

**ORDINANCE NO. 2556**

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF CHICO, AMENDING TITLE 12 OF THE CHICO MUNICIPAL CODE BY  
ADDING CHAPTER 12.18, PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Chico (“City”) is a charter city, incorporated under the laws of the State of California; and

**WHEREAS**, under article II, section 201 and article VI, section 609 of the Chico City Charter, the City Council has the power to make and enforce within the City’s jurisdictional limits all local police, sanitary, and other ordinances and regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, section 612 of the Chico City Charter, establishes that the City Council on upon four affirmative votes has the power to make and enforce as an emergency measure for the preservation of the public peace, welfare, health or safety an emergency ordinance by reading such ordinance in full, and adopted at the same meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that it is necessary to codify the City’s existing regulations for City parks currently found in Title 12R, chapter 12R.04 into the Municipal Code so that the City can abate and address the issues of breaches of public peace, and threats to the welfare, health and safety of the public due to the recent increase in the number of violations of such established rules by codifying such rules under the enforcement provisions of the Chico Municipal Code by ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to protect the public health, safety, general welfare, and quiet enjoyment of property in the City by the adoption of this emergency ordinance which shall take effect the day following enactment and shall be applicable for a period no more than six (6) months after adoption.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it ordained by the Council of the City of Chico:

**SECTION 1.** The City Council of the City of Chico hereby determines and finds as follows:

A. The facts set forth in the recitals are true and correct and are hereby incorporated as substantive findings.

B. Title 12R, Chapter 12R.04 of the Chico Municipal Code, the City’s general rules

and regulations for City parks, are added to the Municipal Code as Chapter 12.18, Park Rules and Regulations, as follows:

**ARTICLE I. ENFORCEMENT OF PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**12.18.010** Application of chapter.

The rules set forth in this chapter shall govern all persons using the parks and playgrounds within the city and shall apply to all areas of such parks and playgrounds, unless otherwise specifically provided in the remaining chapters of this title.

**12.18.020** Definitions.

Unless the contrary is stated or clearly appears from the context, the following definitions shall govern the construction of the words and phrases used in this chapter.

A. **Alcoholic Beverages.** For purposes of this chapter, the term “alcoholic beverages” shall include alcohol, spirits, liquor, wine, beer and every liquid or solid containing alcohol, spirits, liquor, wine or beer and which contains, ½ of 1% or more of alcohol by volume and which is fit for beverage purposes either alone or when diluted, mixed or combined with other substances.

B. **Bidwell Bowl Amphitheater.** The term “Bidwell Bowl Amphitheater shall include all that area South of Sowilleno Avenue, North of Children’s Playground and East of California State University, Chico. Exhibit “A” entitled “Children’s Playground/Bidwell Bowl Amphitheater,” attached to this chapter and incorporated herein by this reference (Exhibit “A”).

C. **Bidwell Park.** The term “Bidwell Park” shall specifically include Upper Bidwell Park, Middle Bidwell Park, and Lower Bidwell Park. Exhibit “B” entitled “Bidwell Park,” attached to this chapter and incorporated herein by this reference (Exhibit “B”).

D. **Cedar Grove.** The term “Cedar Grove” shall include an area of Lower Bidwell Park located from where the western portion of the World of Trees borders the adjacent residential area, south of South Park Drive, North of East 8th St and includes Cedar Grove Way and the gravel parking lot. Exhibit “C” entitled “Cedar Grove,” attached to this chapter and incorporated herein by this reference (Exhibit “C”).

E. **Children’s Playground.** The term “Children’s Playground” shall include all that area which is bounded on the north by Big Chico Creek, on the south by Shasta Way, on the east

by The Esplanade and on the west by the Bidwell Presbyterian Church, excluding the Bidwell Bowl Amphitheater seating area. Exhibit “A” entitled “Children’s Playground/Bidwell Bowl Amphitheater,” attached to this chapter and incorporated herein by this reference (Exhibit “A”).

F. **City Plaza.** The term “City Plaza” shall include all that area west of Main Street, east of Broadway Street, north of 5th Street and south of 4th Street. Exhibit “D” entitled “City Plaza,” attached to this chapter and incorporated herein by this reference (Exhibit “D”).

