



Sunnyvale

Urban Forest Management Plan

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Background

- 2007 Study Issues (DPW 07-16-07) on the sustainability of large street trees.
- 2008 City determined need for Urban Forest Management Plan and received grant from California State Department of Forestry.
- Plan completed by Phytosphere Research in 2011.
- Overall goal of the UFMP is to help sustain, protect, and enhance the urban forest to maximize the many benefits that it provides.



Existing Policy

Municipal Code 13.16 - City Trees

Municipal Code 19.38.70d - Landscaping, Irrigation and Useable Open Space - *Minimum parking lot landscaping requirement* (Private property trees that are outside of the public right-of-way)

Municipal Code 19.94 - Tree Preservation (Private property trees that are outside of the public right-of-way)

General Plan -- City-wide Vision Goals

- ◆ **Attractive Community:** To maintain and enhance the appearance of Sunnyvale through the maintenance of a healthy urban forest, and the provision of abundant and attractive open space.

Urban Forest

The urban forest is comprised of three main groups of trees:

- Trees located on City-owned property including parks.
- Trees located on private property in the public right-of-way.
- Trees located on private property outside of the public right-of-way.

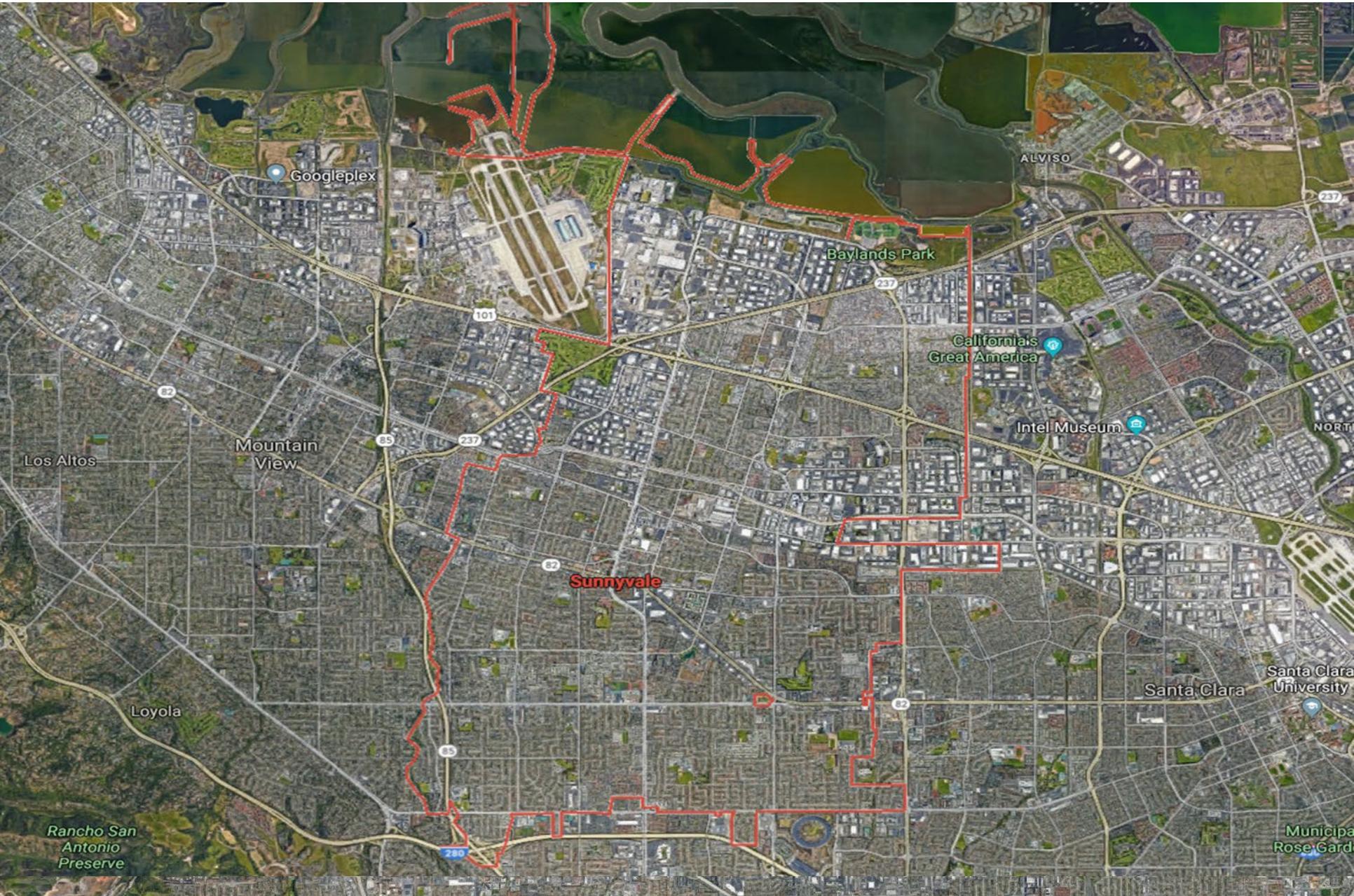


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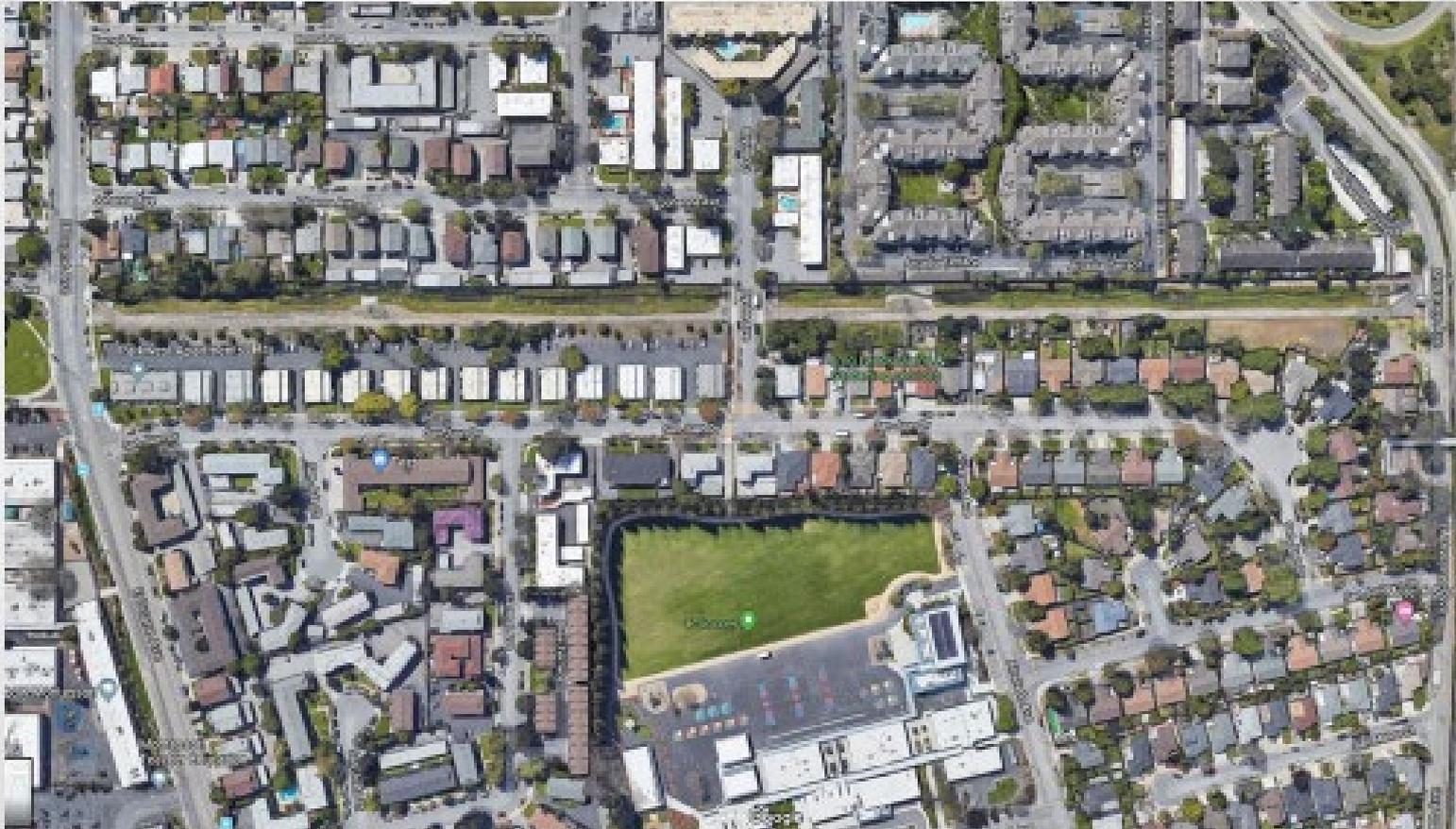
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Redwood Trees





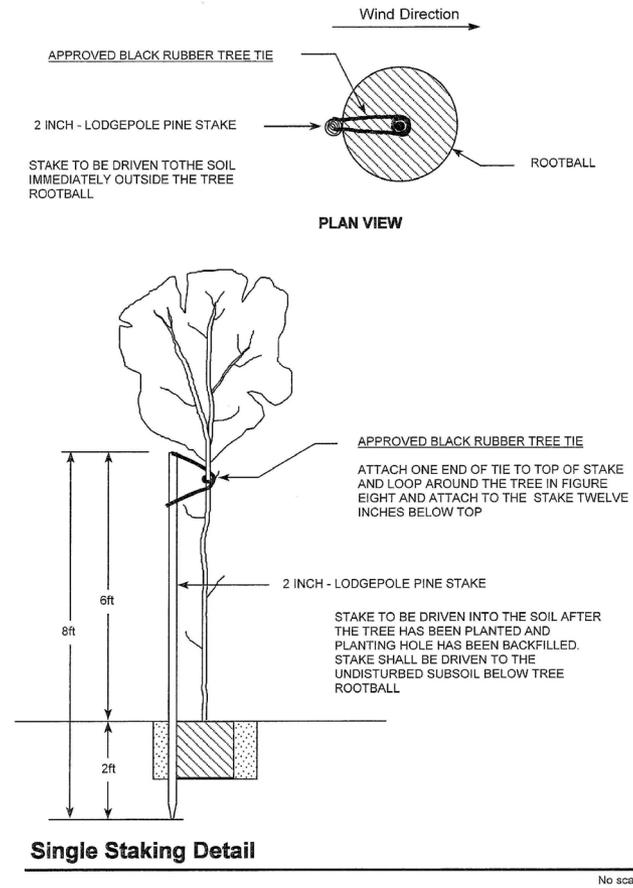
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