

# PACHECO PARK GRANT



## STATEWIDE PARKS PROGRAM GRANT



### STATEWIDE PARK DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PROGRAM (SPP)

- Since 1965, over 7,400 parks have been improved by State grants.
- SPP is the largest park related grant program in California's history and possibly U.S. history, with over \$1 billion in funding between the 2008 Prop 68 and 2006 Prop 84 Bond Acts.
- Types of projects must involve either development or a combination of acquisition and development to: Create a new park, or expand an existing park, or renovate an existing park



**MAXIMUM  
REQUEST:  
\$8,500,000**



**MINIMUM  
REQUEST:  
\$200,000**



**NO MATCH**

## GRANT INFORMATION

### GRANT DUE DATE

Grant Due December 14th, 2020

### PUBLIC MEETING

October 15th, 2020

Virtual

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Statewide  
Park Program  
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# Pacheco Park In the Heart of California At the Heart of Los Banos

## 2019 APPLICATION OVERVIEW

Pacheco Park Revitalization

City of Los Banos

Parks and Recreation

Parks  
Make  
Life  
Better!

Pacheco Park

903 Pacheco Blvd.

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City of  
**Los Banos**  
At the Crossroads of California

## Project Details:

The Pacheco Park Revitalization Project will fully renovate Pacheco Park and be a transformative renovation for the City of Los Banos' only civic park, which shares its location with a local history museum and the City's only library.

## New & Renovated Recreation Amenities include:

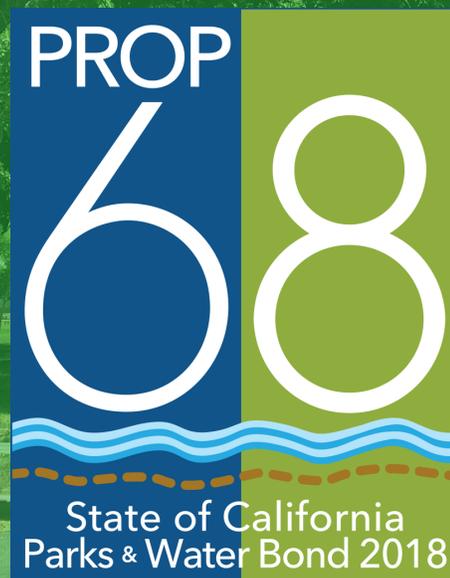
- New Recreation Hall
- New splash pad and playground
- New Veterans Memorial wall and reading area
- New sports courts
- Pedestrian walkways and accessibility improvements
- 200+ new shade trees and turf with water-efficient irrigation

## Community Snapshot (1/2-mile radius):

- Population: 2,507
- Residents below the Poverty Line: 871
- Median Household Income: \$50,734
- Park acres per 1000 Residents: 3.54



## SPP Grant Submission Los Banos Parks & Recreation



# Project Goals

CREATING A  
DESTINATION  
PARK FOR ALL

INCORPORATE MULTI-USES TO ACCOMMODATE ALL AGE GROUPS

PROJECT A WELCOMING AND INTERESTING IMAGE FROM PACHECO BLVD.

ALLOW ACCESS TO EXISTING AND NEIGHBORING FACILITIES

PROVIDE A COMFORTABLE REST STOP FOR VISITORS

RETAIN & REINSTATE ELEMENTS OF THE PARK'S HISTORICAL FEEL AND CHARACTER

CONSIDER PRINCIPLES OF SAFETY, ACCESSIBILITY, SECURITY AND VISIBILITY

IDENTIFY AND MEET COMMUNITY NEEDS AND FIT

ENABLE DESIGN FOR EVENTS AND FESTIVALS



MOTHER'S  
DAY IN THE  
PARK



PET FAIR

# At the heart of Los Banos

## Pacheco Park

Pacheco Park has been rooted in the community for over 75 years. Serving as a key partner between the City, School District, County and the Community. Revitalization serves a critically underserved population from both low-income and park acreage thresholds.



**Centrally located along Pacheco Highway, with over 40,000 cars that pass by each day**



**Hosts over 10 annual community events & high school football games- Father's Day, Mother's Day, Car shows, Pet Fair**



**Merced County Library: The City's only Library**



**Scout Hut: Home to the Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts**



**Milliken Museum: Local history museum, free to the public**



**Recreation Hall: Hosts youth & adult defense classes and AA meetings, High School Senior Breakfast**

# Pacheco Park Revitalization Public Outreach



## Public Meetings

## Public Comments

### Public Meetings:

- May 31st, 2019: Los Banos High School (8 classes)
- June 4th: Serenity Group (AA)
- June 11th, 2019: VFW and American Legion
- June 19th, June 20th, June 21st, 2019: Los Banos Community Center
- June 25th, 2019: Rotary Club
- June 26th (2), 2019: Los Banos Community Center follow-up meetings

