

# FAIRMOUNT PARK MASTER PLAN

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**Parks, Recreation and Community Services  
Department**

Park and Recreation Commission

March 16, 2026

# LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

## Riverside County

- Cahuilla
- Gabrielino-Tongva
- Luiseño (also known as Payomkawichum)
- Yuhaaviatam (clan of Maara'yam/Serrano)



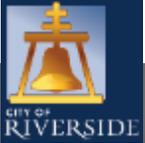
# LIST OF MEETINGS

Fairmount Park Master <b>Task Force</b>	May 1, June 5, September 25, 2025
<b>Open Houses</b> at the Armory over 100 attendees	June 26 and November 3, 2025
<b>Intertribal</b> Summit with over 20 attendees	September 30, 2025
University Wash design team	May 1, 2025
Scouts of America	May 1, 2025
Fairmount Golf Course golfers	July 29, 2025
Field visit to the Glen Oaks Golf Course in Glendora	Sept 22, 2025
Field visit to the Moreno Valley Amphitheater	Sept 25, 2025
Bubbling Wells neighborhood	October 27, 2005
Cultural Heritage Board	January 22, 2026

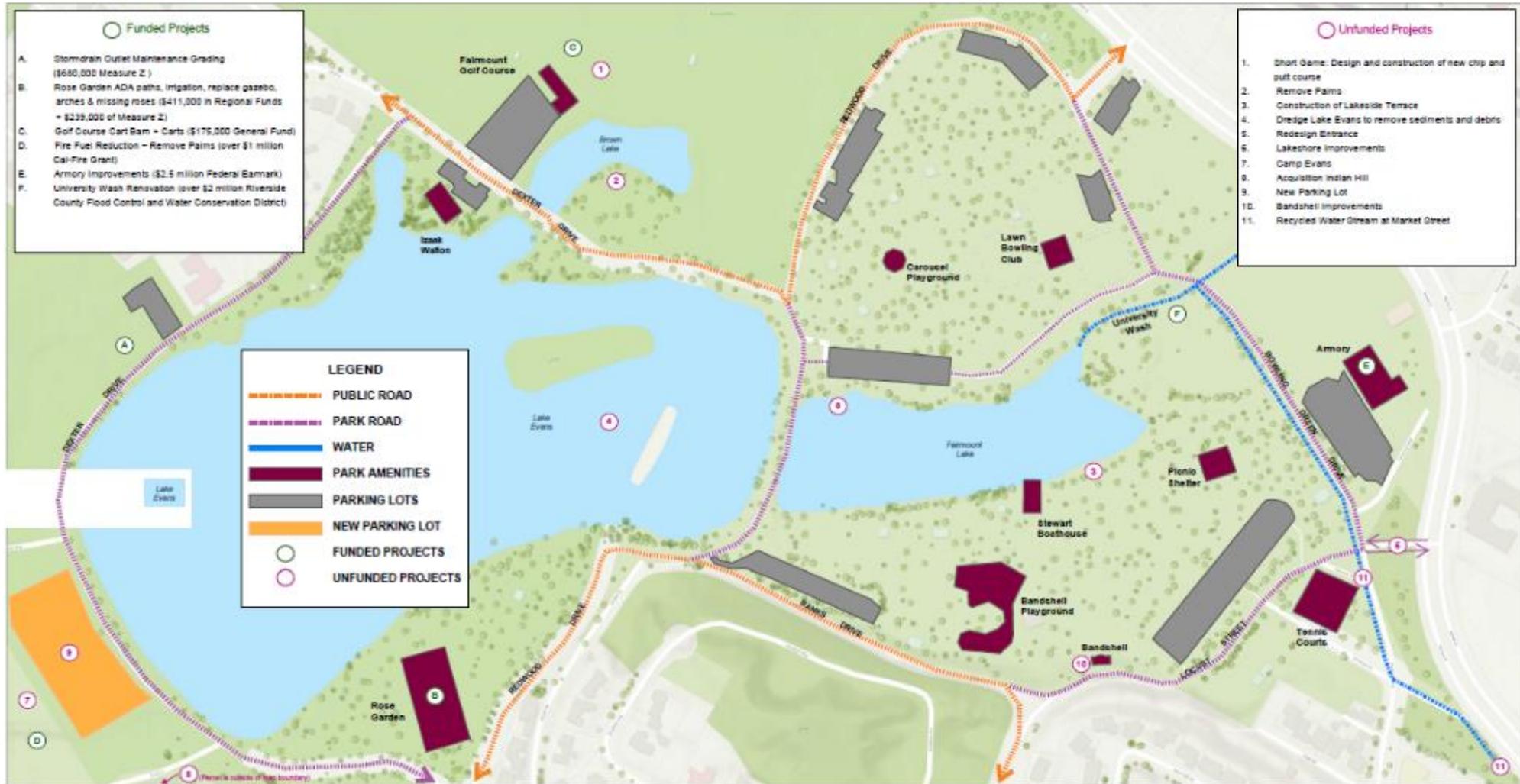
Conducted numerous internal city meetings with representatives from Finance, Historic Preservation Office, Transportation, and Parks, Recreation, and Community Services



