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Parks, Schools & Community Facilities

This element presents Porterville's policies and programs for the development and maintenance of parks, schools, and community facilities. In order to foster compact development, these facilities are viewed as fundamental building blocks for new neighborhoods to be built over the next two decades. As discussed in the Land Use Element, new neighborhoods are designed to protect and enhance community assets including small town character and strong sense of community. The Circulation Element policies ensure that parks and schools will be linked, where possible, by bikeways, trails, and pedestrian facilities.

5.1 PARKS

Neighborhood and community parks are an important component of Porterville in 2030, as both recreational and aesthetic resources that contribute to the City's character. Porterville is committed to creating and maintaining a park system that meets citizens' recreational needs, maximizes landscapes endowed by the natural environment, and contributes to the City's quality of life. The Parks, Schools & Community Facilities Element serves as a guide for park planning and development documents prepared by the Department of Parks and Leisure Services and the Parks & Leisure Services Commission.

PARK CLASSIFICATIONS

The City provides its residents with several types of parks and facilities. Parks are defined as land owned or leased by the City and used for public recreational purposes. Several parks also serve as water detention basins. Park types are classified as follows:

- *Pocket Park*. A park typically under an acre in size intended to serve the needs of a specific neighborhood within a half-mile radius.
- *Neighborhood Park*. A park typically one to 15 acres in size which provide basic recreation activities for one or more neighborhoods. The service area ranges from a half- to one-mile radius. These parks may include facilities such as children's playgrounds, picnic tables, benches, and walkways.



Local pocket park

- *Community Park*. A park typically greater than 15 acres in size intended to serve the recreational needs of the entire city, especially those living or working within a two-mile radius. These parks may include facilities such as sport fields, exercise courses, recreation buildings, and restrooms. Other facilities may include community centers, swimming pools, tennis courts, and concession stands.
- *Specialized Recreation*. A park of any size intended to serve the specialized recreational needs of residents. These parks may include large sports fields, off road vehicle parks, and golf courses.
- *Trail/Parkways*. A network of linear parks of varying size intended to serve the recreational needs of city residents. These parks may include facilities such as bikeways, walkways, and riding trails.

Table 5-1: Park Facility Standards

Park Type	*Typical Size*	*Service Area*
Pocket	Less than 1 acre	½ mile
Neighborhood	1 to15 acres	½ to 1 mile radius
Community	More than15 acres	Entire City
Specialized Recreation	Vary	Entire City
Trails/Parkways	Vary	Entire City

Source: Dyett & Bhatia, 2007.

EXISTING PARK FACILITIES

Currently, Porterville has 15 parks for a total of almost 295 acres of parkland, plus other community facilities. These facilities range in size from the 0.1-acre North Park pocket park to the 95-acre Sports Complex. Murry Park is currently a 36-acre community park which includes the municipal swimming pool, family picnic areas, pavilions, barbecue pits, sinks, tables and benches, fishing pond, two children's play areas, and restrooms. The Sports Complex consists of a 17-acre Off-Highway Vehicle Park, a two-acre BMX facility, 62 acres of soccer fields, and a 14-acre parking lot. The Porterville Municipal Golf Course features a nine-hole course and driving range. The existing Tule River Parkway is a linear trail along the river from Main Street to SR 65 which features a walking and bike-riding trail. Other community facilities include the Community Center, the Zalud House, and the Heritage Center.



Murry Park Playground

With a 2006 population of 45,220 residents, the City has a ratio of 5.1 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents. The park ratio is based on Neighborhood Parks, Community Parks, and Specialized Recreation areas only. Trails, Community Facilities and Pocket Parks do not contribute to the ratio. Table 5-2 summarizes Porterville's existing parks and recreation facilities. Figure 5-1 illustrates the existing parks, as well as the proposed facilties.

