

PARKS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The City's parks are vital to maintaining the quality of life in Sonoma. Parks contribute to the health of our citizens, and the economic and environmental well-being of our community. Daily maintenance of our urban parks is provided by City staff and a landscape contractor that performs mowing and trimming in neighborhood parks. The Sonoma Overlook Trail Stewards and the Sonoma Ecology Center care for the City's natural open space parks. Park needs that exceed the capacity of City and contract workers are included in this Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

In June 2018, Proposition 68: California Parks, Environment, and Water Bond (Prop 68) was passed and has become a new revenue source for parks related projects. The City is expected to receive \$177,952 in a one-time grant. The revenue will be allocated by the State.

In November 2018, Sonoma County voters approved Measure M, a one-eighth cent sales tax that supports Sonoma County's regional and city parks. In FY 2021/22, it is estimated that the City will receive \$141,113.

Quimby Act funding (described separately in the budget documents) is recommended for rehabilitating existing parks and recreational facilities that serve proposed subdivisions.

FISCAL YEAR 2019-20 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Worked cooperatively with the Sonoma Overlook Trail Stewards volunteer group and the Sonoma Ecology Center to complete construction of a maintenance and rehabilitation project along the Sonoma Overlook Trail.
- Completed product selection and design of new recycling/waste receptacles for Plaza Park.

FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Worked cooperatively with the Sonoma Overlook Trail Stewards volunteer group and the Sonoma Ecology Center to add monument signs at unsigned entrances to Sonoma Overlook Trail and Montini Preserve trails.
- Completed feasibility report for Montini Trail Connection.

FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 GOALS:

- Initiate construction of Depot Park Enhancements project and Plaza Park Enhancement project. Plaza Park will use Parks Prop 68 Per Capita Funds and Depot Park will use Parks Measure M Funds.
- Continue developing concept plan for loop trail connection on Montini Preserve.
- Improve Pinelli Park and Olsen Park using Quimby Act funds from recent subdivisions.

CHALLENGES:

Building community consensus regarding appropriate park investments is a challenge, and this CIP includes critical plan development as a tool for successful implementation of park enhancement ideas. Funding of park projects also continues to be a challenge, as park projects are generally funded by the City's limited General Fund. With the passage of Prop 68 and Sonoma County Parks Measure M, and the availability of Quimby funding from subdivision developments, the City will be able to fund more parks related projects.

PARKS: Making Life Better

CIP #	Capital Budget by Project	Estimated Cumulative Prior Expenditures	Estimated 2020-21 Carryover	Requested Funding 2021-22	Anticipated Request 2022-23	Anticipated Request 2023-24	Anticipated Request 2024-25	Anticipated Request 2025-26	5-year Total	Notes
P-2	Neighborhood Parks Reinvestment & Maintenance Plan Parks Measure M		\$15,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$120,000	
	SUBTOTAL	N/A	\$25,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$120,000	
P-6	Montiel Trail Connection & Enhancement Project Quinby Act Unfunded (Possibly Funded with Other Grant Funds)	\$9,994	\$190,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	SUBTOTAL	\$9,994	\$190,000	\$0	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200,000	
P-7	PineBl Park Improvement Project Quinby Act	\$0	\$0	\$12,755	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$12,755	
	SUBTOTAL		\$0	\$12,755	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$12,755	
P-8	Olsen Park Improvement Project Quinby Act	\$0	\$0	\$80,166	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$80,166	
	SUBTOTAL		\$0	\$80,166	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$80,166	
P-9	Depot Park Enhancements Project Parks Measure M	\$0	\$0	\$193,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$193,000	
	SUBTOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$193,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$193,000	
P-10	Plaza Park Enhancements Project Parks Measure M Proposition 68: California Parks, Environment, & Water Bond	\$0	\$60,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	SUBTOTAL	\$0	\$177,952	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
P-11	Plaza & Depot Parks Connectivity Plan General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	TBD	TBD	TBD	\$10,000	
	SUBTOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	
	TOTAL		\$452,958	\$305,921	\$250,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$613,166	

Project Name: Neighborhood Parks Reinvestment & Upgrade Plan
CIP Number: P-2

Project Description: The Neighborhood Parks Reinvestment & Upgrade Plan (project) will provide quality of life improvements in the City’s nine neighborhood parks. This will be accomplished through a combination of community engagement in the local parks and upgraded equipment to meet current needs in the parks.

The City’s neighborhood parks get extensive use by the local community. Park facilities are showing that use and will benefit from a needs assessment and implementation of plans to address the needs at each park. This project is a start to providing resources to review and improve all the City’s neighborhood parks over the next five years.