G. **Depot Park.** The term “Depot Park” shall include all that area west of the railroad, east of Cedar Street, north of 3rd Street and south of 5th Street. Exhibit “E” entitled “Depot Park,” attached to this chapter and incorporated herein by this reference (Exhibit “E”).

H. **Five-Mile Recreation Area.** The term “Five-Mile Recreation Area” shall include an area of Middle Bidwell Park located east of the diversion structure on both sides of the Big Chico Creek to the eastern edge of the south parking lot, including the north gravel parking lot off of Five Mile Way. Exhibit “F” entitled “Five-Mile Recreation Area,” attached to this chapter and incorporated herein by this reference (Exhibit “F”).

I. **Greenway.** The term “Greenway” shall include all areas adjoining Big Chico Creek, Little Chico Creek, Lindo Channel, Comanche Creek, Edgar Slough, Sycamore Creek, Dead Horse Slough or any other stream or watercourse which has been acquired or which is hereafter acquired by the city, either in fee title or by way of an easement which authorizes public use of the easement area. Exhibit “G” entitled “Greenways,” attached to this chapter and incorporated herein by this reference (Exhibit “G”).

J. **Lower Bidwell Park.** The term “Lower Bidwell Park” shall include all that area of Bidwell Park located from where the Esplanade bridge crosses the Big Chico Creek (the eastern end of both sides of Lost Park) all the way to Manzanita Avenue. The area also includes Lost Park, Annie’s Glen, Camellia Way, One-Mile Recreation Area and Cedar Grove. Exhibit “H” entitled “Lower Bidwell Park,” attached to this chapter and incorporated herein by this reference (Exhibit “H”).

K. **Middle Bidwell Park.** The term “Middle Bidwell Park” shall include all that area of Bidwell Park located east of Manzanita Avenue to the gate on Upper Park Road just east of

Parking Area E and includes the Bidwell Golf Course, the Five-Mile Recreation Area and Hooker Oak Recreation Area. Exhibit "I" entitled "Middle Bidwell Park," attached to this chapter and incorporated herein by this reference (Exhibit "I").

L. **One-Mile Recreation Area.** The term "One-Mile Recreation Area" shall include an area of Lower Bidwell Park located east of Pine St to the eastern edge of the Caper Acres Playground. The area also includes the Sycamore Pool, Campfire Council Ring and the Caper Acres Playground. Exhibit "J" entitled "One-Mile Recreation Area," attached to this chapter and incorporated herein by this reference (Exhibit "J").

M. **Open Space.** The term "Open Space" shall mean land that is maintained in a primarily natural state, or primarily without structures other than facilities in support of outdoor recreation.

N. **Park.** The term "Park" shall mean any area on public property designated in Chapter 12.04 of Title 12 of the Chico Municipal Code as a park, greenway, or open space, including, but not limited to, the playground areas, sitting areas, parking areas, landscape areas, planter strips, trails, paths, roadways, streams, and pools, within the boundaries of such park, greenway, or open space. Exhibit "K" entitled "Park," attached to this chapter and incorporated herein by this reference (Exhibit "K").

O. **Upper Bidwell Park.** The term "Upper Bidwell Park" shall include all that area of Bidwell Park located east of the Upper Park Road gate at parking Area E on the north side of Big Chico Creek to the eastern park boundary and on the south side of Big Chico Creek the area east of Bidwell Golf Course up to the eastern boundary, established by Highway 32. Exhibit "L" entitled "Upper Bidwell Park," attached to this chapter and incorporated herein by this reference (Exhibit "L").

## **ARTICLE II. RULES FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

### **12.18.030 Alcoholic beverages - Manufacture and sale - Prohibited.**

No person shall make or sell alcoholic beverages of any kind or variety in any park or playground in the city.

### **12.18.040 Alcoholic beverages - Gift - Prohibited.**

No person shall give away any alcoholic beverage in any park or playground of the city.

**12.18.050** Alcoholic beverages - Possession or Consumption - Prohibited.

No person shall possess an open container of an alcoholic beverage or consume an alcoholic beverage of any kind or variety in any park or playground in the city.