### Groups Represented at the Meetings:

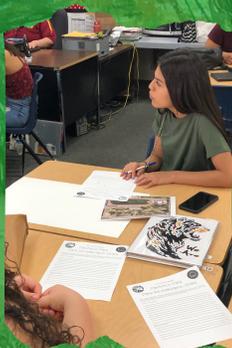
- Arts Council
- Planning Commission
- Parks and Recreation Commission
- Tree Commission
- Friends of the Library
- Peaceful Warrior Aikido
- County Library
- School District
- Serenity Group
- VFW / American Legion
- Golden Agers 50 & Up
- Pacheco and Los Banos High School
- Direct neighbors of the park

### Los Banos High School Comments:

- "I think the park is outdated"
- "I like how the park is open and how it has a lot of space"
- "Upgrade it so it looks better"
- "Don't take away its charm"
- "The project is great because the park is boring"
- "I don't really feel safe at the park"
- "I have never been to this park"
- "The flagpole is great but let's make something more memorial like"
- "I don't have any memories of the park"
- "The park is a location marker for me"
- "I would never go to the park. It is lonely"
- "Right now the park is ugly and unattractive"
- "It isn't inviting"
- "I have been dying to play at a basketball court with lights"

### Community Meetings:

- "Add a children's play structure"
- "Pickleball reduces unwanted park behaviors"
- "It is the original Los Banos Park"
- "The park is a great location"
- "We seniors need more things to do"
- "I grew up in Los Banos when the park was used by all ages"
- "It is the meaning of Los Banos"
- "It had a family atmosphere that needs to return"
- "The park at one time many years ago was a space the Community could be proud of"
- "Safety is an issue"
- "Renovation of our City Park would be a huge asset to our Community"
- "Make it accessible to the low-income public"
- "Renovations geared towards young kids"
- "Kids, like me love water!"
- "The park was the focal point of Los Banos, one of the best parks to stop and relax at."



**"The Pacheco Park revitalization project will make it the pride of the City"**

# What would revitalization do for Pacheco Park?

## New Recreation Hall

A new Recreation Hall will replace a nearly 70 year old facility. The new facility will provide space for current users such as the Central Valley Karate Institute and Peaceful Warrior Aikido, as well as the Serenity Group (AA). Available seven days a week, the new facility will also have space for increased activities such as summer library programs. The facility will feature the first solar panels used on a City of Los Banos building and will have a stage area. The stage area was a notable public request, with young commentators seeking increased concert and music activities in the park.

## New Splash Pad

The City of Los Banos will install a highly anticipated splash pad in the park. The pad will feature an inclusive design and provide the City of Los Banos its only parks water feature. Dating back to the closure of the Los Banos Community Pool, 10 years ago, the public has had a strong desire for a water feature outlet. Identified as an important park feature, the splash pad will benefit community members with over 260 days of sun. Its availability to the public will also provide fun recreation to low income community members.

## New Playground

Without a playground in the neighboring area, the installation of an inclusive playground to Pacheco Park will be a popular amenity to Los Banos families. Parents picking their children up from the two elementary schools directly across Pacheco Blvd will now be able to enjoy fun in the park. The playground will be the largest in the Los Banos community and be the first inclusive playground.

## New Memorial Wall

The Los Banos community has a long history of service that groups such as the VFW and American Legion have sought to recognize within the parks system. A memorial wall recognizing servicemen and women will provide historical perspective to visitors and those traveling through the area. Pacheco Park is commonly used as a rest stop as drivers pass through Los Banos. Interpretative and educational signage will be located throughout the park. This signage and the Memorial Wall will teach community members and visitors about the history and culture of Los Banos. The Memorial Wall area and educational signage will also provide a reading space that can be utilized by Library programs and for reference and promotion of the Milliken Museum.

## New Sports Courts

Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in Los Banos and has provides a new exercise outlet to seniors in Los Banos. Since beginning a program at the Los Banos Community Center, pickleball has spread to players of all ages. Following public meetings, permanent and lighted pickleball courts were one of the most requested amenities. A lighted basketball court was also a highly requested item and will provide an outlet to teens to ensure the park's landmark as a park for all ages.

## New walkways and accessibility improvements

Revitalization will provide renovation to sidewalks and parking lots throughout the park. With facilities such as the Museum, Library and Recreation Hall, parking has always been an issue. New parking will alleviate nearby residential streets from visitors parking in the neighborhoods, improving the safety of access to the park. Renovation will provide a split rail fence along Highway 152, providing safety to children at play. A parkway along the backside of the park will be perfectly designed for car shows, farmer's markets and walking access looping throughout the park. Improved lighting will provide security to the park and ensure its access to the public.

