



# **Existing Conditions and Resources Assessment**

**A Background Report  
for the  
Yolo County Parks & Open Space  
Master Plan**

# **Existing Conditions and Resources Assessment**

## A Background Report for the Yolo County Parks Master Plan

*Prepared for:*

County of Yolo  
Planning & Public Works Department

*Prepared by:*

Roberts, Kemp & Associates LLC  
129 C Street, Suite 7  
Davis, California 95616

and

The Dangermond Group  
2400 O Street  
Sacramento, California 95816

November 2004

(Revised Dec. 2004 & Feb. 2005)

Yolo County Parks & Open Space  
Master Plan

## **Existing Conditions and Resources Assessment Report**

### **Part I – Introduction & Overview**

---

<b>1</b>	<b>Introduction</b> .....	I-1
	1.1 Scope & Objectives	
<b>2</b>	<b>Countywide Overview</b> .....	I-2
	2.1 Parks & Recreation Resources	
	2.1.1 Land Inventory	
	2.1.2 Recreational Activity Inventory	
	2.2 Environmental Resources	
	2.2.1 Summary of Sensitive Species	
	2.2.2 Other Environmental Considerations	
	2.3 Balancing Public Uses & Resource Protection	

### **Part II – Park-Specific Assessments**

---

<b>3</b>	<b>Airport Park</b> .....	II-1
	3.1 Existing Conditions	
	3.1.1 Description	
	3.1.2 Improvements	
	3.1.3 Current Uses & Activities	
	3.1.4 Environmental Resources	
	3.2 Problems & Opportunities	
	3.3 Preliminary Recommendations	
<b>4</b>	<b>Cache Creek Canyon Regional Park</b> .....	II-4
	4.1 Existing Conditions	
	4.1.1 Description	
	4.1.2 Improvements	
	4.1.3 Current Uses & Activities	
	4.1.4 Environmental Resources	
	4.2 Problems & Opportunities	
	4.3 Preliminary Recommendations	
<b>5</b>	<b>Camp Haswell Park</b> .....	II-9
	5.1 Existing Conditions	
	5.1.1 Description	
	5.1.2 Improvements	
	5.1.3 Current Uses & Activities	
	5.1.4 Environmental Resources	

5.2	Problems & Opportunities	
5.3	Preliminary Recommendations	
<b>6</b>	<b>Capay Open Space Park</b> .....	II-12
6.1	Existing Conditions	
6.1.1	Description	
6.1.2	Improvements	
6.1.3	Current Uses & Activities	
6.1.4	Environmental Resources	
6.2	Problems & Opportunities	
6.3	Preliminary Recommendations	
<b>7</b>	<b>Clarksburg Boat Launch</b> .....	II-15
7.1	Existing Conditions	
7.1.1	Description	
7.1.2	Improvements	
7.1.3	Current Uses & Activities	
7.1.4	Environmental Resources	
7.2	Problems & Opportunities	
7.3	Preliminary Recommendations	
<b>8</b>	<b>Dunnigan Park</b> .....	II-18
8.1	Existing Conditions	
8.1.1	Description	
8.1.2	Improvements	
8.1.3	Current Uses & Activities	
8.1.4	Environmental Resources	
8.2	Problems & Opportunities	
8.3	Preliminary Recommendations	
<b>9</b>	<b>Elkhorn Regional Park</b> .....	II-19
9.1	Existing Conditions	
9.1.1	Description	
9.1.2	Improvements	
9.1.3	Current Uses & Activities	
9.1.4	Environmental Resources	
9.2	Problems & Opportunities	
9.3	Preliminary Recommendations	
<b>10</b>	<b>Esparto Community Park</b> .....	II-23
10.1	Existing Conditions	
10.1.1	Description	
10.1.2	Improvements	
10.1.3	Current Uses & Activities	
10.1.4	Environmental Resources	
10.2	Problems & Opportunities	
10.3	Preliminary Recommendations	
<b>11</b>	<b>Grasslands Regional Park</b> .....	II-25
11.1	Existing Conditions	

11.1.1	Description	
11.1.2	Improvements	
11.1.3	Current Uses & Activities	
11.1.4	Environmental Resources	
11.2	Problems & Opportunities	
11.3	Preliminary Recommendations	
<b>12</b>	<b>Helvetia Oak Grove</b>	II-29
12.1	Existing Conditions	
12.1.1	Description	
12.1.2	Improvements	
12.1.3	Current Uses & Activities	
12.1.4	Environmental Resources	
12.2	Problems & Opportunities	
12.3	Preliminary Recommendations	
<b>13</b>	<b>Knights Landing Boat Launch</b>	II-31
13.1	Existing Conditions	
13.1.1	Description	
13.1.2	Improvements	
13.1.3	Current Uses & Activities	
13.1.4	Environmental Resources	
13.2	Problems & Opportunities	
13.3	Preliminary Recommendations	
<b>14</b>	<b>Otis Ranch Open Space Park</b>	II-34
14.1	Existing Conditions	
14.1.1	Description	
14.1.2	Improvements	
14.1.3	Current Uses & Activities	
14.1.4	Environmental Resources	
14.2	Problems & Opportunities	
14.3	Preliminary Recommendations	
<b>15</b>	<b>Putah Creek Access Parks</b>	II-36
15.1	Existing Conditions	
15.1.1	Description	
15.1.2	Improvements	
15.1.3	Current Uses & Activities	
15.1.4	Environmental Resources	
15.2	Problems & Opportunities	
15.3	Preliminary Recommendations	
<b>16</b>	<b>Vernon A. Nichols Park</b>	II-40
16.1	Existing Conditions	
16.1.1	Description	
16.1.2	Improvements	
16.1.3	Current Uses & Activities	
16.1.4	Environmental Resources	
16.2	Problems & Opportunities	

16.3 Preliminary Recommendations

**17 Yolo County Historical Museum (Gibson House).....II-44**

17.1 Existing Conditions

17.1.1 Description

17.1.2 Improvements

17.1.3 Current Uses & Activities

17.1.4 Environmental Resources

17.2 Problems & Opportunities

17.3 Preliminary Recommendations

**Attachments**

---

- A. Existing Fee Schedule
- B. Park Site Plans *[see Draft Master Plan]*
- C. Conservation Planning Considerations