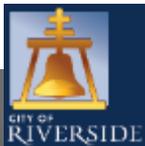
# COMMUNITY INPUT



# CURRENT AND PLANNED DEFERRED MAINTENANCE



**FAIRMOUNT PARK IMPROVEMENT PLAN**  
October 2025



# 1911 FAIRMOUNT PARK OLMSTED BROTHERS PLAN



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# FAIRMOUNT FORWARD

COMMUNITY  
MEETING

— PRESERVING WHAT MATTERS, PLANNING WHAT'S NEXT —



# COMMUNITY INPUT



**June 26, and November 3, 2025, at the Armory**

**FAIRMOUNT  
FORWARD** COMMUNITY  
MEETING



# SURVEY RESULTS

## YOUR FAVORITE MEMORIES OF FAIRMOUNT PARK



Walking or Riding Bikes



Feeding the Ducks

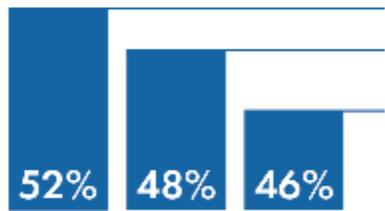


Spending Time at the Lake



Picnics with Family & Friends

## WHAT WOULD MAKE YOU WANT TO SPEND MORE TIME AT FAIRMOUNT PARK?



More Lighting & Improved Safety Features  
Better Roads, Parking, Sidewalks, and Bike Paths  
A Community Space Inside the Former Armory (E.g. Cafe, Brewery, Music Hall, Gallery)

## WHAT TYPES OF EVENTS OR PROGRAMMING WOULD YOU ATTEND?

- 1 Cultural Festivals
- 2 Outdoor Movie Nights or Concert
- 3 Educational Workshops or Guided Nature Walks



## YOUR TOP TWO FAVORITE ACTIVITIES



## YOUR TOP PRIORITY



**Renovating the lake**  
was your top priority!

## FAIRMOUNT PARK HAS THE POTENTIAL TO SERVE AS:



**73.9%**  
You see potential in Fairmount Park to be a peaceful space of reflection.

## TOTAL OUTREACH



**75,000**  
Total reach over Instagram and Facebook



**4 Concerts in the Park**  
where this survey was promoted at community engagement booths.



**73 Responses**  
through survey monkey.



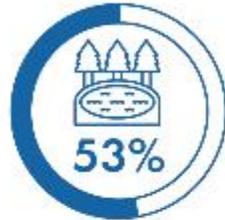
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## WHAT WOULD MAKE YOU WANT TO SPEND MORE TIME AT FAIRMOUNT PARK?