## New trees and water-efficient irrigation

Trees were one of the most common public requests. Both for the beauty that trees bring, and for the shade that they provide to park visitors. As one of the oldest parks in Los Banos, the installation of over 200 trees will restore the park as a landmark in the community. Green infrastructure techniques such as bioswales and permeable pavement will be the first of their kind in the City's park system. Water efficient irrigation will conserve water, replacing 70 year old galvanized irrigation that is currently shared with Loftin Stadium's field.

# PACHECO PARK

## LEGEND

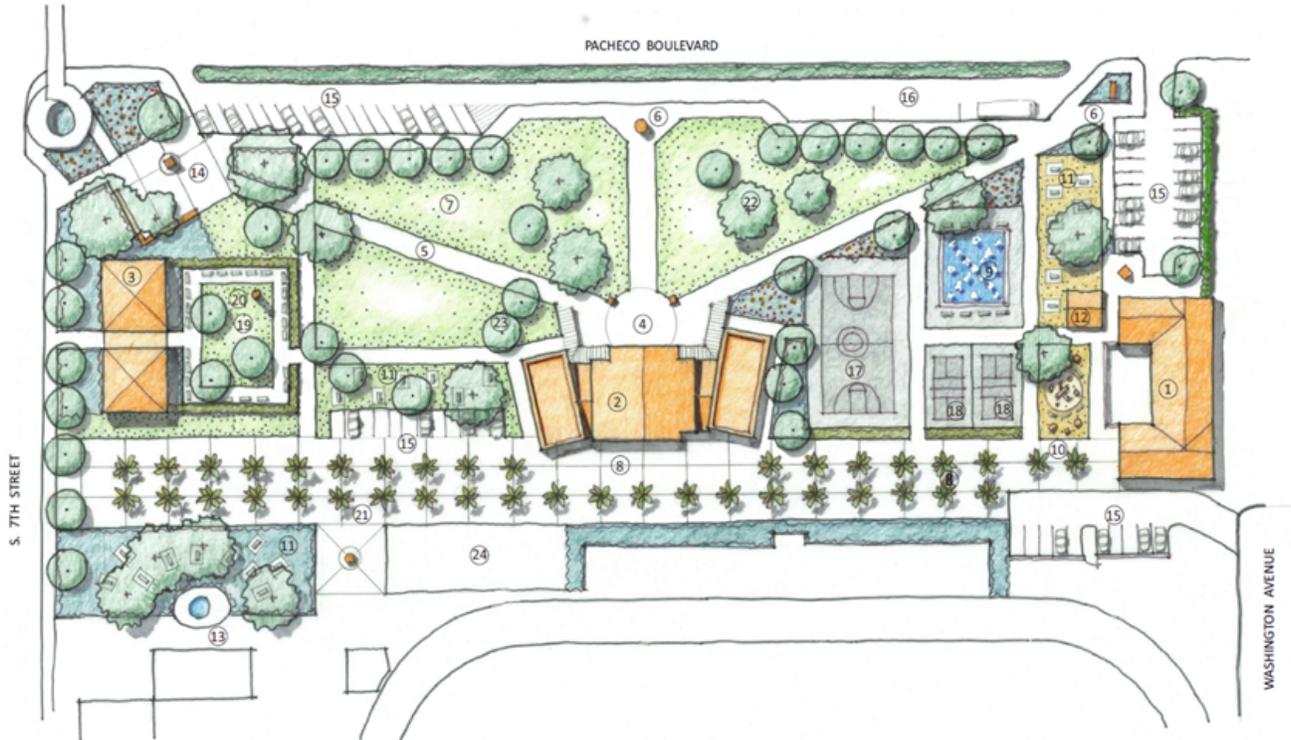
- ① CITY OF LOS BANOS LIBRARY
- ② CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL MARKER AND EDUCATIONAL SIGNAGE
- ③ MILLIKEN MUSEUM
- ④ COMMUNITY BUILDING
- ⑤ STAGE AREA
- ⑥ PHOTO VOLTAIC PANELS
- ⑦ PARKING LOT
- ⑧ BUS PARKING
- ⑨ VETERANS MEMORIAL WALLS
- ⑩ SHADE ARBOR
- ⑪ SHADE STRUCTURE
- ⑫ PICNIC TABLE
- ⑬ BENCH
- ⑭ DIGITAL SIGN
- ⑮ GRANT SIGN
- ⑯ RAISED PLANTER SEATING
- ⑰ STEPPED SEAT WALLS
- ⑱ PLAYGROUND
- ⑲ SPLASH PAD
- ⑳ RESTROOM
- ㉑ BASKETBALL COURT
- ㉒ PICKLEBALL COURTS
- ㉓ DECORATIVE CONCRETE PEDESTRIAN WALKING PLAZA WITH PARKING ABILITIES
- ㉔ SPLIT RAIL FENCE
- ㉕ TUBULAR STEEL FENCE
- ㉖ BBQ/PICNIC AREA



## CONCEPTUAL MASTER PLAN

08/02/2019

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