**12.18.060** Alcoholic beverages - Municipal Golf Course.

Notwithstanding sections 12.04.030 and 12.04.050 above, any person may sell alcoholic beverages at the Municipal Golf Course pursuant to a valid license issued by the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control and any person over the age of 21 years may possess or consume alcoholic beverages at the Municipal Golf Course.

**ARTICLE III. RULES FOR BICYCLES**

**12.18.070** Bicycles - Helmets required for off-road use in Middle and Upper Bidwell Park.

No one shall ride a bicycle off-road in Middle or Upper Bidwell Park unless wearing a bicycle helmet for head protection. "Off-road," as used in this section, shall be construed to mean not on pavement.

**12.18.080** Bicycles - Other restrictions in Bidwell Park.

Bicycle use in Bidwell Park shall be permitted only on the roads and trails, except that bicycles shall not be permitted on Yahi Trail. No bicycle use shall be permitted on the trails whenever the director determines that damage is likely due to wet weather conditions and closes the trails or portions thereof. Roads closed, permanently or temporarily, to motor vehicles are trails for the purpose of this section.

**12.18.090** Bicycles - Reckless operation - Prohibited.

No person shall operate a bicycle within a city park or playground, whether on- or off-road, in a reckless or unsafe manner so as to endanger the safety and well-being, or interfere with the use and enjoyment of park or playground facilities by other users.

**12.18.100** Bicycles - Use in Caper Acres Playground Area - Prohibited.

Bicycle use shall be prohibited inside of the Caper Acres Playground.

**12.18.110** Bicycles - Use in Children's Playground - Restricted.

No person shall ride a bicycle within Children's Playground, except on a sidewalk or such

other portion of Children’s Playground specifically designated as a bike path.

**12.18.120** Bicycles - Use near banks of pools or swimming areas and in creeks - Prohibited - Exception.

Bicycle use is prohibited within 100 feet of the banks of any swimming pool or swimming area in Bidwell Park, except where established roads for vehicle traffic or bicycle paths are situated at a closer distance. Bicycle use is also prohibited within Big Chico Creek except when permission is granted by the park director or the Bidwell Park and Playground Commission.

**ARTICLE IV. RULES FOR DOGS**

**12.18.130** Dogs - Definitions.

A. “Effective Control” means that the dog is trained to respond to the owner or handler, who is capable of exercising such control, so that the dog is not allowed to commit any nuisance as defined in Section 7.08.130.

B. “Leash” means a restraint not exceeding six (6) feet in length. Retractable leashes that can extend beyond six (6) feet are not allowed in any city park or playground.

C. “Special Use Dog” means any guide dog, signal dog, service dog, or search and rescue dog, trained, or being trained, to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including, but not limited to, guiding individuals with impaired vision, alerting individuals with impaired hearing to intruders or sounds, providing minimal protection or rescue work, pulling a wheelchair, or fetching dropped items, or trained, or being trained, to do work or perform tasks for the purpose of search, rescue, and disaster relief in accordance with the standards of the State Office of Emergency Services or local disaster agencies.

D. “Swimming Area” or “Swimming Pool” shall mean the One-Mile Recreation Area, as delineated in Exhibit “J,” and those areas in Upper Bidwell Park commonly known as Alligator Hole, Bear Hole, Brown’s Hole, Day Camp, Diversion Dam, and Salmon Hole.

**12.18.140** Dogs - Leash requirements.

No person shall take or allow any dog into any park or playground in the city unless the dog is kept and maintained on a leash under the control of a competent person and restrained by a leash not exceeding six (6) feet in length, or as permitted under section 12.18.180.

**12.18.150 Dogs - Leash requirements - Exception - Dog Off-leash Areas.**

A. A dog may be off-leash in Bidwell Park if the dog is under the effective control of its owner or specifically in these areas:

1. In Lower Park each day between 5:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m., Pacific Time, as delineated on Exhibits “H” and “J”.

2. Northerly of the Upper Park Road in Middle and Upper Park, as delineated on Exhibits “I” and “L”, each day between 5:00 a.m. and thirty (30) minutes after sunset.

B. The dog exercise areas delineated in this section do not include any portion of the Upper Bidwell Park Road, the shoulders thereof, or the unpaved extension of such road and shoulders thereof.

C. Off-leash privileges provided herein shall not apply in areas posted with signs prohibiting dogs or in areas that dogs are otherwise prohibited.