## YOUR TOP TWO FAVORITE ACTIVITIES



**56.2%**  
Walk or Jog



**49.3%**  
Spend Time at the Lake

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# PROJECT GOALS

## **PRESERVING WHAT MATTERS, PLANNING WHAT'S NEXT** by:

- Enhancing the park to increase activity
- Preserving the historic integrity of the park

### Key groups:

- Task force
- Indigenous Tribes
- Public

### Deliverables:

- Cultural landscape master plan of the entire 280 acres
- Focused plan of the park historic core



# PROJECT GOALS

## Improve Circulation

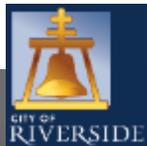
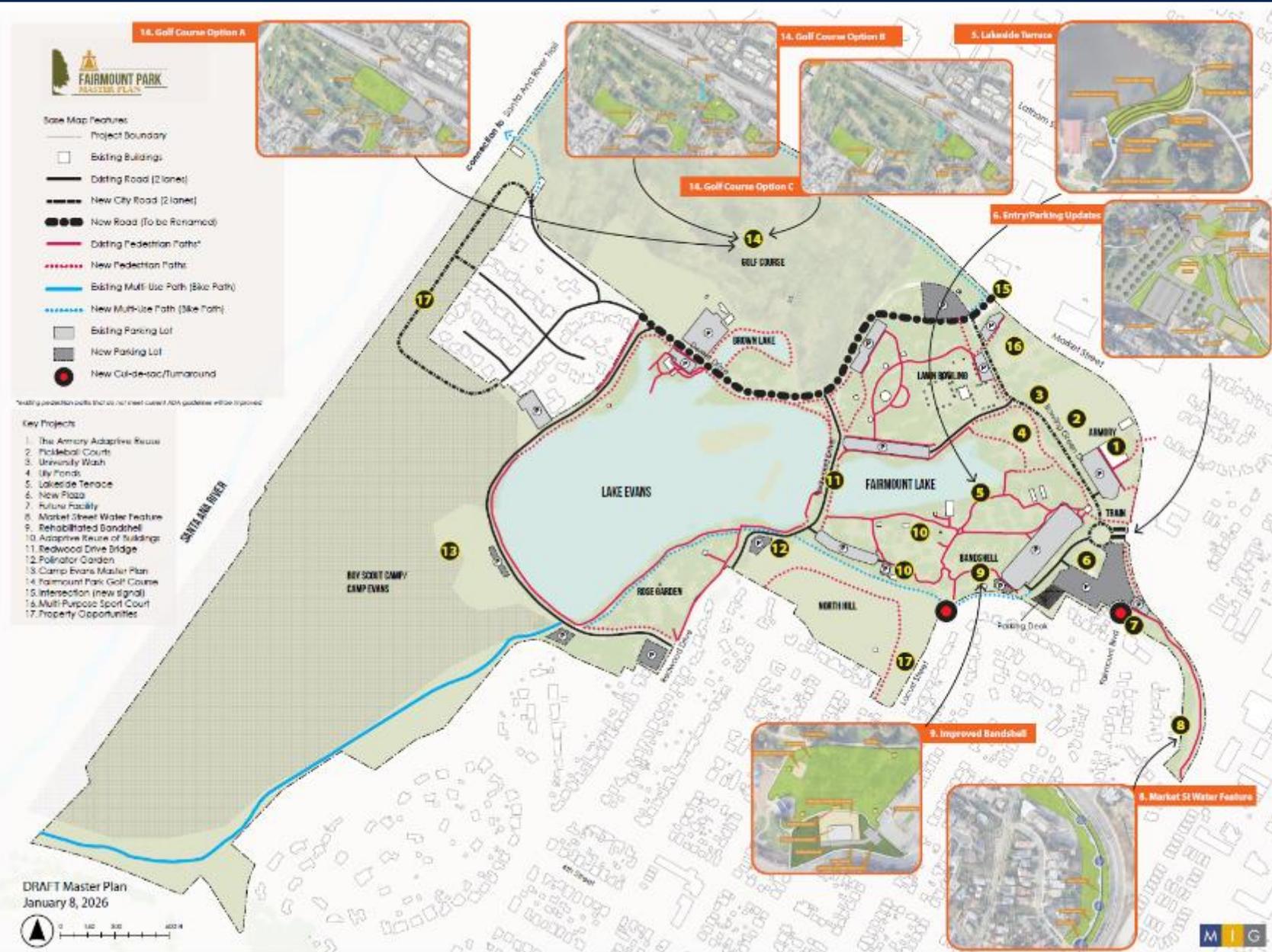
- Improve backbone road with better lighting
- Rename backbone road
- Eliminate one-way roads
- Stop drive through traffic by blocking Fairmount Blvd and Locust St
- Add new accessible pedestrian walkways throughout the park
- Convert decomposed granite walkways to accessible concrete
- Improve directional wayfinding and signage
- Increase number of parking spaces
- Improve bicycle circulation including enhancing access to the Santa Ana River Trail and a bike path around golf course