Table 5-2: Existing Park and Recreation Facilities

Name	*Acres*
Pocket Parks	
Centennial Plaza	0.25
Lions Mini Park	0.25
North Park	0.25
Olivewood Mini Park	0.25
Neighborhood Parks	
Burton Ballfield	5.3
Hayes Field	7.5
Pioneer School Ballfield	3.9
Community Parks	
Fairgrounds - Municipal Ball Park	3.6
Murry Park	36.1
Veterans Park	26.0
Zalud Park	14.6
Specialized Recreation	
Porterville Sports Complex	95.5
Municipal Golf Course	38.0
Trails/Parkways	
Rails-to-Trails	14.3
Tule River Parkway	48.3
Other Community Facilities	
Community Center	1.5
Zalud House	0.3
Heritage Center	13.9
Grand Total	**309.7[1]**
Park Ratio Subtotal	**230.5**
Park Ratio[2]	**5.1**

[1] Total acreage represents gross park acres which may be more than the improved park acres.
[2] Park Ratio is based only on Neighborhood Parks, Community Parks, and Specialized Recreation areas. Pocket Parks, Community Facilities, and Trails are excluded.

Source: City of Porterville, Dyett & Bhatia, 2007.

Figure 5-1

Parks

- Neighborhood Park
- Community Park
- Pocket Park
- Specialized Recreation
- Trails/Parkways
- Proposed
- Potential Park Site
- Potential Specialized Recreation Site
- Planning Area

Size and location of parks to be determined in subsequent Master Plan.

1/2 Mile Radius

1/4 Mile Radius

Note: County and state facilities are not shown.

Lake Success

Hayes Field

Zalud Park

Veterans Park

Burton Ballfield

Fairgrounds Municipal Ball Park

Rails To Trails

Community Center

Murry Park

Municipal Golf Course

Heritage Center

Tule River Parkway

Pioneer Ballfield

Porterville Sports Complex

Porterville Municipal Airport

NORTH GRAND AVE

WESTFIELD AVE

AVENUE 160

HENDERSON AVE

MORTON AVE

OLIVE AVE

ROBY AVE

ORANGE AVE

DATE AVE

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PLANO ST

HILLCREST ST

LEGGETT ST

ROAD 252

UNION PACIFIC RR

Porter Slough

Friant Kern Canal

Hobbs Miner Ditch

Tule River

Poplar Ditch

65

190

40 acres

10 acres

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PLANNED PARK NETWORK

The development of an open space and park network integrating park, recreation facilities, and open space is central to enhancing the quality of life and promoting the unique environment of Porterville. A very important component to this network will be the Tule River Parkway, as it is integral to connecting other parks, recreation facilities, neighborhoods, the foothills, and Lake Success. The Plan also proposes sites for additional Sports Complexes.

One major objective for Porterville is to ensure the accessibility of parks to all its residents and visitors. This Plan's parks are located so that the majority of new residential development is within a quarter- or half-mile walking radius of a park. This will ensure that at least 80 percent of the residents live within easy walking distance of a school or park. Trails will be used to connect neighborhoods to parks and recreation facilities.

Park Demand

The City's park standard for neighborhood and community parks is 5.0 acres per 1,000 residents. The goal for all parkland, including specialized facilities, is 10.0 acres per 1,000 residents. The buildout of the General Plan Land Use Diagram would result in approximately 62,080 new residents in Porterville, with a total population of about 107,300. Using this park standard, this additional population would require an additional 620 acres of parkland.

The General Plan provides approximately 870 acres of parkland within the Planning Area. Buildout of the proposed General Plan would result in approximately a park ratio of 6.3 acres of neighborhood and community parks, and 10.3 acres of total parkland per 1,000 residents. Table 5-3 summarizes existing and proposed park calculations. In addition, new development in the Resort Residential Community near Lake Success requires a minimum of 9 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents. With approximately 4,400 additional residents proposed for this area, 40 acres of new parkland would be required. Therefore, in total the General Plan provides 914 acres of additional parkland.

Table 5-3: Parks by Type at Buildout

Park Type	*Existing Acreage*	*Proposed Acreage*	*Total Acreage at Buildout*	*Parkland Ratio at Buildout*[1]
Neighborhood	16.7	220	237	2.2
Community	80.3	360	440	4.1
Specialized Recreation	133.5	290	424	3.9
Total[2]	**230.5**	**870**	**1,100**	**10.3**

[1] Acres of neighborhood, community, and specialized recreation parkland per 1,000 residents.

[2] The 40 acres of parkland in the Resort Residential area is not represented in the total because the type of facility has not yet been determined.

Source: Dyett & Bhatia, 2007.

Sports Fields Evaluation

The 2006 *Sports Field Evaluation* evaluated the sports fields in Porterville and made various recommendations to development of existing and future recreational facilities. There are currently seven lighted and four unlit baseball diamonds, 11 soccer fields, and three football

fields. However, the study concludes that these fields are not sufficient, particularly the lighted baseball diamonds, to meet future demand.

