

MARTIAL COTTLE PARK – NEIGHBORHOOD IDEAS  
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We would love to see it shape into a park for everyone - kids and adults.

- A **walking/running trail** around the park and **picnic spots** for adults would be great
- A small **petting zoo** for toddlers
- A **small botanical park with the local flora**
- A **lake** would be nice
- A **small campground for kids** with **activities like astronomy, hiking** included in the camping experience

I hope they keep the **produce market/pumpkin patch/tree farm** around... or at least space for it. It's nice to have "real" local produce.

Also, I've noticed the **egrets** have been hanging out along the Branham side lately, hopefully whatever gets put in will support that as well. Agriculturally, a **pick your own fruit orchard** or something would be awesome locally, or **pick your own corn...** or ... as much as I think a **barn**, or some structure would be nice, I also like the fact that there's so much **openspace** there. I want **reminders of what the area used to be like**, before homes were built, and it was acres of orchards.

IF a playground idea comes up for kids, I'd specifically vote for an **enclosed tot lot**, as well as a **water feature**.

A park sounds wonderful. **Nice bathrooms, BBQ pits, and safe play structures** are always at the top of my list when I chose a park to visit.

**Community gardens; Sport activities** (softball, football, soccer, basketball, etc);  
**Walking/biking trails; Children's play area; Bike/Skate park**

if there could be an area set up as a **dog park** that would be wonderful.

One more addition could be for some **community gathering place**. It could be a small **outdoor amphitheater** where where there could be children's plays or musical performances. Or, even a small **community building with an attached community garden to use as a classroom for neighboring schools for field trips**. Then, the students can be taught about the origin of the valley and walked through the park, which could have other elements like the aforementioned **lake** or an **urban forest or orchard**.

the **agriculture traditions** Santa Clara Valley once had many years ago

I agree on the agricultural aspect. Most children do not know the wonderful past of the valley and I think the idea of an **outdoor amphitheater** or a **garden with lots of benches/picnic area** is great. This would allow **field trips** can be taken there and the children can learn (heck even some of us oldies could probably learn a thing or two.

**foxes, a beautiful skunk, raccoons, owls and many variates of birds including the white cranes.**

Let us preserve what is left of the area and try to keep it as much as possible in it's original state.

**Farmers' market**