**12.18.160 Dogs - Leash requirements - Exception - Special Use Dogs.**

A. Within written permission from the park director, Special Use Dog handlers shall be permitted to conduct off-leash training of Special Use Dogs in Bidwell Park, so long as such dogs are under the effective control of their handlers at all times.

B. During any off-leash training, dog handlers and their dogs shall wear visible identification indicating that the dog is being trained as a special use dog.

**12.18.170 Dogs - Prohibited areas.**

A. No person shall allow any dog owned by or under control of such person to go into:

i. Any swimming pool or swimming area, except that they may travel on leash across the foot bridges at the Five-Mile and One-Mile Recreation Areas and the access routes thereto, as delineated on Exhibit “F” and “J” of this chapter.

ii. Any restroom facility in any city park or playground.

iii. Caper Acres Playground.

iv. The sports playing fields at Wildwood Park.

B. The prohibitions in this section do not apply to special use dogs.

**12.18.180 Rules for Dogs - Construction.**

This Article is supplemental to Chapter 7.08 of this code entitled, “Dog Licenses and Regulations” and all provisions of that chapter apply except as specifically modified by the designation herein of dog exercise areas.

**ARTICLE V. RULES FOR HEALTH, SAFETY AND THE ENVIRONMENT.**

**12.18.190** Destruction, injury, cutting, alteration or removal of public property or any natural condition of the landscape - Prohibited.

No person shall destroy, injure, cut, alter or remove any park facility or infrastructure, historical or archeological feature, including, but not limited to, tables, fencing, signs, parking lots, walls, restrooms, or play structures, or natural condition of the landscape, including, but not limited to, flowers, shrubbery, plants, vines, trees, grass, wood, or rocks, in or from any city park or playground except with written permission of the director.

**12.18.200** Glass containers - Prohibited - Exception.

No person shall possess any glass container in any park or playground within the city except that the sponsor of an organized public event may obtain permission from the director to possess glass containers, provided that the containers remain under the sponsor’s control and are not distributed to participants of the event.

**12.18.210** Equestrian use - Prohibitions.

Equestrian use shall be permitted on all roads and trails within city parks except that equestrian use is prohibited in any city playground, in the One-Mile Recreation Area, on turf areas in any city park, on the Yahi Trail in Bidwell Park, and on accessible trails in any city park. No equestrian use shall be permitted on the trails whenever the director determines that damage is likely due to wet weather condition and closes the trails or portions thereof. Roads closed, permanently or temporarily, to motor vehicles are trails for the purpose of this section. Equestrians shall cross creeks flowing through city parks only at regularly established trail or vehicular crossings. Equestrians shall not tie or hitch any horse within 100 feet of any established swimming pool, picnic ground, or picnic table. Equestrians shall not ride in a reckless or unsafe manner within a city park, whether on- or off-road or trail.

**12.18.220** Control of Animals.



Except as otherwise provided under Article IV of this Chapter as related specifically to dogs, no person shall bring any wild or domesticated animal into any park or playground in the city unless the animal is penned, caged or kept and maintained on a leash under the effective control of the owner or handler and restrained by a leash not exceeding six (6) feet in length.

**12.18.230 Fires - Restrictions.**

A. Except as herein otherwise provided, it is unlawful to make any fire at any point in any park, greenway, or open space, in the city, except at regularly established places for such purposes. "Regularly Established Places" are defined to be masonry, concrete or metal constructed fireplaces, pits or grills in designated city parks. Only charcoal briquettes from manufactured sources shall be used in Regularly Established Places. The use of portable propane barbecue devices is also allowed in Regularly Established Places only.

B. Fires at the Campfire Council Ring in Bidwell Park may be authorized by a permit issued by the director, who shall notify the fire department of each permit issued. Such permitted fires shall not be left unattended and must be completely extinguished prior to the permittee's departure.

C. No fires in BBQs or the Council Ring shall be allowed between 7:00 p.m. and sunrise during the months of October through March, between 9:00 p.m. and sunrise during the months of April through September, during designated Red Flag Fire Warning Days, or other times necessary for public safety.

**12.18.240 Fountains - Prohibition.**

No person shall discard or discharge any solid or liquid substance into the waters of any fountain in any park in the city.

