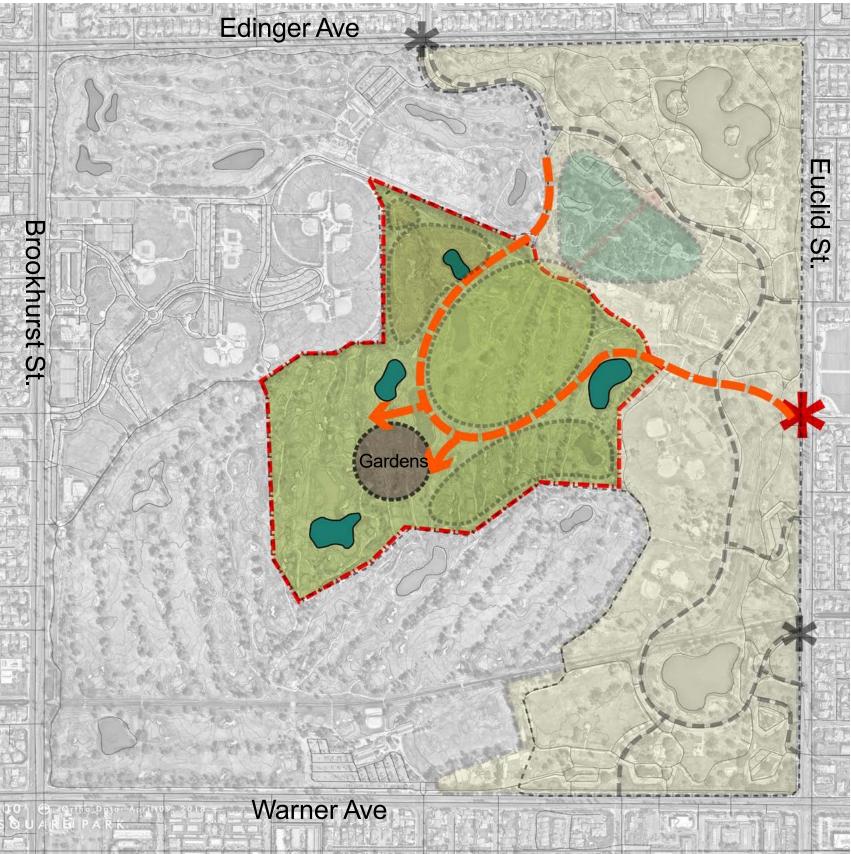






#### Gardens



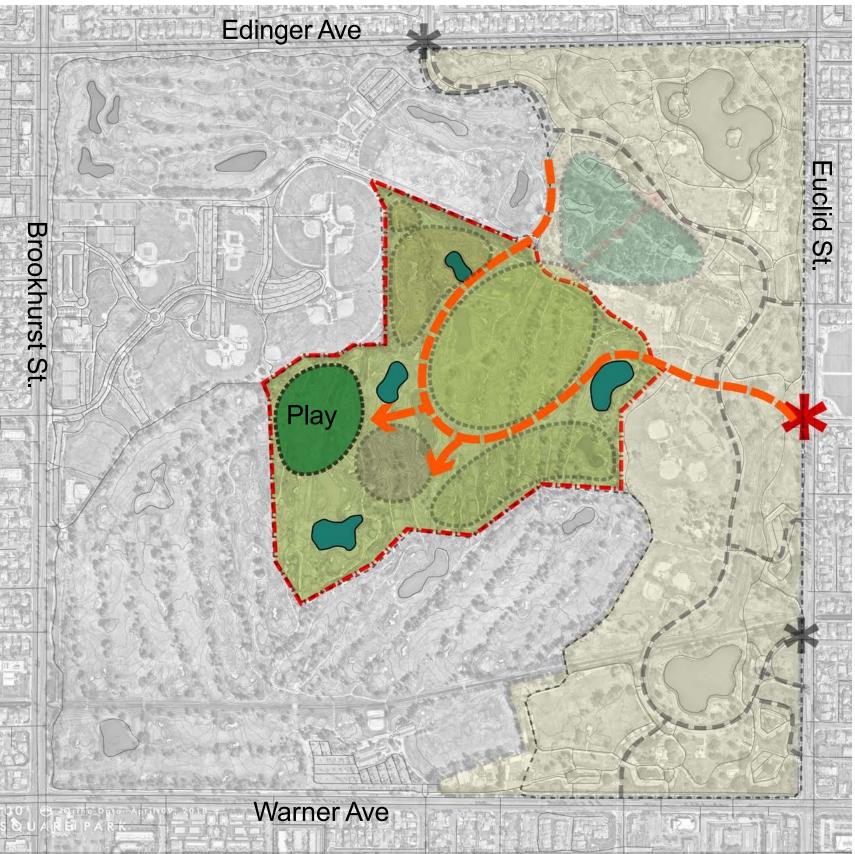






# **Nature Play**









# **Nature Discovery**















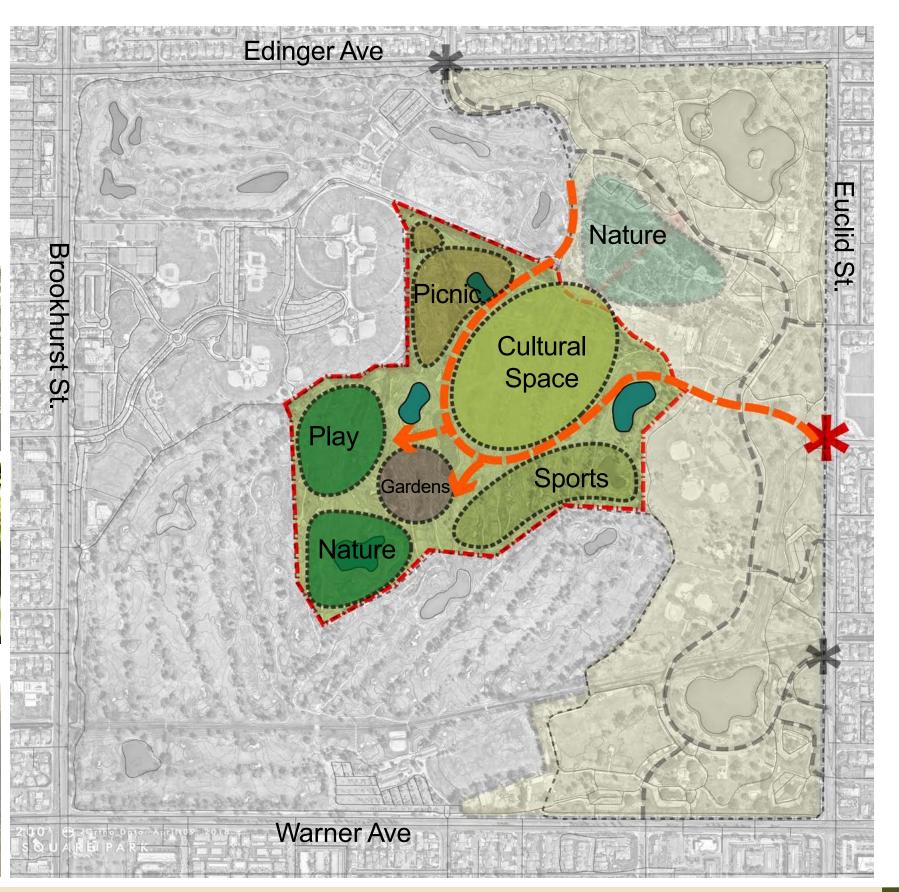
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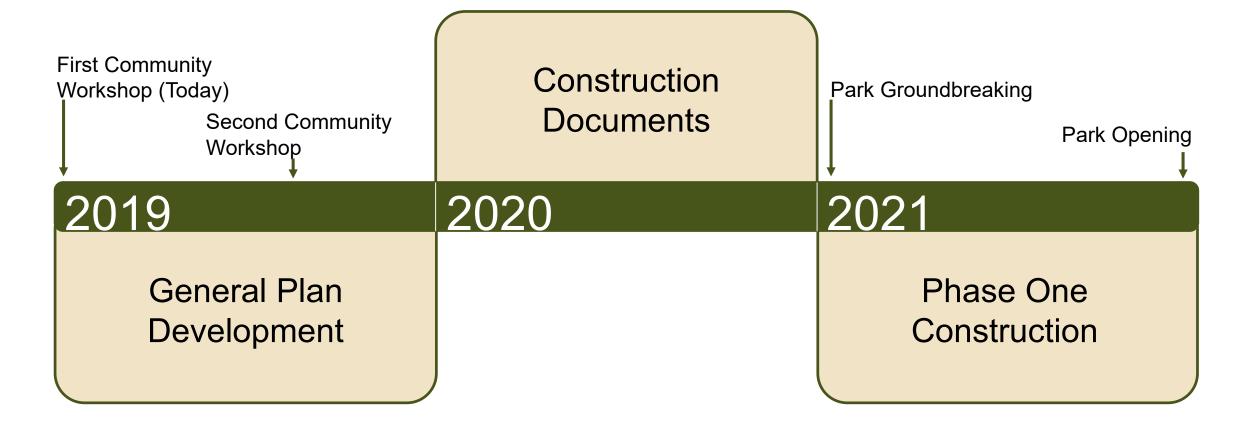






## **Next Steps**

- First Community Workshop January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- Community Input Review/ Design Revisions (3-6 Months)
- Second Community Workshop (Summer 2019)
- CEQA/EIR and Master Plan Approval (Early 2020)
- Phase 1 Plan Development (Fall 2019 Fall 2020)
- Phase 1 Ground Breaking Ceremony (Early 2021)
- Phase 1 Park Opening Day (Early 2022)







## **Input Stations**

Station 1 History / Site Analysis

Station 2 Transportation / Access

Station 3 Park Concept

Station 4 Public Comment / Survey





### Mile Square Regional Park Website



While Square Regional Park Home
 History
 Park Rules
 Park Amenities
 Park Amenities

Events & Programs
 Archery Range

» News

» Interactive Map

POPULAR RESOURCES Please help us plan the expansion of Mile Square Regional Park!

The County of Orange, OC Parks is seeking public input to help plan and design the 93-acre expansion to the regional park. Provide your thoughts on what you would like to see in the park addition.

#### Save the Date-- Upcoming Community Meeting

#### Postcard Invitation

Date: Wednesday, January 16, 2019

Time: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Location: Freedom Hall, Mile Square Regional Park

For more information, please email milesquareexpansion@ocparks.com, or call (714) 973-6865.





#### THANK YOU

**Project Information** 

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