

## Segment 3. KHSRA Western Ridge

**Length: 8,786'**

The objective is to provide a sustainable, ADA accessible route that meets Park to Playa guidelines and L.A. County Trail Standards. The Feasibility Study identified segments that do not meet these design guidelines and standards due to steep and/or “fall line” alignments with eroded surfaces, narrow width, or excess width. Realignment of existing trails is recommended where necessary to meet standards, along with restoration of inappropriately aligned or duplicate trails and denuded areas.

**3.1**

### Western Ridgeline Improvements



- Restore steep and eroded segments along the ridge line.
- Realign to provide slopes consistent with minimum standards, avoiding “fall line” routes that follow direction of drainage.
- Narrow the trail by restoring unnecessary width or adjacent disturbed areas where trail is not designated as a fire road.
- Sign areas with steep slopes and provide warning of stairs ahead.
- Potential long term connection to Western Ridge trail through utility corridor. This north-south finger could extend out into Mid-City through on-street bikeways.



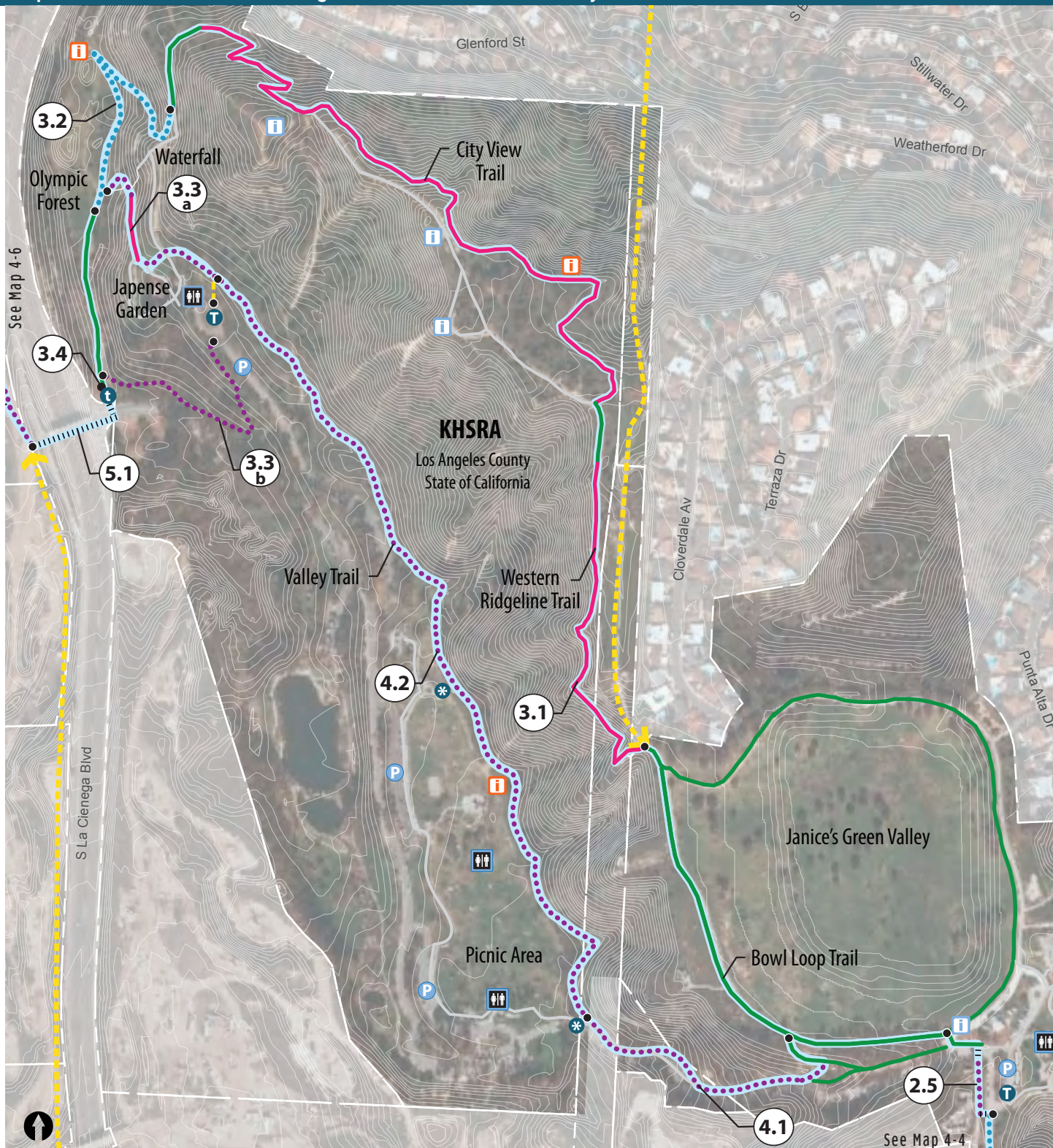
Realign and restore eroded trail segments on top of ridge.