**12.18.250 Rubbish and garbage - Disposition in established receptacles required - Prohibited disposition.**

No person shall throw, dump or otherwise place or cause to be placed, or leave, either directly or indirectly, any rubbish, garbage, sewage or waste matter, or any trash or refuse of any kind or character, in any public park or playground of the city, other than in receptacles established and maintained for such purposes. No person shall bring, or cause to be brought, any rubbish,

garbage, sewage, waste matter, trash or refuse of any kind into any public park or playground of the city for the purpose of disposing of same therein either in the receptacles described herein or at any other place.

**12.18.260 Feeding of animals.**

A. Except as provided in subsection B, below, no person shall feed or cause the feeding of any wild or domestic animals within Bidwell Park. No person shall leave food or containers of food for the purpose of feeding any animals within Bidwell Park.

B. Unless otherwise prohibited by this chapter, feeding of fowl at Horseshoe Lake and the Deer Pen, and feeding of a domestic animal by its owner or handler, while under the owner or handler's control, is permitted.

**12.18.270 Unreasonable noises - Prohibited - Exception.**

No person shall cause a loud or excessive noise within a city park or playground which unreasonably disturbs the peace and quiet of any neighborhood, the quiet enjoyment of property, or any reasonable person of normal sensitivity residing or working in the area, unless such noise is emanating from a public event for which a permit has been issued by the director or Bidwell Park and Playground Commission, in which case the conditions of such permit as to noise shall apply.

**12.18.280 Signs.**

A. No person shall post a sign in a city park or playground or leave a sign unattended in a city park or playground unless the sign is posted or placed in the park or playground as part of a public event authorized by a permit issued pursuant to Chapter 12R.08 of Title 12R. However, with prior approval of the director, unattended signs which are not part of such a public event may be placed in a city park or playground by a public agency for the purpose of informing the public of a public event sponsored by that agency. Such sign shall not remain in a park or playground for a duration exceeding seven days.

B. This section shall not preclude a person from bringing a sign into a city park or playground for purposes of displaying the sign to members of the general public provided the sign is continually maintained in such person's immediate custody and control and is not affixed to any

tree, building, or other vegetative growth or structure within the park or playground.

**12.18.290 Commercial advertising - Prohibited - Exception.**

No person shall display or post any commercial advertising in any city park or playground unless such advertising is posted or displayed as part of a public event authorized by a permit issued pursuant to Chapter 12R.08 of this title or unless such advertising has been approved by the Bidwell Park and Playground Commission.

**12.18.300 Hunting - Prohibited - Exception - Permit required.**

No person shall hunt, injure, harass or take any wildlife including, but not limited to, wild game, animals, birds, or eggs in any city park or playground except with written permission of the director, which permission shall be given solely for the protection of life or property or the preservation of wildlife. All applicable federal, state, or municipal statutes, regulations, or ordinances including, but not limited to, any park rule or regulation now or hereafter adopted by the city, shall have full force and effect in city parks and playgrounds.

**12.18.310 Firearms or Other Projectile Weapon - Possession and use - Prohibited - Exception.**

A. No person shall take or discharge any firearm or other projectile weapon upon, through, across, or within any city park or playground except by special permission from the director.

B. All applicable federal, state, or municipal statutes, regulations, or ordinances related to firearms or other projectile weapons including, but not limited to, any park rule or regulation now or hereafter adopted by the city shall have full force and effect in city parks and playgrounds.

C. Notwithstanding the above, a person may take a firearm or other projectile weapon in Upper Bidwell Park while going to or coming from the Chico Rod and Gun Club facility. Such persons may only discharge a firearm or other projectile weapon in Upper Bidwell Park within the Chico Rod and Gun Club facility.

D. For the purposes of this section, “firearm or other projectile weapon” includes, but is not limited to, any pistol, revolver, rifle, gun, flare gun, paint ball gun, zip gun, spring gun, air

gun, BB or pellet gun, rocket, rocket launcher, rocket propelled projectile launcher, slingshot, wrist rocket, bow and arrow, or crossbow or compound bow designed to propel an arrow.

