

General Comments

- Policy: Add mileage/location markers fro public safety calls/response.
- Policy: Don't plant non-natives
- Policy: No thorns (roses) or poisonous plants (oleanders) within 5 feet of bike paths
- Policy: Don't allow adjoining homeowners to plant within greenbelts (See previous)
- Create unique identifiable nature areas highlighting specific plants/features
- Put in dirt (or something similar) running paths along bike paths. The asphalt is really hard on runner's knees, etc., and having a separate path will reduce bike/pedestrian accidents.
- Include rest areas with easy to find drinking water fountains
- Plan for, identify and locate potential connection points to future development areas (Covell, west of hospital, etc.)
- Policy for paths: center line, Separate ped path if possible, signage: ride right, walk left.
- Greenbelts with less maintenance
- Implement an Integrated Pest Management plan so that users of greenbelts (and maintenance workers) are not exposed to chemicals
- Greenbelts with open play areas – path now splits them in half and grass areas sometimes are not useable for recreation
- Add more basketball courts.
- Add more baseball courts to play baseball in
- Add more dog areas that are fenced – this would prevent loose dogs from deciding to chase bikers/runners. Some locations: Civic Center park, West Davis, etc.
- Keep following the dark sky ordinance – it allows safety for users but keeps our skies accessible and stars visible
- There is way too much watering of the grass greenbelts, especially North Davis. We walk most nights and call the rainbirds spraying the pathways “the gauntlet” We can conserve water, make paths more usable in the evenings and have grass that is not sopping wet. It would control weeds as well.
- Plant more trees along greenbelts and shrubs under trees.
- More police patrols
- Cemetary wishes to consider bike/pedestrian path through its property:
 - Davis Cemetery Natural Area Destination
 - 59 species of birds
 - 200+ variety of trees
 - 200+ perennials/grasses
 - We are looking to encourage passive recreation to our grounds by the public.

Email Comments:

Include "Entertainment" section that focuses on visitor attraction and increased use by residents of the bike system.

- Strategies:
 - Expand on the bike loop idea with additional "theme rides". Individual loops or combinations:
 - Campus (Mondovi, museums, etc)
 - City Museums, art galleries, bike museum
 - shopping
 - restaurants
 - wildlife viewing
 - Educational (explorit, Yolo Basin Foundation, etc.)
 - City Parks & attractions in them
 - Farmers market
 - Ag Buffers
 - Sustainability features (e.g. Village Homes, PVUSA, etc.)
 - Golfing (wildhorse can be reached by bike)
 - Events (picnic day, whole earth, 4th of july, etc.)
- How is plan integrated with the new campus bike plan?
- Include specific measures and metrics for measuring success on reaching the 25% goal.
- ID specific system improvements (e.g. connections, traffic flow improvements, etc.)

"Of course we love the greenbelts and bike paths – that’s one of the reasons we moved back here. I think that any additions to the system should focus on connecting segments of the existing system. There are some wonderful greenbelts & bike paths that should be connected – i.e. The paths behind Mono Place and Albany Ave. are not connected I’m sure that there are also other short connecting segments could go a long way..."

"As outgoing president of the Fly Fishers of Davis, I'd like to see a facility in Davis that could be used for fly casting instruction and practice. Our club has 126 members currently, and there are many more fly fishers in Davis that are not members. Our club currently offers fly fishing instruction, including casting lessons, to members and guests but we can only do so on the grass. We would really like to have a casting pond to use so that the instruction is more relevant to the actual practice of fly fishing. Casting is much different when the fly line is on water to start than when it's on grass. Our club can offer a modest amount of funding, and we are willing to commit to teaching lessons through the Recreation and Parks Department."

"I've got a well thought out suggestion for improvement. Let's try to stop spending money on an already great park and greenbelt system, other than maintenance. Let's stop replacing perfectly good playground equipment, building new bike paths, rerouting old ones, etc. and then asking taxpayers to pay for it. Let's just take care of what we already have. Don't get me wrong. I love the greenbelt and parks, and so do my kids. But it's time to tighten belts for a while."

“We'd like to share some ideas on behalf of The Friends of West Pond. We represent a group of people who live near or like to visit West Pond and its greenbelt. We share information with 92 people on an email list and have a daviswiki site at: http://daviswiki.org/Friends_of_West_Pond.

“We have a few suggestions:

