

Green Areas, Recreation, & the Environment

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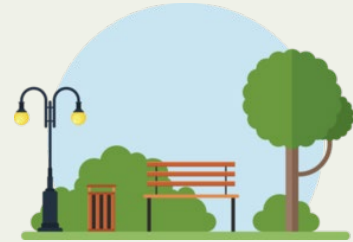
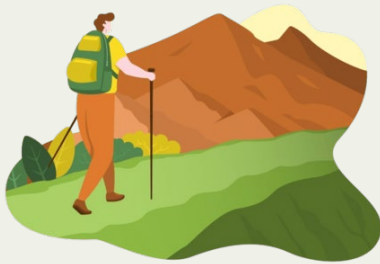
Issue

Atascadero has much unused green spaces that could be used more efficiently.



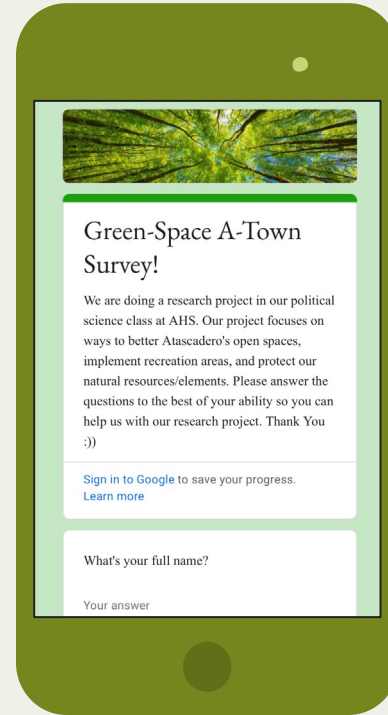


What Can We Turn These Green Spaces Into?



Public Outreach

Through 2 google forms and
40+ responses, we gathered
info. regarding our issue!



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Does ~~A~~town have enough open/ green space?

No! (90%)

"Yes and no. There's the sunken gardens but a lot of the big parks are away from downtown"

"No, I feel that Sunken Gardens is the only downtown area where there is a green space."

"No. More parks is better for everyone."

"Atascadero has plenty of green spaces, but those should be preserved if the city grows."

2. How could Atascadero improve the open spaces/green areas that they already have?

"We need more walking/hiking trails."

"More beneficial vegetation such as butterfly friendly plants like milkweed, and flowers to attract and encourage bee populations."

"Cleaning them more and adding in more varieties of plants."

"Open more, make more accessible."

3.

Where should these areas be built?

"I feel Dove Creek would be a nice area to build a new area - it is on the outskirts of town and is more peaceful there for sure. Maybe head a bit away from the highway though.."

"Near middle school."

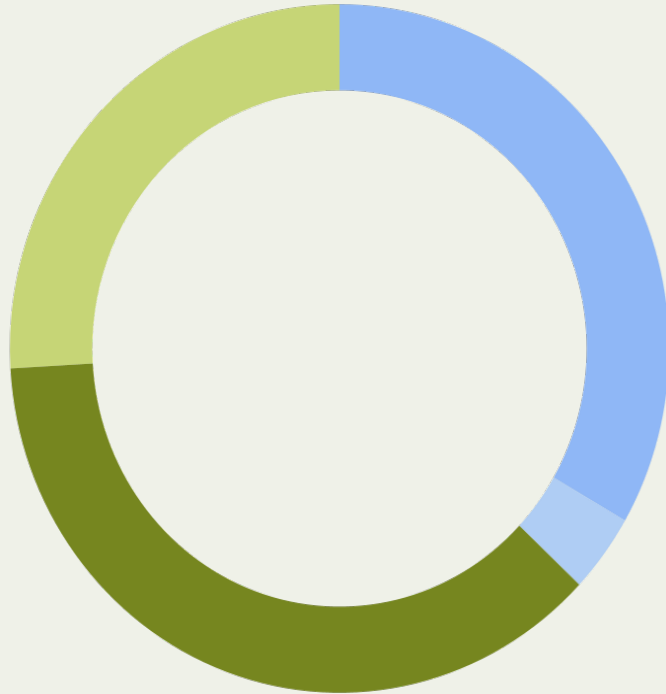
"Implementation of green space in low income housing projects."

"Dove Creek, apartment complexes, and schools."



Our Results

What do the people want?!



37%



Hiking Paths

4%



Other

26%



Sports
Fields/
Courts

33%



Parks/
Playgrounds

Obstacles

Some issues to consider when working with green spaces

- **Natural environment**

It is important to make sure that the ecosystem of the area is protected and that any plants removed or brought in don't cause issues with the natural wildlife

- **Accessibility**

The space should be usable by anyone who wants to and proper accommodations need to be made

- **Previous uses**

Just because space looks empty doesn't mean no one was using it. It's best for everyone if compromises can be made to work with or around previous activity

- **Safety**

Looking cool and being fun isn't the only thing to consider when you need something to do. It also needs to be a safe space that you can enjoy without worry

Research

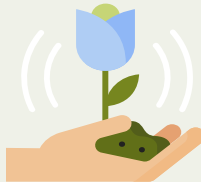
Why?



- Industrialization, new housing complexes, & no public pressure

Complicated? Yes!

- Ensure that existing green areas are protected,
- Don't disrupt habitats/citizens.



Who?

- Parents w/ children, teens, pet owners, & most citizens

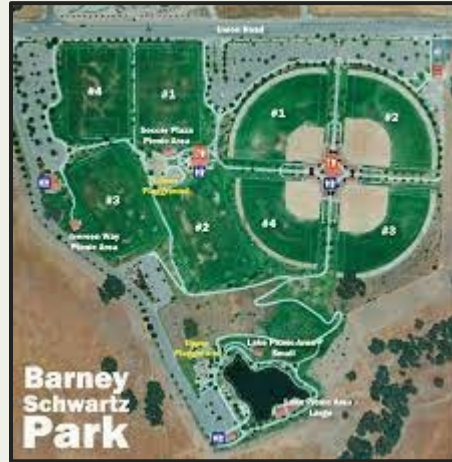


Other notes?

- Use other towns as inspiration
- Listen to variety of voices
- \$ → fundraising opportunities, donations, public outreach, etc



Barney Schwartz Park



Paso Robles



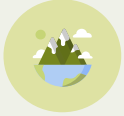
Solution

Add new recreational areas!

- >bring excitement to Atascadero
- >draw in more younger families to strengthen our community for the future



Our Recommendations



Utilize unused, open areas (near dove creek, etc)



Take care of the spaces we already have (get AHS clubs involved, gatherings, etc)



Create areas near downtown



Input activities throughout spaces



THANKS for
listening!