The Parks and Leisure Services Commission recommends the development of a Sports Complex with a minimum of four full-size, lighted softball fields and providing lights at the other existing fields.

Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan

Following General Plan adoption, a new Porterville Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan will be prepared as a guiding blueprint for the City Council, the Parks and Leisure Services Commission, and the public. In conjunction with the General Plan, this Master Plan will ensure the cohesive development of a parks and open space system that upholds the standards and goals set forth in the General Plan. In addition, the Master Plan will include a range of programs for all ages and interests. It will determine which parks and recreation facilities will be shared with school programs, while others are wholly public.



Centennial Park off Main Street is an important Downtown amenity.

GUIDING POLICIES

PSCF-G-1 *Establish and maintain a high-quality, enjoyable, and attractive public park system for the entire community.*

PSCF-G-2 *Provide park and recreation facilities within close proximity to residents they are intended to serve.*

PSCF-G-3 *Ensure adequate funding for park and recreation facilities acquisition, development, operations, maintenance, and enforcement of park rules.*

IMPLEMENTATION POLICIES

PSCF-I-1 Prepare, adopt, and implement a Parks and Recreation Master Plan, including:

- Plans for the development and acquisition of parks, recreation facilities, trails, and open space;
- Specific facility standards and guidelines for landscaping, lighting, signage, parking, and recreational equipment design;
- Performance guidelines to minimize water, energy, and chemical use and preserve wildlife;
- Recommended programs for parks and recreation; and
- Programs for enforcement of park rules.

A comprehensive Master Plan will ensure that planned park, amenities, and recreational programs will serve the needs of all residents regardless of age, income, or ability, including the physically disabled, and that recreational equipment meet passive (picnicking, walking, etc.) and active needs (sports and team activities) of the population. The Plan also will show how existing parks and recreation facilities will be improved to reduce maintenance cost and water use, along with improving safety and aesthetics.

PSCF-I-2 Update park impact fees to fund the acquisition and development of land for park and recreation facilities, pursuant to the General Plan.

PSCF-I-3 Amend the Subdivision Ordinance to require that residential developers provide a minimum of five acres of neighborhood and community parks per 1,000 residents or pay in lieu fees.

In-lieu fees can be used for any capacity-building park and recreation facility improvements.

PSCF-I-4 Establish additional funding for the acquisition and development of specialized park and recreation facilities to serve existing and future residents.

PSCF-I-5 Require developers for new neighborhoods to agree to the establishment of, or annexation into, a Park Maintenance District in new neighborhoods.

PSCF-I-6 Establish a program for contributions to the City's park system by non-residential developers, based on their proportional share of needs generated and use of facilities.

PSCF-I-7 Establish dedication and reservation requirements in the Subdivision Ordinance for open space, parkways, and trail systems in new residential developments.

PSCF-I-8 Provide lighted facilities for active community recreation areas in order to extend usability, whenever possible.

Address compatibility with surrounding uses and use energy-efficient lighting design with limited glare and spillover.

PSCF-I-9 Design park and recreation facilities to be as flexible as possible, so that they may adapt to changes in the population served and in the recreation programs offered.

Changing neighborhood demographics can lead to different user requirements over the life of a park. By having flexible park facilities, this will enable the park to adapt to the changing needs of the adjacent neighborhood.

PSCF-I-10 Place neighborhood and community parks at the core of new neighborhoods and co-locate parks and school sites where possible, as depicted on the General Plan Land Use Diagram.

PSCF-I-11 Combine use of park, recreation, and open space lands with drainage facilities and school facilities, where feasible.

PSCF-I-12 Evaluate the feasibility and benefit derived from relocating the existing Sports Complex to a more accessible location that can accommodate lighted fields.

PSCF-I-13 Conduct community surveys as needed to identify unmet demand for park and recreation services.

The Parks and Leisure Services Commission will take the lead to conduct and evaluate the survey.

PSCF-I-14 Develop a safe and efficient trail network throughout the City that links parks and other key City destinations.

PSCF-I-15 Continue to support the development of the Tule River Parkway Bicycle and Pedestrian path and the Rails to Trails Project.

PSCF-I-16 Work with the appropriate government agencies and local businesses to produce a bicycle map that shows touring and commuting bicycle routes, mountain bike trails, and school commute routes.