**12.18.320 Smoking - Prohibited in City-owned Parks, Greenways, Open Spaces and Preserves.**

No person shall light or carry any lighted cigar, pipe, cigarette or other smoking device within any city-owned park, greenway, open space or preserve, or on the sidewalks adjacent to and surrounding City Plaza. This section shall not apply to the Bidwell Park Municipal Golf Course.

**12.18.330 Fireworks - Prohibited.**

No person shall possess or discharge any fireworks in any city park or playground.

**12.18.340 Hang-gliding and para-gliding.**

A. Hang-gliding. No person shall participate in the sport of hang-gliding within the boundaries of any city park or playground.

B. Para-gliding. Para-gliding in Bidwell Park is permitted as follows:

i. No person shall para-glide in Bidwell Park without first obtaining a permit from the director. Permit applications shall be filed in the office of the director. The director shall issue permits only to pilots who provide evidence of current membership in the United States Hang Gliding and Para- gliding Association (USHPA) and possess, at a minimum, a USHPA intermediate rating of Para 3. A permit may also be issued to a pilot who is a member of USHPA and has a beginner rating of Para 2, subject to the condition that a pilot with a Para 2 rating may only para-glide in Bidwell Park when accompanied by another pilot who possesses a rating of Para 3 or greater and who has also been issued a permit by the director. An applicant for a para-gliding permit must agree in writing to comply with the permit conditions set forth in paragraph 2., below, prior to issuance of a permit. A permit shall be valid for a period of one year from the date of issuance.

ii. All para-gliding permits shall be subject to the following conditions:

1. All pilots shall fly with a reserve parachute.
2. Para-gliding shall occur only from those designated launching and

landing locations delineated in Exhibit “L” of this chapter.

3. Only one pilot launching and one pilot setting up shall be permitted on each launch site at any one time.

4. Pilots shall make every effort to minimize their effect on the launch site by not digging, removing or moving rocks, or removing any vegetation.

5. Motorized para-gliding is prohibited.

6. Para-gliding acrobatics are prohibited.

7. Pilots shall avoid flying over or around horses.

8. All pilots with a Para 2 rating must be accompanied by a pilot with a Para 3, or greater, rating who also has a permit issued by the director.

9. The director may apply additional conditions if necessary to protect the natural resources of Bidwell Park.

**12.18.350** Entering or using designated restoration areas - Prohibited.

No person shall enter into or use a designated restoration area which has been appropriately signed and fenced as such within the boundaries of any city park or playground. For the purposes of this section, “designated restoration area” means an area within a city park or playground requiring special renovation or reconstruction in order to protect and/or restore the animal or plant life within it, or to refurbish its natural terrain features, and which requires the exclusion of public use for an appropriate and necessary time period to accomplish such end.

**12.18.360** Ball field lighting curfew - Wildwood Park.

Ball field lighting in Wildwood Park located east of Manzanita Avenue and north of Wildwood Avenue shall be restricted to no later than 10:00 p.m.

**ARTICLE VI. RULES FOR WATERWAYS**

**12.18.370** Big Chico Creek - Use of boats - Prohibited - Exception.

A. Big Chico Creek, as it travels through Bidwell Park, is primarily dedicated to the uses of swimming, bathing, or otherwise playing in the waters. No person shall place, use or operate any nonmanually-powered boat, watercraft, or other floatation device in Big Chico Creek. No person shall place, use or operate any manually-powered boat, watercraft, or other floatation

device in Big Chico Creek except as provided in subsection B.

- B. The following boats, watercrafts, or other floatation devices shall be permitted:
  - i. Pneumatically-inflated air mattresses, tubes, and other floatation devices used primarily in aid of swimming, bathing, or otherwise playing in the waters;
  - ii. Kayaks, whitewater rafts, and whitewater canoes during the period of November 1 through April 30; and
  - iii. Any other boat, watercraft, or other floatation device, after receiving the written permission of the park director.

**12.18.380** Big Chico Creek - Use prohibited within designated area - Municipal Golf Course vicinity - Exception.

No person shall make any use of that portion of Big Chico Creek and its adjacent banks which lies within 200 yards upstream of the footbridge located in the municipal golf course except that kayaks, whitewater rafts, and whitewater canoes may use this portion of Big Chico Creek during the period of November 1 through April 30. Uses of such area which are incidental to the use of the municipal golf course are excluded from the prohibition of this regulation.

