Vision for Life Estate

The property donor, Walter Cottle Lester, had a clear vision for the park which he articulated in the property grant deed. The development and use of the property must be consistent with his deed.

Donor Vision: The property must be used exclusively as a public historical park that informs and educates the public about the agricultural heritage of the Santa Clara Valley.

Permitted Uses:
- Passive recreational activities such as picnic facilities, trails, and other low intensity uses are allowed.
- Commercial uses such as agricultural leases, produce stands, community gardens, farmer's markets, interpretive programs may be allowed if reasonably related to the primary historical purpose of the park.

Restricted Uses:
- The park cannot be used for high intensity, organized recreational uses. Examples of restricted uses are athletic fields, playgrounds, tot lots, swimming pools, play courts, amusement rides. Nor can the property become a repository for historic structures relocated from other sites.

Opportunities
- Historic Preservation
- Re-use Potential
- Interpretive Value
- New Uses
- Partnership Potential
- Revenue Generation

Constraints
- Cost
- ADA Code Compliance
- Regulations
- County Policies
- Safety / Liability
- Environmental Permitting
- Utilities / Services