PSCF-I-17 Involve citizens, especially the youth, in maintaining park areas through participation in park watches, citizen based graffiti watch and cleanup and repair.

PSCF-I-18 Cooperate with the school districts to promote joint development and use of school facilities after school hours.

Joint development and use of school sites is especially important in developed areas where park standards have not yet been achieved. This approach will maximize opportunities for park and recreation facilities for Porterville residents.

5.2 SCHOOLS

Providing adequate, flexible school sites is another key objective of the General Plan. New sites for elementary, middle and high schools are recommended and discussed in this section. Plus, land for a new campus to support higher education and job training facilities is set aside to reinforce economic development initiatives.

Within the Planning Area, Porterville Unified School District, Burton Elementary School District, Alta Vista School District, and Tulare County Office of Education operate a total of 28 schools. These schools along with district boundaries are illustrated in Figure 5-2. Two private schools, Landmark Christian Academy and St. Anne School, are also located in the Planning Area.

Enrollment and Capacity

According to 2006 enrollment data provided by the California Department of Education, the four school districts serve approximately 17,600 students and operate 16 elementary, six middle, and six high schools in the Planning Area. On average, these public schools are at 93 percent capacity. Four schools are over capacity. Table 5-4 summarizes current enrollment and capacity information.

The Porterville Unified School District anticipates the completion of a 500-student high school north of the City of Porterville in 2008 and has begun planning a new elementary school. Burton Elementary School District anticipates the completion of Thurman Avenue Middle School in 2008 and Lombardi Elementary School in 2010.

Table 5-4: Existing Public Schools in Planning Area, 2005-2006

School	*Enrollment*	*Capacity*	*%of Capacity*
Elementary Schools (K-5)			
Alta Vista Elementary	518	635	81.6%
Belleview Elementary*	413	425	97.2%
Buckley (William R.) Elementary	552	473	116.7%
Burton Elementary	571	629	90.8%
Doyle (John J.) Elementary	706	750	94.1%
Hope Elementary	144	140	102.9%
Los Robles Elementary	523	625	83.7%
Monte Vista Elementary	527	575	91.7%
Oak Grove Elementary*	554	566	97.9%
Olive Street Elementary*	671	750	89.5%
Roche Elementary	365	400	91.3%
Santa Fe Elementary*	571	625	91.4%
Summit Charter Academy	393	612	64.2%
Vandalia Elementary*	710	750	94.7%
West Putnam Elementary	506	600	84.3%
Westfield Elementary	690	775	89.0%
Total Elementary Schools	*8,414*	*9,330*	*90.2%*
Middle Schools (6-8)			
Bartlett Intermediate	620	700	88.6%
Burton Middle*	720	648	111.1%
Horizon Community Day	6	15	40.0%
Jim Maples Academy*	589	660	89.2%
Pioneer Intermediate*	773	900	85.9%
Sequoia Middle School	446	550	81.1%
Total Middle Schools	*3,154*	*3,473*	*90.8%*
High Schools (9-12)			
Citrus High (Continuation)	283	180	157.2%
Granite Hills High	1,479	1,525	97.0%
La Sierra Charter School	332	150	221.3%
Monache High*	1,989	2,100	94.7%
Porterville High	1,936	2,075	93.3%
Vine Street Community Day	23	45	51.1%
Total High Schools	*6,042*	*6,075*	*99.5%*
Total	**17,610**	**18,878**	**93.3%**

* Indicates school located within ¼-mile walking distance to a park and recreation facility.

Source: Enrollment data from California Department of Education, 2004-5; Capacity data from Burton Elementary School District & Porterville Unified School Districts and individual schools; Dyett & Bhatia, 2006.