**12.18.390** Horseshoe Lake - Use of motorized equipment - Prohibited.

No person shall place, use or operate any motorboat, or other motorized equipment in or upon the reservoir in Bidwell Park, commonly known as Horseshoe Lake, except with written permission of the director.

**12.18.400** Horseshoe Lake - Fishing restrictions.

Fishing in the reservoir in Bidwell Park, commonly known as Horseshoe Lake, shall be allowed only as follows:

- A. Children 14 years of age and younger may catch and keep fish in accordance with the rules and regulations of the state of California Department of Fish and Game.
- B. Persons over the age of 14 years may fish in Horseshoe Lake only on a catch-and-release basis.

**12.18.410** Pollution of waterways - Construction of dams - Prohibited.

- A. No person shall contaminate or pollute, or cause to be contaminated or polluted,

any water of any creek flowing through or any reservoir located within any park in the city, or deposit or cause to be deposited any refuse, rubbish or other waste matter of any kind or character, in such waters, or wash or clean automobiles or other vehicles in the waters of any creek or reservoir.

B. No person shall construct a dam, or otherwise obstruct or divert, any creek flowing through any park in the city.

**12.18.420** Fishing from bridges and banks of swimming pools and areas - Prohibited.

Fishing from any bridge over Big Chico Creek or the bank of any swimming pool or area in Bidwell Park is prohibited.

**ARTICLE VII. OTHER RULES, RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITED ACTS**

**12.18.430** Camping - Prohibited - Exception - Permit required.

No person or group of persons shall camp overnight or remain or stay overnight within any city park or playground unless such overnight camping or stay is undertaken for the purpose of making preparations for a public event or for the purpose of providing overnight security for equipment and structures utilized in such public event, and the overnight camping or stay is authorized by a permit issued for the public event pursuant to Chapter 12R.08 of title 12R.

**12.18.440** Animals for Hire

A. Definitions.

i. “Animals for Hire” shall mean those animals, including, but not limited to, goats, sheep, llamas, horses, cattle, or any other animal approved by the park director, that may be hired by the city from time to time to aid in vegetation management of a city park.

ii. Designated Area” shall mean an area within a city park which is being grazed by animals for hire, and which requires the exclusion of public use while such grazing is occurring.

B. No person shall, or allow an animal owned by or under the control of such person to, enter a designated area which has been signed and fenced for animals for hire within the boundaries of any city park.

C. No person shall, or allow an animal owned by or under the control of such person

to, harass, disturb, or injure any animals for hire within any city park.

D. No person shall, or allow an animal owned by or under the control of such person to, harass, disturb, or injure the handlers of the animals for hire or any personal property, fencing, or signage thereof in or near a designated area for animals for hire within any city park.

**12.18.450** Closure of parks, greenways and open spaces.

A. Unless authorized by an approved permit, it is unlawful for any person to be present in any city of Chico or Chico Area Parks and Recreation District parks, greenways, or open spaces during the hours the parks, greenways, or open spaces are closed. Unless otherwise posted, closing hours shall be between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.

B. The following exceptions shall apply to this section, if the person is:

i. Directly and actively proceeding to a destination outside of parks, greenways or open spaces.

ii. A duly authorized city or Chico Area Park and Recreation District employee or persons participating in city activities or other activities for which the city or has provided written permission to utilize a park, greenway or open space beyond the closing time.

C. The city of Chico or Chico Area Park & Recreation District director may temporarily close its respective parks, greenways, or open spaces, or a portion of any park, greenway, or open space whenever the director determines that such closure is necessary for the protection of public safety or public property. It is unlawful for any person to be present in any park, greenway or open space, or portion of any park, greenway or open space, that has been temporarily closed by the director.

**12.18.460** Coasting Devices - Prohibitions

No person shall use or ride upon a coasting device on any sidewalk, ramp or other surface within City Plaza. "Coasting Device" is defined in Chapter 10.45 entitled "Coasting Devices - Public Areas" of the Chico Municipal Code.

**12.18.470** Exhibits

A. Children's Playground/Bidwell Bowl Amphitheater

B. Bidwell Park



- C. Cedar Grove
- D. City Plaza
- E. Depot Park
- F. Five-Mile Recreation Area
- G. Greenways
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- I. