

3.15 RECREATION

This section of the EIR assesses the potential for implementation of the West Village Expansion component of the 2018 LRDP to contribute to physical deterioration of existing recreational facilities, or to have adverse physical effects on the environment as a result of the creation or expansion of recreational facilities.

Public comments on the NOP included concerns regarding the availability of recreation facilities with implementation of the 2018 LRDP. These impacts are described and addressed within this section. As they pertain to implementation of the West Village Expansion component of the 2018 LRDP, these impacts are described and addressed within this section.

3.15.1 Regulatory Setting

Plans, policies, regulations, and laws (applicable to and/or considered for the project) are provided in Volume 1 of this EIR. As the regulatory setting provided in Volume 1 considers potential development, including the project, within the entirety of the UC Davis campus as envisioned through the 2018 LRDP, no additional regulatory setting is provided for the project.

3.15.2 Environmental Setting

Section 3.15, "Recreation," in Volume 1 of this EIR, presents the recreation setting for the entire UC Davis campus, including the West Village Expansion component. There are no existing recreation facilities on the West Village Expansion site or remote parking area. The existing West Village student housing area includes primarily informal open space and small-scale pocket parks for passive recreation.

3.15.3 Environmental Impacts and Mitigation Measures

SIGNIFICANCE CRITERIA

Refer to Section 3.15, "Recreation," in Volume 1 of this EIR for a discussion of applicable Significance Criteria.

ANALYSIS METHODOLOGY

See Section 3.15, "Recreation," in Volume 1 of this EIR for analytical methods relative to recreation.

ISSUES NOT EVALUATED FURTHER

The following impacts were identified as part of the analysis of the 2018 LRDP, and are either (1) adequately evaluated at the program level of analysis of the 2018 LRDP, or (2) not applicable to the West Village Expansion component.

Off-site Recreational Facilities

As discussed in Section 3.15, “Recreation,” Volume 1, the increased demand for recreation facilities would primarily be for on-campus facilities, which are anticipated to be adequate under the 2018 LRDP. Therefore, the 2018 LRDP is not expected to cause substantial deterioration of off-campus recreation facilities. Therefore, no additional project-level analysis is necessary.

PROJECT-SPECIFIC IMPACTS AND MITIGATION MEASURES

Impact 3.15-1: Impacts on-campus recreation facilities.

The proposed project at West Village would increase demand for on-campus recreation facilities. The West Village Expansion component would provide one acre of recreational resources. In addition, maintenance of existing on-campus recreation facilities would be increased as needed, and several new recreation facilities would be constructed as part of the 2018 LRDP to off-set increases in demand for recreational facilities. Therefore, this impact would be **less than significant**.

The West Village Expansion component would provide housing for a total of 3,800 students, of which 1,200 would be transfer students, and would increase student population and associated demand for recreation facilities on-campus. The West Village Expansion project also includes approximately one acre of recreational uses, centrally located on the western portion of the West Village Expansion site. These uses would include passive (e.g., open lawn space) recreational resources for students and would be constructed concurrently with the West Village Expansion component.

As described under Impact 3.15-1 in Section 3.15, “Recreation,” Volume 1, the Quimby Act does not apply to the 2018 LRDP; however, it is used as a gauge to ensure an appropriate level of recreation facilities are provided. In general, 5 acres of recreational facilities per 1,000 population is required under the Quimby Act. Although the West Village Expansion component provides only 0.26 acres per 1,000 persons, when viewed as part of the entirety of the 2018 LRDP, the 2018 LRDP provides approximately 4.5 acres of additional recreational facilities per 1,000 new population.

Also as discussed under Section 3.15, “Recreation,” of Volume 1 the existing recreation facilities at UC Davis are maintained as needed to prevent deterioration based on the current use levels, and maintenance levels of existing facilities would be increased as needed to counteract effects of increased usage. The 2018 LRDP would additionally designate approximately 37 acres as arboretum and public garden, 4 acres as riparian reserve, and 3 acres of recreation and athletic facilities to further off-set demand for recreational facilities and open space associated with the increased population. As described in Section 3.15, “Recreation,” maintenance of existing on-campus recreation facilities would be increased as needed and new recreation facilities would be constructed to off-set demand for recreation facilities. Maintenance of existing on-campus recreation facilities and the construction of new recreation facilities are a component of the 2018 LRDP, whose impacts are analyzed in Volume 1 of this EIR. Based on the foregoing, the impacts to on-campus recreation facilities from the West Village Expansion project would be **less than significant**.

Mitigation Measures

No mitigation measures are necessary.