The existing City View Trail needs to be widened to meet the 6' minimum P2P standard.



### Map 4-5: KHSRA Western Ridge Trail and KHSRA Valley Trail

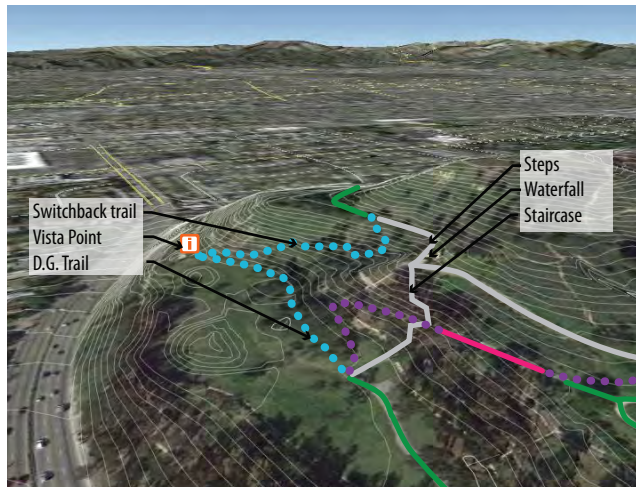


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| Existing Trail         | Existing Connector Trail  | Existing Parking           | Existing Restroom    |
| Improve Existing Trail | Proposed Trail Connection | Proposed Parking           | Proposed Restroom    |
| Proposed Trail         | Enhance Street Crossing   | Existing Interpretive Site | P2P Trailhead        |
| Planned Trail          | Proposed Bridge           | Interpretive Opportunity   | P2P Gateway Entrance |
| Close & Restore Trail  | Preferred Alignment       | Segment End Points         | P2P Access           |



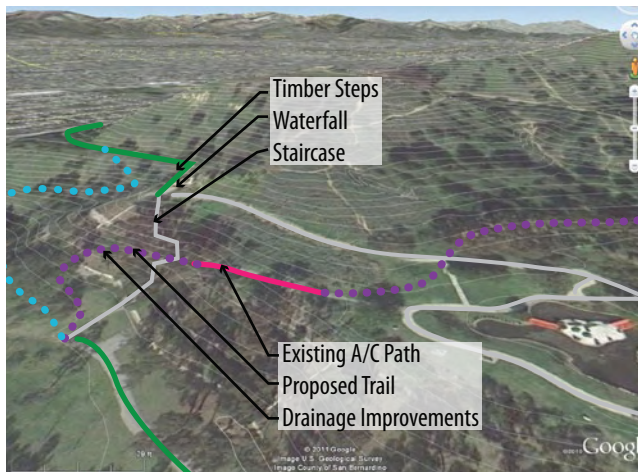
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## 3.2 Connection to Olympic Forrest



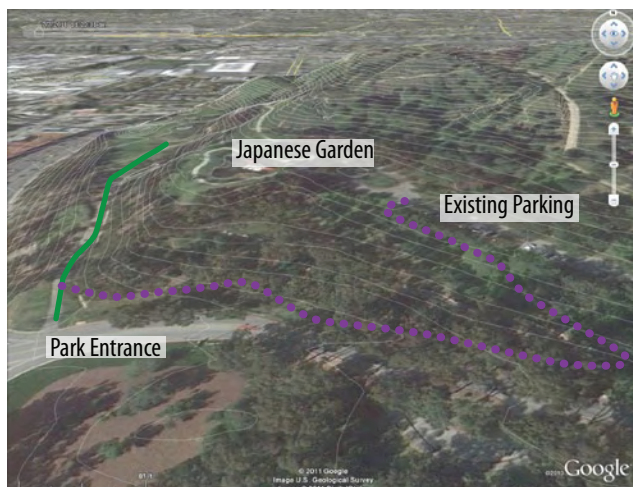
- L.A. County Department of Parks and Recreation planned and funded trail is intended to provide an alternative to the existing route that leads to a staircase at the Waterfall area passing through the north end of the Japanese Gardens.
- Interpretive vista point opportunity.

