

**PUBLIC HEARING
AGENDA ITEM # 8**

**CITY OF VILLA PARK
CITY COUNCIL
January 28, 2020**

To: Honorable City Council

From: Steve Franks, City Manager

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Subject: **WANDA GREENBELT PROJECT – RESIDENT INPUT SURVEY
INITIAL SUMMARY OF RESULTS**

SUMMARY

Based on the results obtained from the Wanda Greenbelt Survey, three (3) major conclusions can be drawn:

1. There appears to be support for basic renovation of the Greenbelt at a minimum.
2. Residents do not appear to support the City investing in a fence alongside the Greenbelt.
3. Residents appear to want a cap for the Wanda Greenbelt Project of \$50,000.

BACKGROUND

On August 27, 2019, the Villa Park City Council authorized that a survey be created and distributed to obtain resident input regarding options for the refurbishment or development of the Wanda Greenbelt prior to spending significant amounts of limited City resources on planning or estimating costs. All five restoration plans listed in the survey were focused around upgrading and automating the current immigration system at a minimum. Each plan had additional key development features depending on the predicted budgetary requirements, from basic restoration to the implementation of a dog park. At the request of various councilmembers, basic information about the history of the Greenbelt, City funding, and maintenance of the private fencing along the Greenbelt were included in the survey.

The Wanda Greenbelt Survey was distributed electronically to weekly Feeder recipients, posted on the City website, and published in the Foothills Sentry and The Hidden Jewel magazine. Hard copies were also available at City Hall to ensure all residents had the opportunity to complete the survey. This survey was released on October 11, 2019, remained open for 66 days, and closed on December 17, 2019 with 501 responses in total.

FINDINGS

472 of the survey responders indicated they were Villa Park residents and 29 indicated they were not Villa Park residents (Figure 1 of Attachment 1). Unfortunately, it was difficult to actively prevent non-Villa Park residents from completing the survey without requiring responders to input personal information as a form of verification, so it is possible that a

negligible number of survey responders do not reside in Villa Park. However, it is important to note that this survey was not intended as a statistically valid sampling, as participation was voluntary and not a true representation of the population. Instead, the survey results can serve as a tool to aid in decision making early in the project process.

Restoration & Renovation Plans

Residents were given the following options to rank, listed from lowest to highest predicted budgetary requirements (1 as least favored and 5 as most favored):

- **Option 1 – Basic Restoration:** (sprinkler cost of \$33,000 & fence cost) Project to include repair/automation of the existing sprinkler system. The existing wooden fences are privately owned. The cost related to repairing them would be dependent upon the City's willingness to share costs. Residents have suggested that fence repainting include fruit crate signs representing the heritage of Villa Park.
- **Option 2 – Drought Tolerant Restoration:** (sprinkler cost of \$33,000, plant/shrub material replacement cost, fence cost) Project to include repair/automation of existing sprinkler system and fence repair, along with replacement of existing turf and shrubs with drought tolerant, water efficient, and low maintenance plant materials.
- **Option 3 – Restoration plus Wall Extension:** (sprinkler cost of \$33,000, wall extension cost, restoration cost, fence cost) Project to include restoration of Greenbelt at some level plus the extension of the block wall from Lincoln Avenue to Katella Avenue/Villa Park Road.
- **Option 4 – Restoration & Development of Dog Park:** (sprinkler cost of \$33,000, restoration cost, fence cost, dog park installation cost) Project to include repair/automation of existing sprinkler system, fence repair, and installation of dog park. Some level of restoration will be required for the balance of the Greenbelt.
- **Option 5 – Major Greenbelt Development/Renovation:** (sprinkler cost of \$33,000, restoration cost, fence cost & other major features) Project to include repair/automation of existing sprinkler system, fence repair, and installation of other major features. Some level of restoration will be required for the balance of the Greenbelt.

Based on the data collected, Option #4 received the highest average ranking value, followed by Option #1 (Figure 2 of Attachment 1). The main feature of Option #4 was the installation of a dog park while Option #1 focused on basic repair.

Many responders that chose to provide additional feedback on the plans expressed their disapproval for a dog park and argued that potential implementation of one is neither safe, nor financially prudent. Instead, many individuals favored a plan proposing minimal changes and supported drought-tolerant landscapes and minor park-like additions, such as benches or trees (Attachment 2 & 3).

Potential City Fence

The Wanda Greenbelt runs adjacent to private homes and many of the wooden fences that border the Greenbelt on the East need repair and/or replacement. Approximately two-thirds (69.0%) of responders voted that the City should not invest in a city fence to

be built along the side of the Greenbelt bordering the private homes (Figure 3 of Attachment 1). A large number of responders also argued that fence maintenance responsibilities should fall to the residents who live along the Greenbelt and not to the City (Attachment 2 & 3). Individuals mentioned that the City should make a concerted effort to involve residents neighboring the Greenbelt as much as possible with any plans, as those individuals would be the most impacted by any changes.

Monetary Cap

Regarding the project budget, responders were resoundingly in favor of a monetary cap (68.4%) and the most frequent monetary cap suggestions were as follows: \$50,000, \$75,000, and \$100,000 (Figure 4 & Table 1 of Attachment 1). Based on these results, it appears that responders desire a hard cap on any project.

CONCLUSION

Restoration Option #4, which includes the implementation of a dog park, had the highest average ranking value but is likely to have costs that are much higher than the maximum monetary cap of \$100,000. Due to the limited size and busy location of the Greenbelt, efforts to create a safe dog park with appropriate amenities (e.g. parking, fencing, benches, water fountains, etc.) will likely require significantly more funding and several years to complete. The long-term maintenance costs and labor required for upkeep of a dog park will involve costs in the future that could be avoided if the Greenbelt is minimally and sustainably refurbished.

FISCAL IMPACT

A total of \$50,000 is included in the current FY 2019-20 City of Villa Park Budget for the Wanda Greenbelt project. Another \$25,000 in future funding has been dedicated to the project as a result of negotiations regarding the Trails at Santiago Creek development project in the City of Orange. Further City Council action would be required to expend additional funding as deemed necessary.

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council receive the Initial Summary of Results for the Wanda Greenbelt Survey and direct staff to post this information on the City's website and publicize notice that the City Council will consider next steps for the Wanda Greenbelt at their regular meeting on Tuesday, March 24, 2020. Residents should be encouraged to attend the meeting and voice their opinions regarding the project, and the City Council should provide staff with any further direction desired regarding preparations for the March 24th City Council meeting.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Wanda Greenbelt Survey – Initial Summary of Results
2. Wanda Greenbelt Survey – Question #3 Responses
3. Wanda Greenbelt Survey – Question #7 Responses

Wanda Greenbelt Survey – Initial Summary of Results
Attachment 1

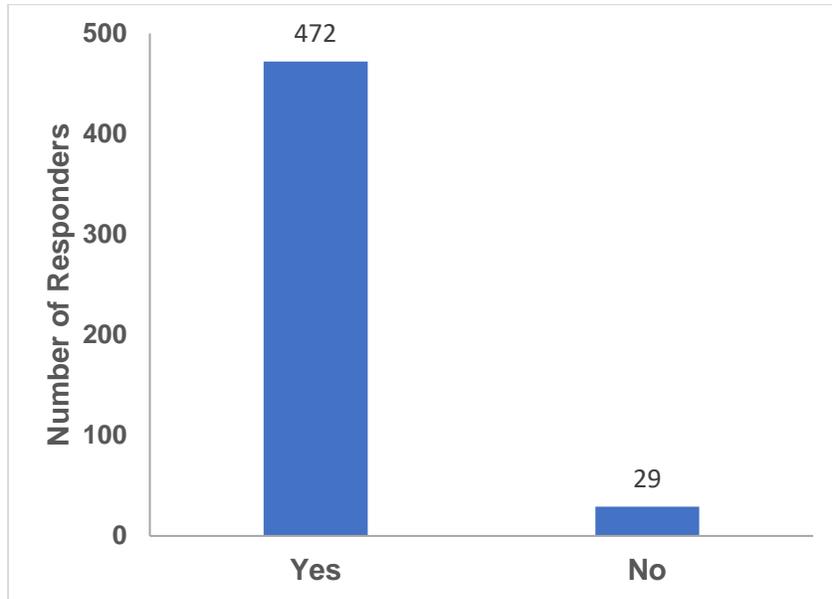


Figure 1. Number of responders (out of 501 total) that indicated they were or were not Villa Park residents.

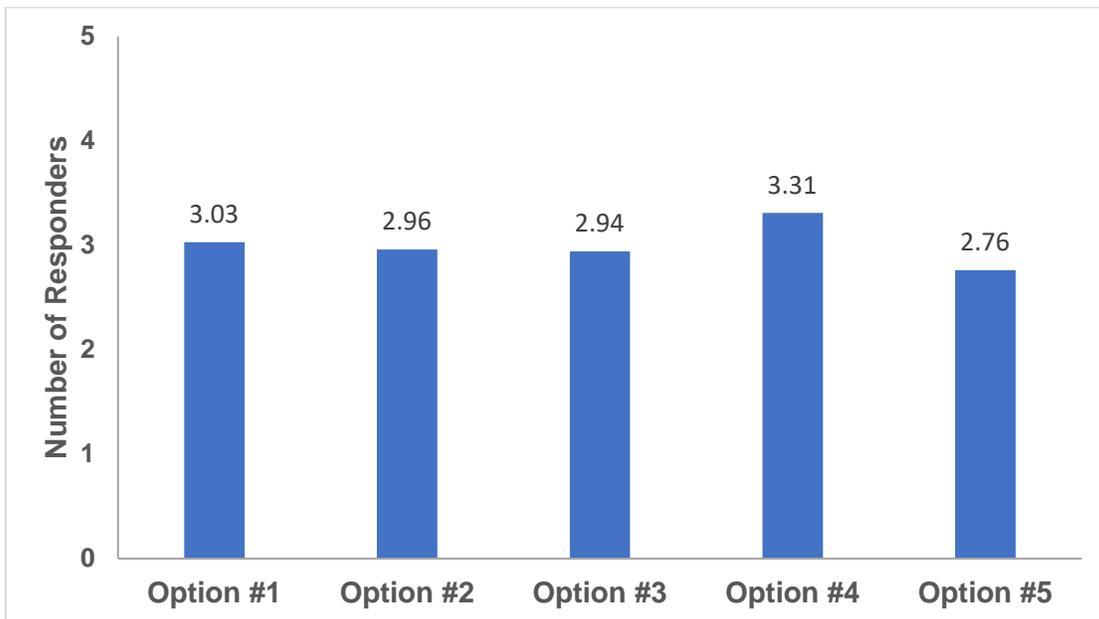


Figure 2. Average ranking value of five refurbishment options, listed in order of lowest to highest predicted budget requirements.

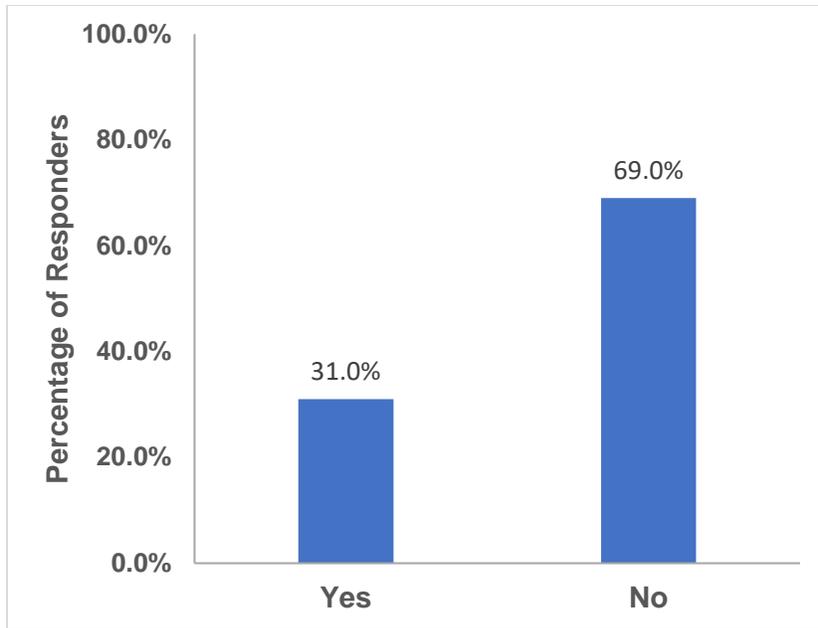


Figure 3. Percentage of responders that agreed or disagreed that Villa Park should invest in a city fence to be built along the Greenbelt adjacent to private homes.

