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Dear Interested Reader,

The Santa Clara County Parks Department is pleased to present a Master Plan for Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch County Park. The plan provides a comprehensive vision for the long-term use, management, and preservation of what is now the second largest County Park in our system. This plan would not have been achieved without your support for the expansion of the regional park system in Santa Clara County.

Since the creation of the County Parks Department in 1956, the system has grown to almost 45,000 acres. It includes 27 parks that provide a variety of recreational amenities and help to preserve the signature landscapes of our region. The acquisitions of the Harvey Bear and the Mendoza Ranches have been two of the most significant additions in recent years.

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