# MASTERPLAN



# CIRCULATION AND PROJECTS



# EAST ENTRANCE



- Improve entrance circulation
- Add parking
- Potential Scouts Headquarters
- Art opportunities
- Water feature
- Reconfigure tennis courts

# BANDSHELL CONDITION



The original bandshell was destroyed in a fire and today a mobile stage is placed in front of the bandshell because it does not function for musical performances



# TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATION IN 2006



Create an amphitheater in front on the existing bandshell:

- drainage problems
- killing of mature trees
- create hiding places

# BANDSHELL PROPOSAL



Recreate the original bandshell as a modern performance venue:

- Move the bandshell forward to allow for a rear loading dock
- Secure storage for equipment
- Add greenroom with bathroom
- Modern audio-visual amenities
- Engineering booth and AV towers in front

# BANDSHELL REPLICATION PROPOSAL



Recreate the original bandshell :

- Architecturally recreate original bandshell
- Mimic form and shape of bandshell
- Maintain Proportions
- Salvage, replace, or recreate materials such as stone and barrel tile on roof
- Rebuild wings to serve as greenroom and secure storage for equipment
- Recreate details such as the decorative stenciling, rockwork, and crest
- Restore tablets and rededicate the new bandshell

# WATER QUALITY



# MARKET STREET WATER FEATURE



A new water feature can circulate and clean the lake water



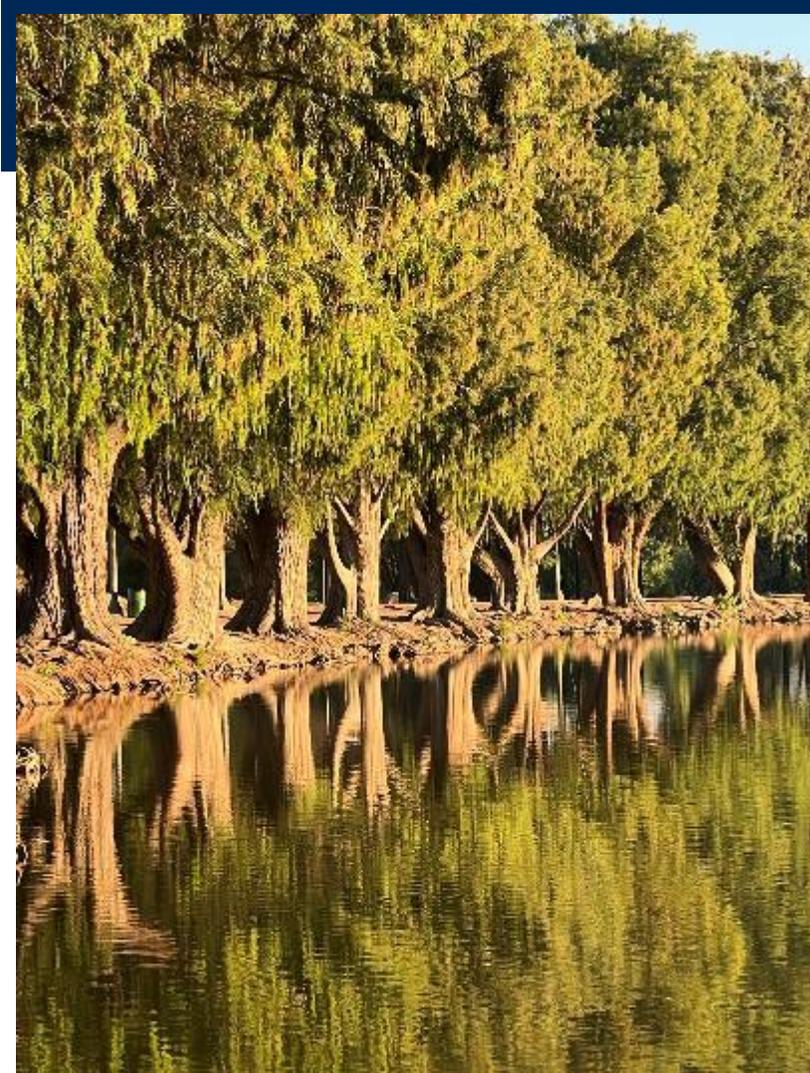
# LAKESIDE ACCESS

A terraced shore will be more accessible with seating terraces formed with low retaining walls that are also an opportunity for public art and natural grass planted between them



Example from SoFi Stadium

# TREES



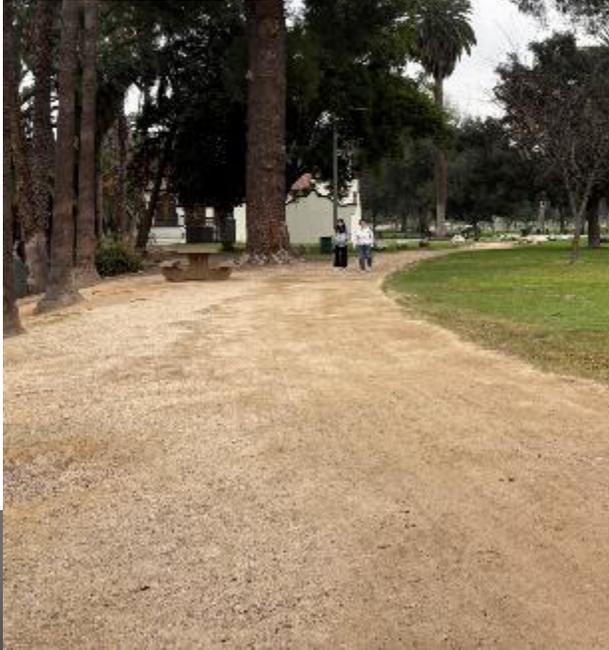
Photos by Sue Mitchell



The best shoreline is probably the tree roots so the proposal is to plant more cypress trees and remove the palms trees around the shoreline

# SIDEWALKS

Goal is to pave muddy paths to create connected, accessible and clean sidewalks through the park



# AUXILIARY BUILDINGS



Explore adaptive reuse of existing buildings

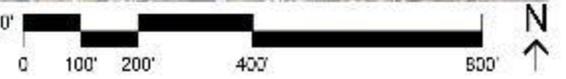


# GOLF COURSE OPTION



Golf Course Option A

SCALE: 1" = 200'