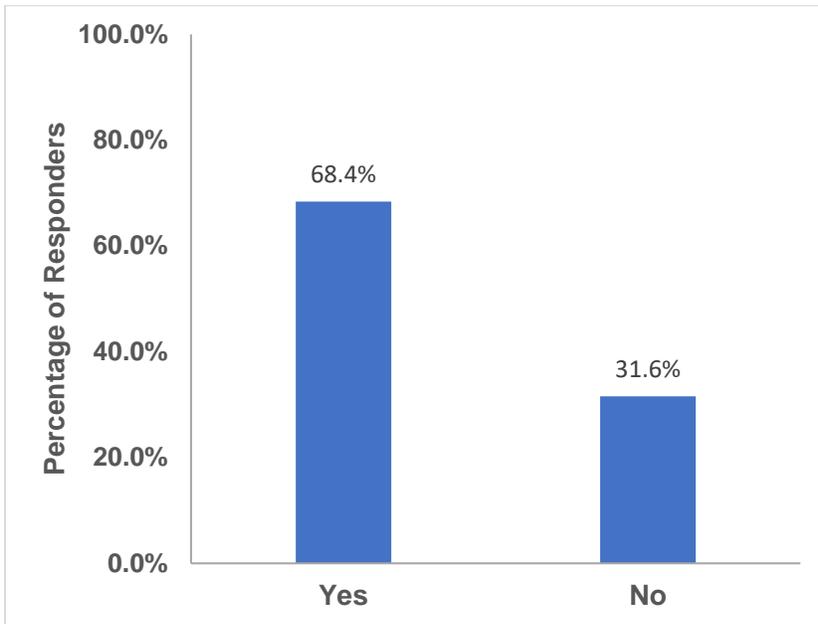


Figure 4. Percentage of responders that favored or did not favor a monetary cap.

Table 1. Most common monetary cap amounts suggested by residents (responses listed from highest to lowest frequency).

Monetary Cap Amount	Frequency
\$50,000	22.8%
\$75,000	21.6%
\$100,000	17.9%

Wanda Greenbelt Survey – Question #3 Responses
Attachment 2

Responses (115 total) to the following survey question:

Question #3. If you would like to suggest a refurbishment option that has not been listed or add to a previously described plan, please identify and explain your suggestion in 500 characters or less.

#	Responses
1	Put the railroad tracks back in and have Southern Pacific maintain it? (Kidding) Make it a show piece of xeroscape landscaping that uses very little water and do fence painting like was done on the utility boxes around town (pretty scenes that incorporate our heritage)
2	tottler's safe play equipment and benches with greenbelt
3	Please consider creating drought tolerant planters with larger shade trees alongside a meandering path with conversation areas where VP citizens (and others) can mingle and connect. Another option is to create covered areas that can be set up as stalls for community gatherings such as meeting places for walking groups or holiday displays, and boutiques highlighting a sense of community for Villa Park residents. My family has lived in Villa Park for 25 years and we have NO park. I would be most grateful if the planners could envision a general meeting place (besides closing off the town center by city hall) for groups to gather. This opportunity will not present itself again and many would agree we lack and are in need of a meeting place. Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts.
4	Hold adjacent property owners responsible for replacement / refurbishment of deteriorated fencing replace / refurbishment of
5	Small children's park (natural playground—check out coastkeeper's garden for ideas). This would be in addition to major refurbishing/renovation of the space.
6	No suggestions
7	Should have constructed right hand turn lane from N/B Wanda to E/B Villa Park Rd.
8	Fenced in volleyball, tennis and/or basketball courts. Maybe a court for multiple use.
9	No upgrade of any kind. It will merely become a magnet for homeless

10	Both Yorba Linda and Irvine have beautiful landscaped parkways in their city. I suggest plants and ground cover and as many trees as possible given the pipeline consideration.
11	It's too narrow and traffic too heavy for games and dogs
12	It's hard to evaluate these options or suggest others when one of the options includes "major features". What are they!?
13	I suggest that we just get the sprinklers working, engage the services of a professional landscape designer and make it look beautiful again--a grand gateway to our city. Maintain it throughout the year. No need to attract outsiders, with concerns about noise, trash and parking. It is not a park. It's a greenbelt!
14	It is too dangerous for a dog park or a children play area
15	Replace the grass with artificial turf. No need to maintain constant broken sprinklers. (They will always break.) Add some low maintenance trees and some benches interspersed with decomposed granite.
16	No
17	Not sure why City would take on repair of privately-owned fences. Cost should be homeowners' responsibility.
18	No
19	n/a
20	removal of turf would eliminate the need for weekly lawn mowing
21	None
22	None
23	Pickle ball courts!!
24	no
25	Widen Wanda to allow right turn lane on villa park road.
26	I can't believe it would cost \$33,000 for sprinklers and a timer system.
27	Create a passive park with drought tolerant planting, a multi purpose trail and space for possible community events and art component and remove the double wall between public streets for better visibility to improve security and possible seating and low level lighting maybe bollard or landscape and maybe part

	demonstration garden where plants labeled for educational purposes. Possible implementation of a bioswale or other infiltration techniques to capture and treat runoff from area
28	re do them roads
29	no ideas
30	none
31	What's not clear is the block wall extension, does the proposal call for replacing all the wood fencing with block wall? We certainly support anything with a drought tolerant option.
32	Minimal investment
33	The best option is to install artificial grass. No need to repair the sprinkler system and pay for water usage and maintenance. I'm against using taxpayer's money to repair private fence. They will expect the City to repair it from now on.
34	No
35	No one paid for my fencing.....
36	Due to water restriction, make green belt like the medians on Taft with Rock, trees and water tolerant plants.
37	Bocce ball courts
38	N.A
39	Community room (for Scouts and other small group activities)
40	sprinklers and some grass seed.
41	For clarity, my preferred option is drought tolerant restoration including rocks, artificial turf and native shrubbery
42	When suggesting "basic" restoration I do not think fruit crate signs are sensible. Further, when a non-resident driver destroyed our fence bordering our city sidewalk I replaced the wood fence with a wall and NEVER considered asking the city to pay for the wall. The property owners from Lincoln to VP Road should consider the impact of their ugly fencing affecting their property's value and "pay up" the \$
43	1. The homeowners should take care of their walls, just as all other residents of Villa Park do. 2. Feel Wanda is too busy to have a dog park next to it. 3. Is there enough interest to have a dog park?