## 3.3 a Japanese Garden by pass trail (Alternative a)



- P2P Gateway east of Japanese Garden.
- New trail around east side of Japanese Garden.
- Provide better access from existing ADA accessible parking.
- Reconfigure existing asphalt path to meet recreational trail ADA standards.
- Replace or restore concrete V-ditch drainage to a more natural configuration.

## 3.3 b Japanese Garden by pass trail (Alternative b)



- New trail connection from parking lot.
- Possible boardwalk or drainage improvements necessary.

### 3.4 Trail Gateway at KHSRA Entrance



- Trail gateway entrance at Olympic Forest featuring a gateway feature, map kiosks, native landscaping, trash receptacles, bicycle parking. Entrance should be designed in collaboration with enhancements to the La Cienega bridge enhancements to align trail with crosswalk improvements.
- Replace vehicular gate with removable bollard.
- A parking lot was considered at the Olympic Forest area. A new parking lot is not recommended because it would require an inefficient layout with a narrow single-loaded lot at separate grade from the Trail. Further study by a traffic engineer would be necessary to determine the feasibility of a parking drive at this location.

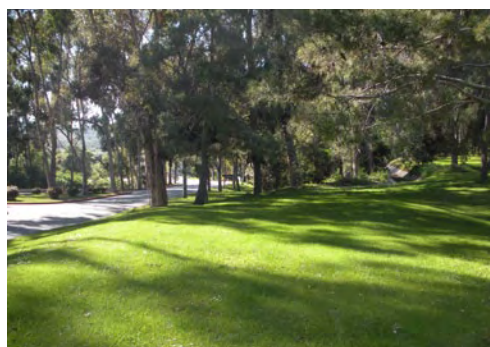
### Alternative Alignments Considered



- Close switchback trail on north facing slope. Realign as a climbing turn and restore slope to natural state. Existing trail alignment does not meet sustainable trail principles.



- Realign and restore eroded fire road.



- Trail connection along KHSRA entrance drive at park entrance to parking areas.

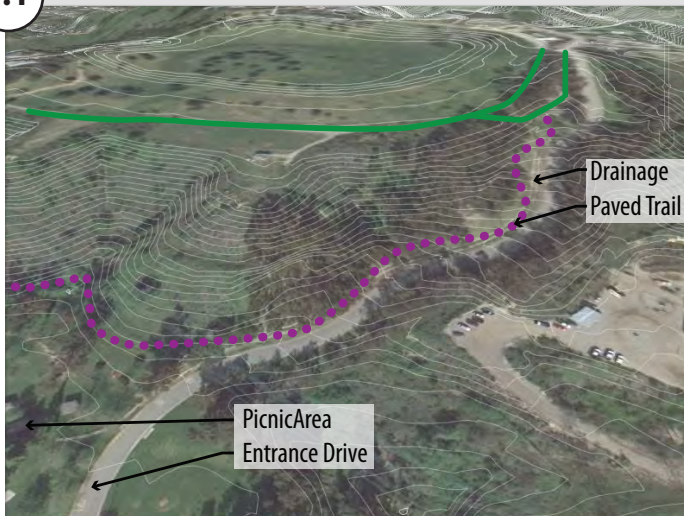


## Segment 4. Valley Trail

**Length: 4,505'**

This is a potential long-term project with the objective of improving the range of users accommodated by the Park to Playa Trail. The unpaved connections in Segment 3 along the ridge accommodate hikers and mountain bikers, but this wider, flatter, and more direct route from the paved hilltop loop trail would accommodate less adventurous riders, walkers, groups, strollers and wheelchairs users who wish to travel to and from the west side of KHSRA. This trail could be a 6' wide gravel/base rock paved surface, or wider (e.g. 8' – 10' wide, with an asphalt surface; to be resolved in conjunction with future planning for KHSRA. Portions of this trail occupy the alignment of existing sidewalks and a nature trail.

### 4.1 Realign and Restore Trail



- Realign and construct a more winding, wider and less steep trail through the landscaped area adjacent to the park road, replacing the existing concrete sidewalk. This portion of the trail is assumed to be paved. Drainage crossings over existing concrete channels are required – either with small bridges or culverts, ideally by converting to more natural drainage configuration.



