

Mitigation Measures

None required.

Impacts After Mitigation

None.

4. Parks And Recreation

Environmental Setting

The project site is located in the west San Fernando Valley, in the Canoga Park-Winnetka-Woodland Hills-West Hills Community Plan Area of the City of Los Angeles.

The operation and management of City of Los Angeles parks and recreation facilities is performed by the Department of Recreation and Parks. Planning efforts and activities concerning parks, recreation facilities, and open space areas in the City of Los Angeles are governed by the Open Space Plan of the Open Space Element of the General Plan; the Public Recreation Plan of the Services Systems Element of the General Plan; and the Community Plans under the Land Use Element of the General Plan.

One 19 acre community park, an approximately 15 acre neighborhood park, and a 12.5 acre neighborhood park are located in the City of Los Angeles within two miles of the project area. These are identified on **Table 41, Local Parks and Recreation Centers**, page 190. Approximately half of the two mile radius around the project site falls outside of the City of Los Angeles. There do not appear to be any public parks within this area (which includes the City of Calabasas and the County of Los Angeles).

These three parks serve a population of 24,369 within the City of Los Angeles. The Community Plan establishes a requirement for 49 acres of community park and 49 acres of neighborhood park for a population of 24,369. Currently there are 19 acres of community park and approximately 27.5 acres of neighborhood park for the area. Therefore, the area is currently deficient in public parks and recreational facilities. However, the Public Recreation Plan designates one proposed community park and six proposed neighborhood parks within the Los Angeles portion of the relevant service area. Both the existing and proposed facilities are shown in **Figure 40, Public Facilities Map**, page 180.

TABLE 41				
LOCAL PARKS AND RECREATION CENTERS				
Distance From Site	Name	Address	Size (Acres)	Designation
2.0 miles	Woodland Hills Park	5858 Shoup Avenue	19	Community
1.5 miles	Alizondo Drive Park	Alizondo Drive at Mulholland Drive	15	Neighborhood
1.55 miles	Santa Monica National Recreation Area	Topanga Canyon Blvd. south of Mulholland Drive	12.5	Neighborhood

Significance Criteria

A potentially significant impact occurs when the project results in a population gain or development of parkland which reduces the park area to an amount below the Public Recreation Plan standard of two acres of park per 1,000 residents for neighborhood parks and two acres per 1,000 residents for community parks. Additionally, it should be taken into consideration whether the project includes features that would reduce the demand for recreation and park services (e.g., on-site recreation facilities, land dedication or direct financial support to the Department of Recreation and Parks).

Environmental Impacts

The Proposed Project would involve the redevelopment of a hospital facility, resulting in a net increase of 184,540 square feet of medical and service/administration use, and the development of 269 residential units (with 308 residents) and 21,000 square feet of activity/recreational space in an assisted living community. The age, frailty and limited mobility of the residents would minimize their use of any recreation facilities. However, the proposed Master Plan designates a 2 acre undeveloped Nature Center in the area of Dry Canyon Creek, and a 7 acre pedestrian walkway adjacent to a new water feature running north-south along the center of the project site. The approximately 9 acres of open space proposed for the MPTF campus would satisfy the potential demand for recreation and park services generated by the 308 new residents on the site. Therefore there would be no significant impact to parks and recreation due to the Proposed Project.

Cumulative Impacts

Related Project Nos. 5, 8, 10, 11, and 12 are residential projects. Projects 8 and 11 would be served by the same recreational facilities as the Proposed Project. These two projects would increase the

population within the service area by 260¹. Due to the existing deficiency for both community and neighborhood parks, the population increase could potentially impact the parks service area further. However, several parks have been designated within the area for future development under the City's Public Recreation Plan, which should off-set this deficiency. Furthermore, Related Project No. 8 would be required to pay Quimby Fees which can be used to purchase land for the development of these parks, thus reducing population increase related project impacts. Additionally, Related Project No. 11 would be developed on the MPTF campus, which would provide adequate recreational and open-space to accommodate all new residents on the site. Therefore, impacts to parks and recreation due to the cumulative projects in the service area would be less than significant.

Mitigation Measures

None Required.

Impacts After Mitigation

None anticipated.

5. Libraries

Environmental Setting

The project area is serviced by the Woodland Hills Branch of the Los Angeles Public Library, located at 22200 Ventura Boulevard. This branch library currently has the capacity to serve a population of 50,176², and a planned expansion of the existing building will allow it to accommodate a population of 72,000. The current population served by the Woodland Hills Branch Library is 60,769.

Significance Criteria

The determination of significance shall be made considering the net population increase resulting from the Proposed Project; the demand for library services anticipated at the time of project build-out compared to the expected level of service available; and whether the project includes features that would reduce the demand for library services.

¹ Assumes 4 residents per dwelling unit for Project No. 8, and a total of 200 residents for Project No. 11.

² City of Los Angeles. *Draft L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide*. Exhibit J.5-2, LAPL Branch Facilities, pg. J.5-12. May 14, 1998.