Figure 5-2

Schools and School Districts

School District

ES Elementary School
MS Middle School
HS High School
College Campus (3 Potential Sites)

Planning Area

Note:Schools less than 2 acres are not shown

Source: Porterville Unified School District, Burton School District, Tulare County School District

BURTON ELEMENTARY

TULARE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

PORTERVILLE UNIFIED

ALTA VISTA ELEMENTARY

TULARE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Lake Success

Tule River

Poplar Ditch

Friant Kern Canal

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AVENUE 146

AVENUE 140

AVENUE 128

AVENUE 124

AVENUE 120

Sequoia Middle School

Porterville Education Complex

Westfield Elementary

Buckley Elementary

Burton Middle School

Oakgrove Elementary

Monache High School

Monte Vista Elementary

Los Robles Elementary

Citrus High

Belleview Elementary

Roche Ave Elementary

Bartlett Middle School

Oakgrove Elementary
Burton Elementary
Jim Maples Academy

West Putnam Elementary

Granite Hills High School

Vine Street Community Day

Olive St Elementary

Porterville High School

Santa Fe Elementary

John J. Doyle Elementary

Summit Charter

Alta Vista Elementary

Porterville College

Pioneer Middle School

Vandalia Elementary

Hope Elementary

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40 acres
10 acres

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Projected Enrollment

Buildout of the General Plan will result in the addition of 20,170 housing units. However, it is assumed that only 25 percent of the proposed units in the Resort Residential community near Lake Success will generate students. Therefore, buildout of the General Plan will generate approximately 13,069 new students, according to the school districts' average student yield factors. This buildout would result in a total of 30,814 students and a demand for an additional 12 elementary schools, two middle schools, and three high schools. The number of students added for each school type represents a significant increase (almost 75 percent) over current levels. Student buildout calculations are provided in Table 5-5.

Table 5-5: Buildout Student Population and School Demand

Type	*Current Capacity*	*New Students*[1]	*Total Students at Buildout*[2]	*Students at Buildout in Excess of Capacity*	*New Schools Needed*[3]
K-5	9,330	7,468	15,882	6,552	12
6-8	3,473	1,867	5,021	1,548	2
9-12	6,075	3,734	9,911	3,836	3
Total	**18,878**	**13,069**	**30,814**	**11,936**	**17**

[1] Assumes only 25 percent of the housing units Resort Residential community will generate students.
[2] Assumes 2005 school district generation rates: 0.4 elementary school students, 0.1 middle school students, and 0.2 high school students per new housing unit.
[3] Assumes average school size of 550 students (grades K-5), 800 students (grades 6-8), and 1,500 students (grades 9-12). The number of schools needed is rounded up.

Source: Dyett & Bhatia, 2007.

Planned Facilities

Figure 5-2 illustrates planned school sites in the Planning Area, which are also shown on the General Plan Land Use Diagram. A total of 14 elementary, four middle and three high schools are planned in new and existing neighborhoods.

SPECIALIZED SCHOOL FACILITIES

Specialized school facilities include the Lillian B. Hill Learning Center, offering special education services; the newly opened Prospect Education Center, offering both on-site and home instruction to any student residing in the Porterville Unified School District; and the Porterville Adult School, offering adult classes and child care services.

HIGHER EDUCATION

Porterville College is a comprehensive community college that provides general, transfer and career education at the undergraduate level, training and services for updating skills in the existing workforce, and basic skills. Porterville College has an average attendance of 3,850 students, of which about 20 percent are full-time. [1]

[1] Porterville College Fall Student Demographics 2003-2006, and Porterville College Growth and Space Needs Plan. October 2003.

The General Plan Land Use Diagram illustrates three options for sites for new post-secondary education facilities to support the economic development strategy discussed in the Economic Development Element.

GUIDING POLICIES

PSCF-G-4 *Support efforts to provide superior public and private educational opportunities for all segments of the population.*

PSCF-G-5 *Place schools at the core of new neighborhoods and co-locate parks and school sites where possible.*

PSCF-G-6 *Advocate the development of post-secondary education institutions.*

IMPLEMENTATION POLICIES

PSCF-I-19 Cooperate with local school districts to ensure that educational facilities with sufficient permanent capacity are constructed to meet the needs of current and projected student enrollment and required infrastructure is constructed when needed.

PSCF-I-20 Amend the Subdivision Ordinance to require reservation of school sites, as shown on the General Plan Land Use Diagram, for school district acquisition for a reasonable period of time, not to exceed five years.

PSCF-I-21 Establish zoning and development incentives for developers who provide sites to accommodate higher education institutions.

5.3 COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Community facilities are the network of public and private institutions that support the civic and social needs of the population. They offer a variety of recreational, artistic, and educational programs and special events. New community facilities are not specifically sited on the General Plan Land Use Diagram. Small-scale facilities are appropriately sited as integral parts of neighborhoods and communities, while existing larger-scale facilities are generally depicted as public/semi-public land use, as appropriate.