There is an opportunity to restore the concrete drainage ditch to a more naturalized form improving storm water quality as well as the user experience for people on the Park to Playa Trail.

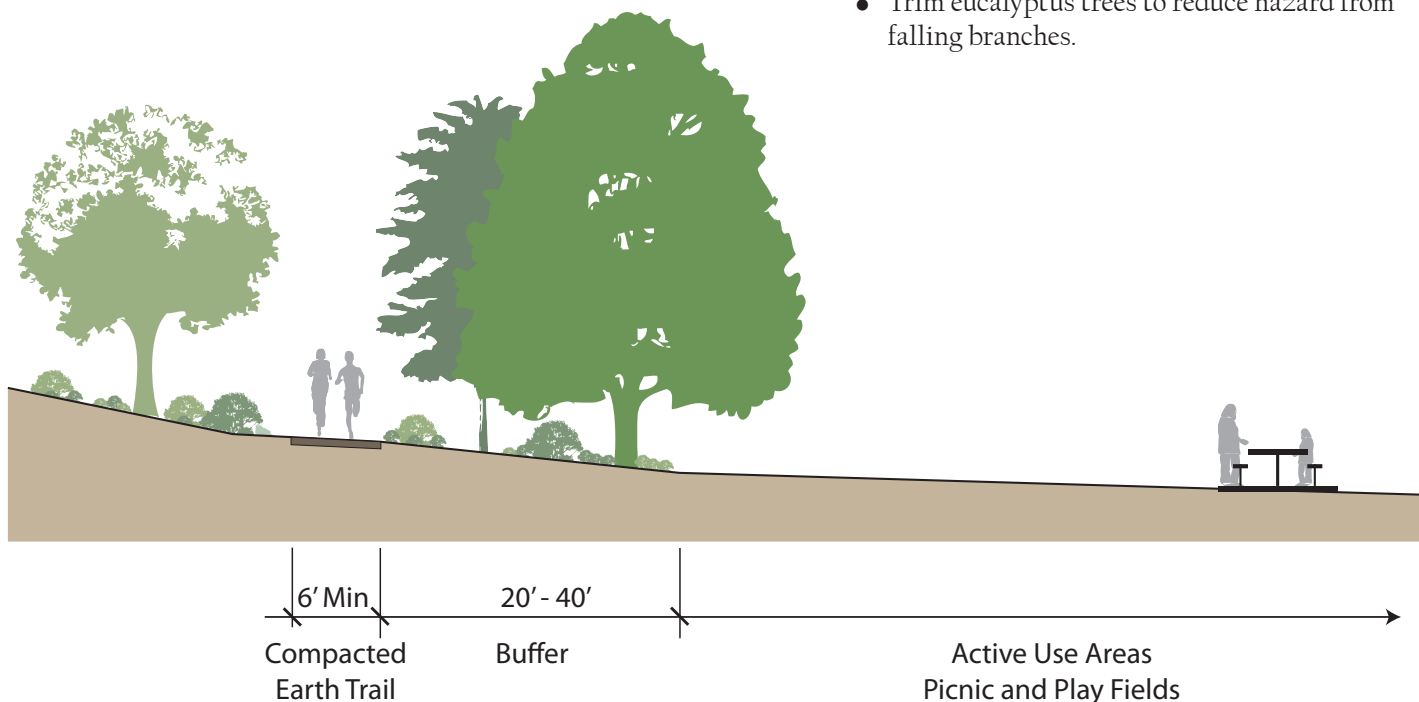


The trail will connect to Janice's Green Valley Loop via the existing interpretive trail.

**4.2 Trail at Toe of Slope**



- Build a new trail at toe of slope, outside the existing developed picnic area, except for crossing through one developed turf area in a canyon. This trail could be a 6' wide gravel/ base rock paved surface, or wider (e.g. 8' to 10' wide, with an asphalt surface; to be resolved in conjunction with future planning for KHSRA). Probable drainage crossings will require resolution of design approach. A part of this route exists as an unpaved nature trail, accessed by a small wooden footbridge.
- Buffer from adjacent active use picnic areas with landscaping/native plantings, but maintain visibility for security.
- Trim eucalyptus trees to reduce hazard from falling branches.



Existing vegetated slope along the Picnic Area.



Existing informal trail along the Picnic Area.