The City will begin this process by assessing the needs of the parks. Some parks require maintenance upgrades that are not visible. Major projects in neighborhood parks (e.g., playground replacement) will be presented as separate Capital Improvement Program projects.



Project Contact: TBD, Parks Supervisor
Estimated Initiation: Fall 2021
Estimated Cumulative Prior Expenditures: N/A
Estimated 2020-21 Carryover: \$25,000
Total Project Funding: Ongoing

Funding Source	Requested Funding 2021-22	Anticipated Request 2022-23	Anticipated Request 2023-24	Anticipated Request 2024-25	Anticipated Request 2025-26	5-year Total
Parks Measure M	\$0	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$120,000
Total	\$0	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$120,000

Project Name: Montini Trail Connection & Enhancement Project

CIP Number: P-6

Project Description: A new connection trail and enhancement of existing trails on the Montini Preserve will enhance the experience of hikers on the preserve and address a non-compliance issue.

The 98 acre Montini Preserve was transferred from the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District (SCAPOS) to the City of Sonoma in 2014. The property features oak woodlands, grassland, and comprises the scenic backdrop to the City. A trail system was constructed prior to the transfer. One of the trails ends at Two Goat Point, with a lovely view of Sonoma Valley. Many hikers take an informal trail from the vista point to Holstein Hill trail. This informal trail brings hikers too close to the private property west of the Montini Preserve, in violation of the transfer agreement between the SCAPOS and the City.

In Fiscal Year 2020-21, project work included preparation of a feasibility report including analysis of alignment alternatives, cost estimates, environmental and regulatory requirements and preferred trail alignment. Next steps include public outreach, CEQA, permitting, and potential grant applications for construction funding for a new connection trail between Two Goat Point and Holstein Hill Trail.



Project Contact: TBD, Parks Supervisor

Estimated Construction: Summer/Fall 2023

Estimated Cumulative Prior Expenditures: \$9,994

Estimated 2020-21 Carryover: \$190,006

Total Project Funding: \$400,000

Funding Source	Requested Funding 2021-22	Anticipated Request 2022-23	Anticipated Request 2023-24	Anticipated Request 2024-25	Anticipated Request 2025-26	5-year Total
Quimby Act	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Unfunded (Possibly Funded with Grant Funds)	\$0	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200,000
Total	\$0	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200,000

Project Name: Pinelli Park Improvement Project
CIP Number: P-7

Project Description: Pinelli Park is a 0.5 acre park located on France Street at Fourth Street East. The park includes vegetation, picnic tables and a play structure. Quimby Act funds are available for rehabilitation of Pinelli Park due to a small subdivision in proximity to this park. The Quimby Act funds are required to be committed by 2025 and must be used for rehabilitation of park and recreational facilities. Quimby Act funds cannot be used for operation and maintenance of park facilities.

City staff will evaluate Pinelli Park and prioritize rehabilitation improvements to implement with the Quimby Act funds.



Project Contact: TBD, Parks Supervisor
Estimated Initiation: Summer 2022
Estimated Cumulative Prior Expenditures: N/A
Estimated 2020-21 Carryover: N/A
Total Project Funding: \$32,755

Funding Source	Requested Funding 2021-22	Anticipated Request 2022-23	Anticipated Request 2023-24	Anticipated Request 2024-25	Anticipated Request 2025-26	5-year Total
Quimby Act	\$32,755	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$32,755
Total	\$32,755	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$32,755

Project Name: Olsen Park Improvement Project
CIP Number: P-8

Project Description: Olsen Park is a 2 acre park located on Linda Drive in northwestern Sonoma. The park includes vegetation, a basketball court, picnic tables and a play structure. Quimby Act funds are available for rehabilitation of Olsen Park due to a small subdivision in proximity to this park. The Quimby Act funds are required to be committed by 2026 and must be used for rehabilitation of park and recreational facilities. Quimby Act funds cannot be used for operation and maintenance of park facilities.

City staff will evaluate Olsen Park and prioritize rehabilitation improvements to implement with the Quimby Act funds.



Project Contact: TBD, Parks Supervisor

Estimated Initiation: Summer 2022

Estimated Cumulative Prior Expenditures: N/A

Estimated 2020-21 Carryover: N/A

Total Project Funding: \$80,166

Funding Source	Requested Funding 2021-22	Anticipated Request 2022-23	Anticipated Request 2023-24	Anticipated Request 2024-25	Anticipated Request 2025-26	5-year Total
Quimby Act	\$80,166	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$80,166
Total	\$80,166	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$80,166