Porterville Heritage Center

Other types of important social and community services, such as child day care and elder care, are provided by the private sector and Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency.

These facilities in Porterville can be grouped into the following categories:

- *Community Centers*. These facilities are designed to meet the needs of the population for civic meetings, recreational activities, social gatherings, and cultural events. These facilities may be located in Community Parks.
- *Museums and Galleries*. These facilities house scientific and historical exhibits or offer space for artistic performances and presentations. The Porterville Historical Museum was founded in 1965 and is housed in the former Southern Pacific depot, constructed in 1913, The Zalud House, a historic site built in 1891, is also open to the public.
- *Civic Buildings*. This category of community facilities includes City and County administrative and public buildings. City Hall is currently located at 291 N. Main Street. The Tulare County Courts system is currently maintains a courthouse at 87 East Morton Avenue, Porterville. Plans are underway to expand and relocate the courthouse.
- *Libraries*. These facilities house literary, artistic, and reference materials for public use and circulation. The City of Porterville owns and maintains two public library facilities that provide library resources for residents and businesses within the community. Porterville City Library is a member of the San Joaquin Valley Library System, a library consortium. Member libraries are integrated into a common patron database which provides a common computer system platform, technical support, and facilitates the sharing of collection materials within the San Joaquin Valley. Libraries are located at 41 W. Thurman Avenue and at 256 E. Orange Avenue. Porterville's Library Board of Trustees meets monthly and serves as an advisory body to the Porterville City Council.
- *Medical Facilities*. This category of community facilities includes hospitals, clinics, long-term care facilities, and medical offices. In 2005 Sierra View District Hospital, handled more than 46,000 visits and admitted about 8,700 patients.[1] The Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency provides social services to residents in need of assistance throughout Tulare County. Porterville is served by the Imperial Ambulance District and other private ambulance services.

GUIDING POLICIES

PSCF-G-7 *Support the development of public and cultural facilities to enhance community identity and meet the civic and social needs of the community.*

PSCF-G-8 *Ensure that community centers provide sufficient space to conduct civic meetings, recreational programs, and social activities to meet the needs of Porterville's citizens.*

PSCF-G-9 *Achieve and maintain library services that provide adequate and accessible informational, recreational and research materials in a variety of formats for all ages and for a culturally diverse population.*

[1] Sierra View District Hospital. http://www.sierra-view.com/About%20SVDH.htm. April 9, 2007.

PSCF-G-10 *Promote the development of medical facilities in Porterville to serve a local and regional population.*

IMPLEMENTATION POLICIES

PSCF-I-22 Amend the Subdivision Ordinance to require reservation of community facility sites in new neighborhoods for a reasonable period of time.

PSCF-I-23 Maintain a minimum ratio of 1.2 square feet of community center space per resident.

PSCF-I-24 Locate new Community Centers, to be operated by the Porterville Parks and Leisure Services Department, in neighborhood centers, Downtown or within or adjacent to parks.

PSCF-I-25 Support the Youth Services Foundation's efforts to identify and evaluate recreational, social, and cultural activities and facilities for youth in the community.

PSCF-I-26 Support the development of a range of cultural and arts facilities throughout the City, including museums, performing art centers, shared cultural spaces, and art exhibition spaces, working in partnership with non-profit organizations, the school districts, and the private sector.

PSCF-I-27 Cooperate with the Porterville Art Association to promote visual arts in the Porterville area through workshops, educational programs, art exhibits, and other appropriate activities.

PSCF-I-28 Explore the long term demand and feasibility of developing a regional-scale performing arts center or museum facility in downtown Porterville.

PSCF-I-29 Expand library facilities to achieve a standard of 0.5 to 1.0 square feet of public library space per capita with a goal of providing up to date facilities fully capable of supporting state-of-the-art technology in library services.

Expansion options may include, but are not limited to:

- *Construction or expansion of Downtown Library;*
- *Mobile libraries to augment library services; and/or*
- *Other satellite facilities.*

PSCF-I-30 Work with health care providers to maintain a full range of health care facilities and services designed to meet regional and community needs.

PSCF-I-31 Support public, private, and non-profit service providers to create and expand opportunities for safe, affordable, and quality child care facilities and services, and more opportunities for elder care facilities, programs, and services.

PSCF-I-32 Enforce code requirements to ensure accessibility for disabled persons to all buildings offering health and social services, consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

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