# GOLF COURSE OPTION



Golf Course Option B

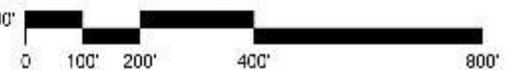


# GOLF COURSE OPTION



Golf Course Option C

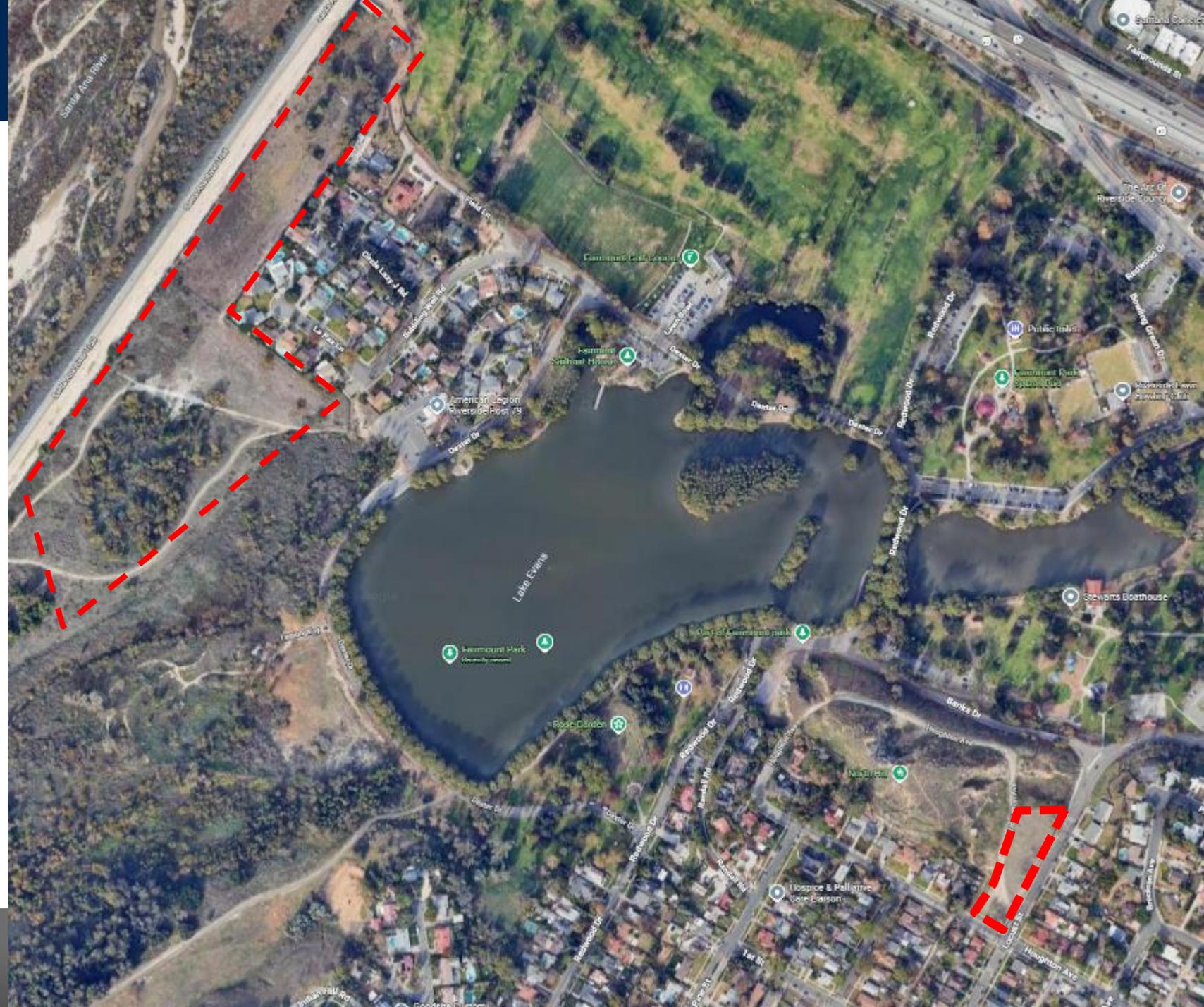
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# ARMORY ADAPTIVE RE-USE



# LAND



# HISTORIC INDIGENOUS VILLAGE

Indigenous Village was called  
Spring Rancheria  
for more information see  
Pá'Čapa A Mt Rubidoux Story \_ CC  
on YouTube



# OPPORTUNITIES FOR ART AND INTERPRETATION



Existing artwork at city hall

Artwork at the beach in Santa Barbara interpreting the Chumash people

# NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

Process to Register Fairmount Park on the National Register of Historic Places

1. **Criterion A (Event):** Association with significant historical events
2. **Criterion B (Person):** Association with important historical figures
3. **Criterion C (Design/Construction):** Embodying distinctive design, construction, artistic value, or representing a significant entity
4. **Criterion D (Information Potential):** Likely to yield important historical information
5. Generally, properties must be at least 50 years old and maintain their integrity in location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association

Fairmount Park meets all of this criteria!



# LEGACY GIVING AND NAMING RIGHTS

# FAIRMOUNT FOREVER

LEGACY GIVING OPPORTUNITIES AND NAMING RIGHTS



# NEXT STEPS

- Complete draft master plan
- Refine the cost estimates
- Consider the process for applying to the National Register of Historic Places
- Seek funding for improvements