44	keep it like it is but fix sprinklers
45	Some form of restoration is definitely required. The green belt is visible to thousands of people each day and represents the quality of VP. Medians in other parts of VP have been completed in areas that are visible to few other than VP residents. Insuring that VP has a "good face" for the public is important.
46	Some artwork to represent VP would be nice.
47	Non drought Tolerant planting. Make it look like Villa Park of old.
48	Fence repair should be accomplished through code enforcement, not city financial resources.
49	\$33,000 for sprinkler repair/updates seems excessive. Get another bid!
50	None
51	no
52	I think drought tolerant, native, evergreen (toyon, laurel sumac, oak, grasses, lemonade berry) would look dynamite and show VP's strong efforts toward water efficiency. Also, the plants would be self-sustaining, once established, and the need for permanent irrigation would be unnecessary.
53	on option 1 Do not paint fencing with crate signs. ugly
54	benches, dog poop bags.
55	I would like to see grass, all high end neighborhoods continue to have GREEN Belts. Grass contributes to the water table, cuts down on dirt and dust with the Santa Anas, and is cooler in the summer.,
56	All of your described options include fencing. The city should not make a gift of public funds to individual property owners. Please consult the City Attorney, before violating state law.
57	Look at the Esplanade Walkway between Fairhaven and 17th Street. It's inexpensive, has drought resistant shrubs and local residents have even planted their own shrubs. Looks simple and nice.
58	remove block walls running through the middle of the greenbelt to make the space larger
59	I think it is far MORE IMPORTANT to repair our cities street before spending \$33000 on the greenbelt! Our street Wildwood Way is in horrible condition!

60	How about artificial turf.
61	Basic plan plus draught tolerant plants. Do NO fence work
62	I think both the extension of the block wall and the "memory walk" could be done together. Some provision for parking should be considered if the area is to be truly usable!
63	The Greenbelt is just a buffer strip and is of little value as a park.
64	Villa park shouldn't spend more money than it has for the project. I don't understand the very first paragraph which states there isn't enough money for the project. How can a city spend more than it has to spend ? I also don't understand why all residents should pay for broken walls that are privately owned. Why should individuals pay to improve their neighbors poorly maintained properties ?
65	Playground and swing set for children
66	I would like to see something similar to Jeffrey Rd in Irvine on the outside of the Woodbury tract. Grasses with wood fences that match our fencing that runs the main streets of our city. Compressed dirt or cement paths wandering through them. It will be drought tolerant. Include some beautiful pepper trees for shade with 3-4' posts with lights. I think something like this would look beautiful and be easy to maintain.
67	The Basic or Major redo should keep grass areas and add interesting paved areas and benches so that it is usable as a place for casual meetings while walking in the neighborhood.
68	We have no parks in our area except for the shopping center. Something for people to gather like dog park, skate park or small kid park would be nice rather than everyone gathering at the shopping square
69	Nice walkway with a wood ranch fence similar to other parts of Villa Park
70	These appear to be good options.
71	none
72	I would like to say that the numbering is going to confuse people. I would be happy with anything EXCEPT a dog park. As you say it is a gateway to our beautiful city. A dog park looks dirty, smells, noisy, flies, fleas. Parking would be a problem. It would bring people from far and wide into our neighborhood.
73	Repair existing sprinklers. Replace wood fence with block wall. Have residents with wood fences help pay for block wall.

74	Repair/automation of existing sprinkler system, replace wooden fences with block wall to match existing, and have residents with wood fences help pay the costs of block wall, continue with ideas of park setting (i.e. benches, fountains, etc.)
75	I would like to see a rock garden with faux stream meandering from Katella to Lincoln. Plant drought tolerant shrubs. Keep existing sidewalk and plant grass only along sidewalk areas. Please look at the end of the 55 fwy in N.Bch. Don't change the area from Lincoln to Collins, spend \$ only on the area north of Lincoln. This plan would be easy to maintain, small amount of grass and irrigation.
76	no dog park or extended fence
77	Please look at Irvines Greenbelt areas. Bushes against back walls beautiful trees and walkways that wind through the greenbelt area not in back of houses as it is now. Basically we need Trees Plants and Grass and a new walkway design.
78	no
79	Keep it as simple and cost effective as possible. It is not the city's purpose or responsibility to maintain private property. If the city fixes those fences, then I would hope they would come fix mine.
80	Small park, benches, swing set
81	No further suggestion
82	None
83	Introducing Villa Park as the upscale yet rustic community by upgrading/repainting the "Welcome to Villa Park" sign to be well-lit for night-time and or sprucing up what is already in place with chrome paint and adding a little more lighting on the greenbelt, more for drivers entering their neighborhood via car (not for non-residents walking on the path at night). Also my suggestion is to create more seating inside the greenbelt, if possible a quiet space to sit. Thank you.
84	Dog park is not what I want to see as I drive in. Yuck! A few people would use it and the rest would be alienated. It should be a beautiful walking path like it is.
85	require the homeowners to restore their own fences, it's their property. City to landscape in park-like theme
86	The greenbelt feels too open to Wanda. It's just an unattractive walk through. Dogs, children, people in general are vulnerable to traffic noise and dangers.