Project Name: Depot Park Enhancements Project
CIP Number: P-9

Project Description: The Depot Park is a 4.6 acre park that is only a block from the Historic Sonoma Plaza. The park is located adjacent to a scenic Bike Path that runs through town. The current amenities include: Picnic Tables, Barbeque Area, Children’s Playground, Volleyball Courts, Bocce Ball and Petanque Courts, a Museum and Public Restrooms. Depot Park is located next to Arnold Field, home of the Sonoma Stompers baseball team. The popular Sonoma Valley Certified Farmers Market takes place year-round on Friday mornings in the Arnold Field parking lot. The Depot Park Enhancements Project includes improvements to the bathrooms, adding two water bottle filling stations, bike parking, trash/recycling receptacles and wayfinding signage connecting all the outdoor spaces. Restroom improvements include interior and exterior painting, new doors, additional lighting and ADA accessibility. Landscape and drainage enhancements (bioretention areas) will remove pollutants in storm water runoff, protect creeks, and promote groundwater infiltration. On March 10, 2021, the Community Services and Environment Commission recommended this project for Measure M “Parks for All” funding in the FY21/22 budget process. “Parks for All” Measure M is a one-eighth-cent sales tax to support county and city parks for 10 years.



Project Contact: Lisa Janson, Senior Management Analyst

Estimated Initiation: 2021-22

Estimated Cumulative Prior Expenditures: N/A

Estimated 2020-21 Carryover: N/A

Total Project Funding: \$193,000

Funding Source	Requested Funding 2021-22	Anticipated Request 2022-23	Anticipated Request 2023-24	Anticipated Request 2024-25	Anticipated Request 2025-26	5-year Total
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Parks for All Measure M	\$193,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$193,000
Total	\$193,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$193,000

Project Name: Plaza Park Enhancements Project
CIP Number: P-10

Project Description: The Plaza is the heart of Sonoma, a very popular 8-acre park with national historic landmark status. Proposed enhancements at the Plaza may include new water bottle filling stations, trash/recycling receptacles, bicycle parking, temporary art installation/picnic table pads, and park rules signage at entrances (since signs will no longer be on trash receptacles). On October 19, 2019, the City Council authorized the City Manager to apply for California Proposition 68 Per Capita Grant Funds to fund elements of the Plaza & Depot Parks Enhancement & Connectivity Project. Those elements are now the Plaza Park Enhancements Project. The City is eligible to receive \$177,952 of Prop. 68 Per Capita funds. The Prop. 68 Per Capita funds require a 20% match of local funds. In Fiscal Year 2019-20, the City Council allocated the Prop. 68 Per Capita funds to this project. In Fiscal Year 2020-21, the City Council allocated \$60,000 of Parks Measure M Funds to meet the match requirement and provide additional funding for the project. The Prop. 68 timeline requires submittal of the grant application package by December 2021, contract execution by June 2022, project completion by December 2023, and submittal of the completion package by March 2024.



Project Contact: Lisa Janson, Senior Management Analyst

Estimated Initiation: 2021-22

Estimated Cumulative Prior Expenditures: N/A

Estimated 2020-21 Carryover: \$237,952

Total Project Funding: \$237,952

Funding Source	Requested Funding 2021-22	Anticipated Request 2022-23	Anticipated Request 2023-24	Anticipated Request 2024-25	Anticipated Request 2025-26	5-year Total
Parks Measure M	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Proposition 68: CA Parks, Environment, & Water Bond	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Project Name: Plaza & Depot Parks Connectivity Plan
CIP Number: P-11

Project Description: The Plaza is the heart of Sonoma, a very popular 8-acre park with national historic landmark status. The 4.6-acre Depot Park is also enjoyed by many, including train museum visitors and people passing through on the Sonoma City Trail. The two parks are approximately 820 feet apart, separated by a mix of newer and historical buildings, including historic structures at the Sonoma State Historic Park. The Plaza & Depot Parks Enhancement & Connectivity Plan would review, assess, and provide recommendations for improvements and connectivity between the Plaza Park and Depot Park.

The connectivity assessment would include crossing Spain Street and the Casa Grande Parking Lot. It would reference a Downtown Parking Study that is proposed for development. Coordination with State Parks would be essential, as much of the off-street walking route between Plaza and Depot Parks is on State Park property.

If funded, the Plaza & Depot Parks Connectivity Plan could be implemented in Fiscal Year 2023-24.



Project Contact: To be determined (TBD)

Estimated Initiation: Spring 2023

Estimated Cumulative Prior Expenditures: N/A

Estimated 2020-21 Carryover: N/A

Total Project Funding: Ongoing

Funding Source	Requested Funding 2021-22	Anticipated Request 2022-23	Anticipated Request 2023-24	Anticipated Request 2024-25	Anticipated Request 2025-26	5-year Total
General Fund	\$0	\$20,000	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Total	\$0	\$20,000	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD