

Planning Recommendations	
P1	Integrate best management practices for urban runoff, fertilizers and pesticides into the operations and management of the golf course when the golf course lease is renegotiated.
P2	Integrate management practices for invasive non-native plant control into the operations and management of the golf course with annual City Open Space staff inspections when the golf course lease is renegotiated.
P3	Should the City ever determine the golf course is no longer viable, an alternative concept would be to use the City owned existing turf and trees between Jackson Drive and Navajo Road for active and passive recreation, family and group picnicking with meandering trails, and a linear open play area connecting Lake Murray with Cowles Mountain. It should be noted that the City of San Diego PUD would need to be compensated for the conversion of the property to public parkland and would retain facility easements for the various utilities within the area.
P4	Should the City ever determine the golf course is no longer viable, an alternative concept would be to use the City owned land area southwest of Jackson Drive and immediately north of the Lake for a tree-canopied area for picnicking, small group day use, and open play in a protected lake environment. It should be noted that the City of San Diego PUD would need to be compensated for the conversion of the property to public parkland and would retain facility easements for the various utilities within the area.

Recreation Recommendations	
R1	Plan, design, and implement a new trail connection from the Del Cerro community to the western shoreline. The corridor shown would utilize an existing utility access road for about two-thirds the distance before new grading would be required to connect to the publicly open portion of the paved maintenance road. Coordination with City of San Diego PUD regarding proximity to the dam and compliance with MSCP guidelines will be required.
R2	Create an improved trail connection with the adjacent City of La Mesa Sunset Park.
R3	Reroute trails that are selected for continued use to ensure a safe and sustainable trail environment. Close and restore the remainder of the trails crisscrossing the southeast slope.
R4	Close and restore the hike-bike trail from the upper parking lot to the paved maintenance road along the edge of the lake.
R5	Close and restore the hike/bike trail located within sensitive habitat along the urban runoff diversion channel.

Management Recommendations	
M1	Continue maintaining the paved maintenance road along the edge of the lake for recreational use by pedestrians, cyclists, and skaters. This may require regular pavement patching and infrequent re-surfacing activities when the conditions of the road degrade to a point that compromises user safety.
M2	Conduct a study to determine the feasibility of re-striping the maintenance road along the edge of Lake Murray to improve the movement and safety of the multiple user groups utilizing the road.
M3	Continue to maintain and support grounds improvements at Alvarado Point, including the picnic areas, concessions facilities, pathways and parking lots to ensure they are safe, accessible and environmentally compatible.
M4	Continue to maintain and support grounds improvements at the ten tennis courts in partnership with the Lake Murray Tennis Club or another non-profit for the fee-based usage of the courts to ensure they are safe, accessible and environmentally compatible.
M5	Continue to maintain and support grounds improvements at the community park, including the dedicated sports fields, mixed-use turf areas, concessions stand, comfort station, playground, and parking lots to ensure they are safe, accessible and environmentally compatible.
M6	Continue to maintain the urban runoff diversion channel around the lake and look for opportunities to improve the water quality within the channel before it is discharged downstream of the dam.
M7	Continue to maintain the utility access roads and look for opportunities to lessen their gradients and correct fall-line conditions, both of which contribute to erosion and sedimentation down-slope. Install signage and fencing as required to prevent unauthorized trail use.
M8	Monitor the perimeter of the Lake Murray area for private property encroachments and coordinate enforcement actions to remove the encroachment.

Facility Recommendations	
F1	Develop a group picnic area with several small or one large shade structure and picnic tables in the undeveloped area south of the ball fields between Del Cerro Bay and Cowles Bay with primary access from the community park per the approved General Development Plan.
F2	Plant the disturbed area south of the ball field on San Carlos point with native plants and incorporate a few small shade structures, picnic tables and benches accessed from the paved maintenance road per the approved General Development Plan.

Habitat/Species Recommendations	
H1	Protect the sensitive plants in the natural area between the paved maintenance road and the dirt access road along the urban runoff diversion channel.
H2	Remove dead or diseased eucalyptus trees and eucalyptus trees with calipers less than 4-inches at 4-feet above ground and replace with native tree species per MSCP directive.
H3	Conduct habitat restoration or revegetation activities within disturbed areas as needed.

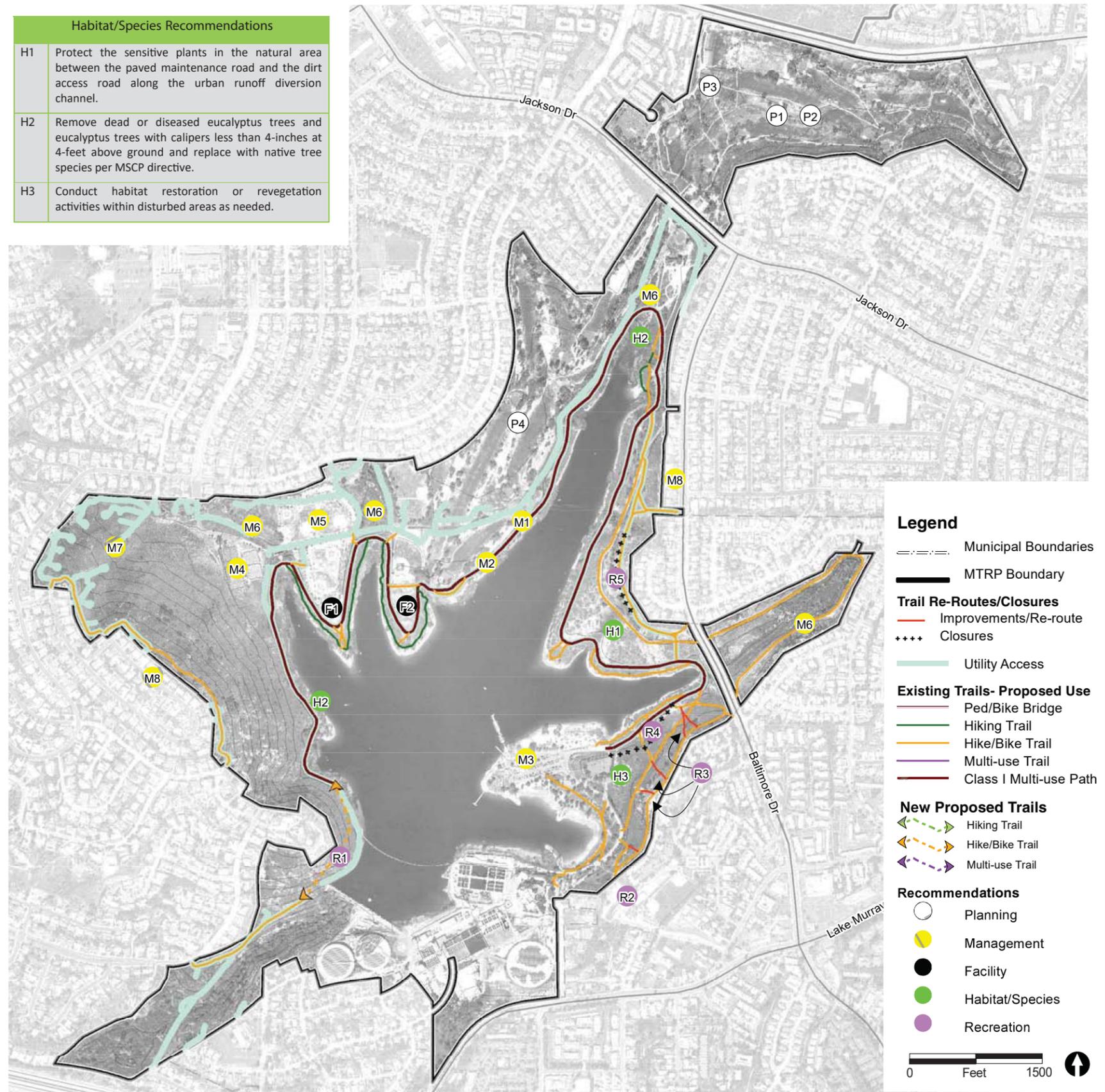


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Lake Murray Area Planning Recommendations