1. Encourage neighbors at each greenbelt in Davis to join an email network, start a web site, or find another way to organize a support group.
2. Organize greenbelt cleanup days once or twice a year. Permission to enter certain areas, an announcement, and simple preparations are all that's needed. Neighbors and families can meet on the Greenbelt or inside a usually enclosed Pond area. It becomes an adventure and a treasure hunt, not just a chore.
3. Start some garden projects. Our Butterfly & Hummingbird Garden at West Pond is two years old and thriving. We'll be soon be submitting a plan to the City to replant another area with native plants. We also hope to get Parks Dept. approval to build a path that offers a view of the Pond just beyond the Garden.
4. We think a tribute to Julie Partansky with a new garden at Northstar is a great idea, and we plan to help make it grow. She was also a Friend of West Pond.
5. Birdwatching and nature study: Birdwatching strolls are easy to organize.
6. Simply set a date, and people will come. We'd be happy to lead walks and coordinate checklists of birds and butterflies on the greenbelts in Davis. You can email us for a free copy of bird and butterfly checklists for West Pond at jeryan1@comcast.net
7. Adequate access: There is a suggestion to extend the greenbelt around the north end of West Pond and connect to Lake Blvd. The carwash and gas station aren't very nice to pass by, but you'd get closer looks at the riparian corner of the Pond. Wood ducks use nest boxes there and raise their young in that area, and other critters find shelter there, too.
8. Amenities: More benches. Everybody uses them, and the City should encourage donations to install them on every greenbelt. We plan to donate one ourselves. Public art is wonderful too. The mosaic pieces that Donna Billick has designed over the years are a joy to see every day.
9. Signage: Greenbelts are great places for people and dogs to get exercise.
10. Most people are very conscientious about cleaning up after their dogs, and the signs are good reminders. Maybe dogs would be even more welcome if a doggie plastic bag dispenser could be installed at each greenbelt. We've been told that there's a dog-owners group trying to get these dispensers, and we support the idea. Another example of good signage are the three signs that John McNerney recently installed on the fence surrounding West Pond. John attached them right where we had seen people going inside the fence without authorization. The signs say "DO NOT ENTER SENSITIVE HABITAT AREA" and show the relevant municipal code. We are very grateful to have these signs in place.

“Finally, we are grateful for the cooperation that the Friends of West Pond has received from the Parks and Public Works Departments. Vandalism is an issue at all greenbelts, as you know. Replacement of burned fencing has happened with the support from the Aspen developers, Randy and Lynne Yackzan, and graffiti gets quick attention from Bob Stephenson of the Parks Dept.

“Our reports to the Davis Police Dept. have been addressed fairly quickly. A Police car on a greenbelt path is not a pleasant sight. We'd rather see police riding on two wheels on all the greenbelts in a random schedule. What great exercise it would be for a car-bound officer!

“West Pond received special recognition on Earth Day in April 1990. And around then, a small group of neighbors joined together as The Friends of West Pond. We first visited the greenbelt and West Pond that year and decided we had to move to the Aspen development just to be near it. It's why we live where we live.”

“I am sorry to miss this Thursday's greenbelt meeting but I did want to ask the City and Unitrans to provide more trash containers along our greenbelts and at bus stops. For some reason, my civic duty entails picking up other people's trash on all of my east and south Davis walks -- probably because the trash cans are so few and far between.

“Also recycling containers. I pick up plastic bottles and face the choice of carrying them home or placing them in a trash can.”

“I really like the greenbelts for walking but thinks it is irresponsible for the lights to be on in the daylight and irrigation water on the path/street or running when it is raining out.”

“What problems do I see with the current greenbelt infrastructure?

“The problems I see deal, primarily, with continued maintenance and repair of current parts of the Northstar perimeter bike path, specially:

1. Repair the asphalt perimeter bike path in the Northstar development;
2. Repair concrete bike-path in the Senda Nueva development;
3. Remove trees and/or roots that are buckling the bike path;
4. Plant more appropriate trees and other plants on the bike path, especially those trees that are close the path -not eucalyptus and other large trees that buckle the path, and drop branches, bark and other debris on the path;
5. Replant those parts of the Northstar perimeter bike path that the City of Davis contractor removed or cut back so severely that they died;
6. Remove trees and shrubs planted next to the light poles on the Northstar perimeter bike path that block light;

7. Require the City of Davis contractor to empty trashcans on the bike path once a week rather than once every three months; and
8. Reposition some of the benches and, in the future, place benches on the bike path, that presents views to gaze upon.

 “I want the City to work with the Cemetery District to develop a bike pathway through the District's property and the eastern property so that the bike path by Koramatzu Elementary can continue as far west as possible.”

Foot Access

Sector	Area Name	Foot access to trees and water	Comment
North	Channel A (North Perimeter)	Partial Access	Improve public access south of Sycamore to Marketplace shopping center
North	Northstar Ponds	Partial Access	Boardwalk will soon need refurbishing
South	Old North Fork Putah Creek	Partial Access	Make full
West	Stonegate Basin	No access	Provide!
West	West Area Ponds	Partial Access	Provide access along north side, all along bike/pool path, connecting Lake Blvd with trail on east side.

Bike Access

Sector	Area Name	Access point	Needs for improving bike access
South	Old N Fork Putah Creek	Da Vinci Court	Need better connection to I-80 underpass
South	Old N Fork Putah Creek	Valdora Street	Need better access to Mace

Natural Conditions

Northstar Ponds:	Pond gets scummy in summer when aeration sprinklers are off. Sometimes so bad the birds cluster in small open areas.
Comment:	There should be educational signage when there is a demonstration plot/garden so that users understand what it is instead of calling the City to complain of brown areas when it is actually a native plant demo plot.
Comment:	Put signage to identify tree & shrub species.