	Some kind of planter or decorative barrier that makes it feel like a park would be huge improvement. Let's take advantage of VP's ONLY public green space! Question #4 is unclear. If you mean does city pay for homeowners fences, the answer is NO. If you mean a fence/shrub/barrier to traffic on Wanda, then answer is YES.
87	The basic restoration is the most the city should pay for. The idea of including fruit crate signs in the repainting of the fences is silly and wasteful.
88	.
89	This should be a public private partnership with the Villa Park Community Services Foundation, the Women's Club, Rotary, and other organizations.
90	Just return it to how it was. You completely mismanaged the project and should be ashamed of what happened to it. If you would have continued to maintain it as it was, this additional cost would not be necessary.
91	Restoration of the green belt with green grass and trees like it looked 8-10 years ago. I do not support a dog park, or installing a fence or major renovation/expenses
92	A skate/recreation park for families and kids
93	NO DOG PARK AS THERE IS DOG POOP EVERYWHERE ON EVERY STREEY AND EVERY WALKWAY. ALREADY DISGUSTING AS IS SO DO NOT ADD MORE. AND DEPENDING ON WHAT YOU DO, PLZ MAINTAIN IT AS VP MAINTENANCE IS GETTING VERY MARGINAL. CITY IS NOT FOLLOWING UP WITH NEGLECTED HOUSES AND SOME STREETS ARE TRASHY LOOKING.
94	n/a
95	Who is bidding on this job that it's costing this much?
96	N/A
97	If you decide to replace any water-demanding turf, look into a drought-tolerant ground cover call Kurapia. The biggest expense is delivery because it comes from Fresno but should pay off in the long rune is
98	The City should consider using this area for a kids playground, as there are not any kids playgrounds in this area.
99	Make it a walking trail such with some grass, trees and flowering plants.
100	None

101	A community garden would be wonderful. Mostly citrus trees and other trees and other vegetation that the community can maintain and share. And there should be an annual maintenance fund so the investment is not wasted.
102	Plant trees, color, some grass, DG, fix sprinklers no brown
103	none
104	When entering VP from Santiago going East the first 50 to 75 feet of the greenbelt is the focal point. The remaining greenbelt is not highly visible to motorist and really of no value to the majority of VP residence. The pedestrian traffic is limited with very few VP residence using the path. The focus of the majority of improvements should be directed to the entry point (first 50 to 75 feet) from Santiago, and not the entire stretch of greenbelt. This would help provide more punch from the limited budget. The goal would be to direct focus on the area with the greatest visual impact. The remaining greenbelt grass areas could be topped with mulch, which is often free from Peterson's Tree Works by the truck loads during the year. The VP maintenance team could spread the mulch and maintain as needed. The remaining trees could be on an irrigation system thus eliminating a majority of the grass & shrub watering. This would eliminate the need for on going grass maintenance on the majority of the site and cut the water bill down substantially. VP has a small operating budget and needs to utilize it's resources on more of the internal structure issues. The solution I presented is with out all the information available to the city management. However, as a resident and business person I see no need to spend a large portion of the maintenance budget on an area that is mostly invisible and insignificant to the majority of residence. Thank you for letting me share my opinion., [REDACTED]
105	None
106	no
107	Why not look for people to adopt the Greenbelt to raise money for it? Any additional proceeds could be held for future maintenance needs. A simple plaque could recognize those donors. Right now the area looks nice with the exception of the fences; highlighting the option to keep it.
108	None
109	Widen street adjacent to Greenbelt to provide for comfortable and safe bike lane. This makes pedestrian walk through Greenbelt safer.
110	Dog park after major foxes
111	Lots of flowers...like Carlsbad Flower Fields!

112	Plant flowers.
113	water filled moat with alligators and guard towers to stop intruders
114	None acceptable. Use city maintenance staff to repair irrigation, allow grass to grow longer, apply fertilizer, automate existing valves. Many residents have advocated this alternative – why not included as an option?
115	Repair/automation of existing sprinkler system. No private fence repair, no plant/material replacement, no wall extension, no dog park, no major green belt development/renovation

Wanda Greenbelt Survey – Question #7 Responses
Attachment 3

Responses (120 total) to the following survey question:

Question #7: If you have any additional comments, questions, or suggestions, please list them below in order for them to be addressed.

#	Responses
1	We need a dog park!!!! The schools are horrible to deal with and with the lack of sidewalks, it's dangerous taking a walk.
2	I don't know the cost of things, but no project should be undertaken without a cap associated with it.
3	Provide for a maintenance & replacement budget to0
4	Enclosing the area next to the street (Wanda Ave) would delineate the area and open up a plethora of options for creating a real park like opportunity for the residents of VP. Please consider long term effects. A dog park would create a fly problem and other various issues of maintenance costs I as a resident am unwilling to fund.
5	I am happy this issue is being addressed.
6	Since this is the entrance to Villa Park I believe that the aesthetic presented to us now is rather simple and beautiful. Throughout the years of living here we've had many dog owners either from Villa Park or outside of Orange walk their dogs near our homes and yet fail to pick up after them. I'd like to recommend no dog park as it may cost more to maintain it and clean up afterwards. Also leading back to how it's the entrance to the city I don't think a dog park would look pretty. I do however like the position of planting succulents and other plants that look just as beautiful as the ones we have now while saving on water.
7	If benches are placed there, I am afraid of homeless or hoodlums hanging out in that area. If there was a way to put in a fenced outdoor workout area (like the equipment at Grijaval Park) that would be really cool. All residents should have access to the equipment. Or even fenced in volleyball or basketball courts would be good. The city could but plants on the outside of the fence to make it look nicer.
8	I believe that Villa Park should be a leader in drought tolerant landscaping. It can be very beautiful if done correctly. We are, after all, in a desert climate.
9	the area us fine the way it is.

10	I suggest a low maintenance, low water use landscape. A dog park will require continued maintenance and exposes the city to a liability. Court cost can be expensive.
11	The drought-tolerant planted areas in our city are just plain ugly. We have no park, but we also have very few trees. Please plant trees! Plant greenery! Restore the beauty to our city with plants that are green and trees! Stop the drought-tolerant plantings.
12	Our city streets are in need of repair and repainting. In 20 years living in this community, I have never seen it in such a state.
13	Please plan at the lowest cost to make this area pleasant and nicely represent our City, but nothing grandiose
14	Can the southeast corner of Santiago & Lemon be included in the beautification plan? It is a highly visible eye sore .
15	I would suggest that the residents close to the area should have the primary say in renovation. A dog park could bring traffic to the area.
16	I suggest that we take this project seriously. Spend the money right the first time and spend what it takes to get it done right the first time Utilize a professional landscape designer and make a beautiful entryway to our city. Budget what is necessary to keep it beautiful and maintained, year in and year out. Do not try to make this greenbelt into any kind of park. We do not need the noise, trash, and parking issues. We do not need to attract strangers into our neighborhoods. We should not add fences or walls that made our city look like a slum.
17	No contractor awards automatically to "friends and family" of the city. Put everything out for bid. Think big picture - artificial turf vs. high maintenance grass/irrigation systems. Enlist a city-wide volunteer effort to paint/repair. Make it a party and celebrate in the Town Center at the end of the day.
18	Long term maintenance costs should be considered, not just the initial outlay
19	Get it green again-we don't need anything fancy-it's an entry point to the Santiago Creek Bike Trail and should not be dirt. Residents need to repair their own fences and be consistent with the wall materials.
20	I am absolutely against a dog park, we already have residents of Orange walking their dogs here. A dog park would be used primarily by Orange residents. Not a good idea, not to mention who is going to maintain and clean it. 100% No

21	For safety reasons, I recommend lights being placed. A couple of benches would also be a nice. Thank you for the survey.
22	A dog park would negatively affect the immediate neighbors and is a poor idea, specially considering there already is an established dog park about 2 miles away already.
23	Let's start raising money from grants and the community so we can get going!
24	It was stupid to let it deteriorate in the first place.
25	Why has this area been allowed to deteriorate the bed the years?
26	Dog park grass always ends up ruined by dog urine
27	ppllleeaassee re do them roads
28	keep as is
29	The project should be something of benefit to the community, not just cosmetic.
30	Please spend the funds to fix the curb and paving issue on ours and may over street. The green belt area has little use. Clean it up and move on as it will never be of much use as a park area
31	not at this time
32	We do not want a skate park or anything that would add cars parking on Lincoln, Cedarhill, Fitchen Ranch, etc.
33	For residents of VP to use this space, it would need to be secluded from street view and closed to non-residents. If something could be done along those guidelines, a nicer project may be warranted. If not, a minimum investment is all I'd do, or nothing at all.
34	City will need to do an Environmental Study for the dog park to mitigate any potential issue like noise, smell, trash, parking and traffic. Has City thought about hour of use, parking restrictions, night lights, altercations among dog owners, dealing with constant complaints, provide constant enforcement and maintenance? Any money used on repairing private fence is like donation to the property owner. Property owner is required to pay tax on it. A lien should be placed on the property requiring the property owner to maintain the fence.
35	The restoration of the greenbelt is extremely important for the look of our city, and represents a wasted space that could be made into a more enjoyable walking path for residents to have access to. We do not have a public park in

	Villa Park, and this would be the closest thing to that - I would be willing to invest money as it would change the look and feel of this area considerably.
36	I would like to see the greenbelt looking clean and up to date, with a uniform look along the fence. It would be ideal to take into consideration a drought-friendly solution going forward. I do not want to see the greenbelt become a park area that will create an attraction for people from other cities, parking issues, trash, noise, etc.
37	drought resistant is consistent with what most other communities are doing. there is a dog park within 2 miles.
38	The city has more urgent needs and demands that continually focusing on the greenbelt. If residents along the greenbelt want change, then they need to financially contribute to these changes. The majority of Villa Park residents do not utilize the greenbelt but our taxes into the general fund are being slated towards a minority amount of residential concerns. The City Council members who live near the greenbelt need to stop making the general fund their personal bank account to fund aesthetic changes they want for their area of the city.
39	Love the dog park idea
40	It was the City that left the "park" deteriorate. Get it fixed in the least expensive way!
41	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It is the city's fault that they left the Green Belt deteriorate. Could have made a few improvements each year. 2. Owners along the green belt should take care of their walls. 3. A dog park doesn't add anything to the area. People will come from all over to use it.
42	This greenbelt is too close to the street for any safe usage, i.e., dog park or people park. It should be kept at low maintenance, but attractive
43	Low maintenance plants seem to be the best option. Cut down on City workers for maintenance, and spend our City dollars where it truly matters.
44	The green belt deteriorated with the onset of water rationing. Restoration of the grass, and improvement of the resident fences would be a significant improvement for the local residents as well as the entire VP community
45	Survey not working when it asks for monetary limit. \$65,000 should do it. I think \$33,000 for sprinkles is way too high a quote.
46	The last question with the cap amount would not work. I think that there should be a \$100,000.00 cap.

47	It would not allow me to put cap amount for the previous question
48	The drought tolerant greenbelts, roundabouts and tree islands ARE NOT VERY ATTRACTIVE. PLEASE PUT SOME THOUGHT INTO THE AMBIANCE OF Community.
49	Your survey would not let me enter "33,000" in response to question 6. So after several attempts, I put "0". The City should not spend general fund monies to repair private fences. The property owners should be required to keep their own fences in good repair. For a city with the budget limitations of Villa Park, the City should only spend the minimum amount required for maintenance of the greenbelt.
50	Keep the greenbelt green, drought tolerant landscaping is ugly and unuseable, as it is not suitable to walk on or sit on.
51	As many Villa Park lots are around half an acre with large back yards, I don't think there is the need for a dog park that other cities might have. (It would probably attract people from surrounding more-crowded areas, who would park their cars along Fitschen Ranch Road.) I also worry about making the Greenbelt an attractive place for homeless encampments! (I see that a lot on greenbelts in other areas, especially ones with shady trees and big shrubs.) I've never noticed the residents' fences until this survey (took a quick look at Google Street View), so I guess they haven't bothered me.
52	\$50,000 spending cap here as the preceding question would not accept this value, which does not exceed 500,00.
53	I would be pleased to join any committee that is assigned to develop this project. I am one of the 'fences' that backs up to Wanda, and am sorry that VP hasn't kept it's side painted (though I cheerfully maintain it's integrity) and am open to talking about improvements. I think the whole strip ought to be drought tolerant, for water efficiency and, with some thought, it could be green year round. How about a dedicated bike path and a separate walk way? How about a bench or two? How about get rid of the wall between Lincoln and Collins and plant a quarter mile of Toyon bushes, so it would be covered with red berries at Christmastime and still provide a barrier for the Fitchen Ranch neighbors? Would SCE bury the power lines? How about we contact the Theodore Paine Foundation for trees/bushes that are a little more mature and maybe get the VP Foundation engaged? How about all the contractors that live in VP? Can we engage some of them and allow them advertising signs to show their efforts? Could we ramp up 'community days' to do some of the work with volunteers? This is exciting and I'd be happy to help. [REDACTED]

54	This survey is confusing because some people will rank things with 1 as highest, even though directions say otherwise. On the previous answer I tried to enter 75,000. but it would not let me and error message said it had to be under 500,000. So I changed my answer to no cap in order to finish survey.
55	I think the development of a 'park' in the traditional sense or even a dog park is difficult in this setting. Of primary concern is the heedless, heavy and high-speed traffic on Wanda, because there are no cross streets. It is a racetrack. One ball or dog in the street and the green belt becomes a cemetery. Emergency vehicles can be the worst for lack of attention and high speed on Wanda. This could be reduced by removing the cross-walk light in the middle of nowhere on Wanda and replacing it with a stop light at Lincoln/Wanda - a responsive one, please, like the one at Collins. There is no practical parking for using a traditional park. Best use would be an open space walkway with a separate bike path that would encourage bikers to ride off Wanda, from Collins to Katella. Native planting, emphasizing bushes and trees that stay green all year would be a great way to show that VP is serious about water conservation, while presenting an attractive entrance to and border along our city.
56	what would the wall look like? what keeps a non resident voting on this??
57	I wish there was a way to improve the private fencing along Taft. Some of the fencing looks dangerously close to falling over. Also with the new Edison guidelines for high winds, if all of our lines were under ground, would that prevent our city's electricity being shut off?
58	Let's not get carried away with something that is difficult to maintain. It seems the current situation with a few upgades is fine.
59	There is a problem with your computer programming. The space to be used to insert a figure in response to question 6 will not accept any numbers! My answer to question 6 is this: You have identified \$33,000 as the amount necessary to restore the greenbelt. Do not fritter away this city's limited resources pursuing grandiose ideas.
60	Don't ask us how much it should cost as we are clueless. Come up with a nice plan (1 of the 5 is fine) and stick to it. Use drought tolerant plants where possible.
61	The dog park seems ridiculous given the land is on a major street with heavy traffic and there is no parking.
62	I think it is far more important to repair our streets rather than spend senseless money on a greenbelt! Our streets are in very poor condition and deteriorating rapidly.

63	I think the dog park would get to noisy and crowded.
64	Local fund rising by selling of "memorial bricks" to pave the memory walk could help defray the costs and give locals some buy-in. Another dog park is a project that has many complications on its own! If this does not fall within the scope of the Foundation, then another ad-hoc group could have some value.
65	The Wanda Road Greenbelt is a former RR right-of-way and is no just a traffic buffer strip not usable as a park. Thus I favor an attractive least-cost landscaping plan.
66	No dog park. Its unsanitary and citizens do not pick up their dogs waste.
67	I'm concerned about 1) spending more money than the city has, 2) paying to fix other people's private property, 3) this very confusing survey which states funds are insufficient to do this project and yet asks if funding should be capped, 4) asking what the cap should be but the survey won't accept a number like 33,000 so I just have to write 33 and 5) the poor quality of this survey which will keep residents from responding.
68	A park should include a play area For Children
69	If something like I suggested were to go through then I think the islands on Katella should match with pretty grasses, succulents, rocks and maybe even some iceberg roses.
70	Question 4: Is that VP sharing investment with existing fence owners?
71	The quality of the project should be characteristic of the "value" that residents of villa park expect. A nice walking trail with ranch rail, like that on lemon, would be the nicest most cost effective solution. Use PARTIAL drought tolerant plants along with strategic grass placement to soften the area. TREES TREES TREES are a must.....every new resident in VP is cutting old BIG mature trees down and the new ones being planted grow to about 20 feet. We, VP, should have LARGE (as in tall) trees keeping up with tradition of what differentiates VP from surrounding communities. That said, VP, should also require 2 trees to be planted for every 1 removed. This should be kept in mind for every tree displaced in the renovation.
72	What happened to the existing sprinkler system and could it happen again after the \$33k repair? The area is small - a dog park could cause parking and noise problems for the local residents. I favor a simple beautification to bring it back to life, nothing more.
73	I can't stress enough how much I DON'T want a dog park as the first thing you see when entering our "Hidden Jewel"

74	See #3
75	Please have it match the other common areas in VP - so that it doesn't look like a modge podge
76	Eliminate the dog park, area is not large enough and maintenance could be an issue. Use what you have, keep trees and sidewalks and develop a dry creek bed with succulents.
77	Please no dog park or fences along Wanda. We are not a gated community that needs to wall everyone else out. Maybe put in another bench or two.
78	Monitor the progress of the project Bidding
79	Again PLEASE look at the greenbelt areas in Irvine. A sidewalk along Wanda Villa Park Road to Lincoln and a walking and bike path through the greenbelt with split rail on both sides of the path. We do not need elevated areas or planters next to walls so people can use them to look into backyards or jump the fence. Bring back all the trees lost. Again I cannot stress enough the PLEASE through Irvine look at there green belt areas. Thank You!
80	Have bids been collected to truly know what the costs will be
81	I think a martial other than turfa would be more cost effective, i.e., the need for \$33K in a new sprinkler system would e eliminate. .
82	I think minimal changes and placing drought resistant plants would be best. A fence already exists so need for a new one or no need to eliminate the current one.
83	Recommendations: Benches on Greenbelt, more lighting for cars on main throughfares for the purpose of welcoming it's residents into neighborhood. Thank you
84	It' shameful that the city let this area deteriorate in the first place. It's the entrance to our city!
85	Dog park is a very bad/silly idea... Ugly, maintenance, loud, etc. What city features a mini dog park as a "Welcome " sign? Villa Park should not waste money on a dog park most likely to be used by nearby residents of Orange.
86	Require adjacent homeowners to repair their fences, landscape greenbelt in a park-like setting.
87	We have lived in VP for 20 years. Love the updated VP signs at Lemon/VP Road etc. I strongly feel that we should invest in beautifying the only public

	space in town. Right now it looks neglected, uninviting , and tired. Time to update!
88	No dog park, don't need to advertise the quiet community for others to bring their pets
89	This should be a public private partnership. The City can not afford to contribute anything more than what allocated. The city has other more significant immediate needs related to infrastructure, public safety, and planning for other future financial issues (increases in OC Sheriff's budget, increased street rehabilitation costs, and unplanned events).
90	You have given the city a black eye with this mismanagement. You spent 1,000's with the new signs and flower beds and then let the greenbelt go completely to hell. This isn't even a hard decision and you all have bungled it beyond belief.
91	As a resident of Villa Park for over 20 years, it is embarrassing to have such an eyesore in Villa Park! It's a dirtbelt not a greenbelt
92	Seems like the best bang for your buck is to abandon the existing sprinkler line. Replace it with a temporary, surface drip system. Remove all existing vegetation. Remove the metal barriers between Lincoln and Collins. Would SCE consider burying the power line? Replace with non-deciduous, native planting - oak, toyon, other year-round-green native bushes and bunch grasses. No succulents - they require continuing care. After the natives have established themselves (3 years), remove the drip irrigation system. Natives attract birds, supporting our claim that VP is a bird sanctuary. Natives require almost no maintenance. Semi-annual trimming and cleanup. Long term cost savings: No water, minimal landscape maintenance. Great Park in Irvine has several, native-planted areas that are attractive, no-care, no-water landscapes. Re-stripe the existing, wide pavement into a two-lane, dedicated bike path, better connecting VP with the greater City/County bike path system. Add a separate, perhaps meandering, walking path - non-adjacent to the bike path - with a bench or two under the oaks, some trash cans, and dog poop bag stations (dog waterer and people drinking fountain??). Incorporate the bus stops and the wide area at Collins/Wanda into the Native, 'park-like' atmosphere. Plant large, native bushes (again Toyon, Coyote Bush, etc) to screen and protect the neighboring houses. Maybe plant additional bushes in a crescent so that they screen the cul-de-sac from view and discourage easy entry. Concern about actual heavy 'park use' would be decreased by limiting actual open space in favor of walking paths. This idea allows for exercise, addresses dog walking and allows for some general use. It makes the entrance to the city more gracious, welcoming and open. It presents VP as a water conscious, conservation-minded community. It gets the bikes off Wanda. There is no real need for a parking lot but, with the metal barriers gone from Lincoln to Collins, parking and general use could be accessed along Fitchen Ranch Rd. without encroaching on the neighboring

	houses. A general use park/dog park isn't practical in this location because: 1. The crushing, speeding traffic on Wanda is dangerous and cannot be effectively blocked from the general use areas. 2. There is no practical parking except Fitchen Ranch Rd. and the area there is too narrow for general use 'park' purposes.
93	Avoid preparing this area for the next tent city
94	Thank you
95	This survey was very poorly worded. Ranking items from 1 to 5, with 5 being considered your top preference is backwards. I would guess that many people misunderstood the ranking and the results of this survey are flawed.
96	I initially placed the items in order backward and I'm still not sure I got it right! I think this is not an intuitive way to rank your choices.
97	Please get at least 8 bids and compare scope of work and prices. This greenbelt looks fine the way it is.
98	These options should be scoped and priced for further evaluation. Difficult to choose without an estimated cost for each. Then a decision could be made about the best value/option.
99	Let's get Villa Park back to be our "jewel"!! Whatever it takes to residents to take care of their properties and trees. Common areas need better maintenance by the city.
100	Rumors of a skate park abound. NO!!!!
101	Entry into our city should be attractive and welcoming and done right.
102	I don't think a monetary cap can be established until the results of the survey show what the residents want
103	This is a waste of money and resource
104	I understand most residents in Villa Park have large properties, but to develop more of a community with other small families a kids playground should be considered as there's virtually no playgrounds aside from those in Orange.
105	I wish I could answer the question about \$ caps specifically but I don't have enough knowledge about future revenue, expenses and other projects. However, there has to be some fiscal discipline
106	I would be concerned that we are pulling money from capex (specifically street maintenance and repair programs) to build out such an obscure portion of the city that borders the City of Orange.

107	The greenbelt is a gross embarrassment. The city should be ashamed for letting this occur. \$20,000 of city money for winter wonderland and state of the city events is wasteful and should be put towards city beatification. The residents have spoken many times about renovating this area. Stop asking and do it. This council has carried no responsibility for preserving and maintaining the City.
108	I love the idea of a community garden with citrus trees and low maintenance herbs and vegetables. I would think we could partner seasonally with Community Harvest or other food bank type organizations to help us harvest over grown vegetation after the community has had their opportunity.
109	Stop wasting our time and get it done. We have 2 signs that cost almost \$70,000 on either end of the greenbelt and for what. Our city does not look inviting or welcoming. Spend the money on the looks of our City. No one cares what the street looks like when they buy their houses here. Make the streets safe but make the City beautiful again. Thank you.
110	None
111	The City infrastructure and safety of the residents should be the number one priority. Beautification of the City is a much lower priority.
112	I want to make sure my other comment came through to try an "adopt the Greenbelt" fundraising effort. Also, cap amount is difficult not knowing the costs, but basically do what it takes to be able to maintain it so the area is pretty
113	Incremental, have the neighbors be more involved. liked the fruit idea, NO dog park. Focus on a low maintenance project, perhaps residents can donate to have their names on bricks and build a wall if necessary. Don't go out of budget - see if VP organizations like Rotary or the Foundation will donate
114	None
115	Make Greenbelt an attractive, safe, "green", low maintenance pedestrian thorough fare, supplemented with a few benches, and with the addition of a safe north bound bike lane running the entire west side.
116	Not sure what the benefit would be to the majority of Villa Park residents. Put the funds to better use
117	Orange, or other fruit trees would be good too.
118	wish list Gated Community stop the thieves undercover police day and night reality ,water and mow the grass extend the fence
119	Survey re-circulated to include option noted in Q#2

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This is a fake survey. Residents are asked to vote on options with no estimate of the cost. How can anyone comment on 'major features' when they are not described?
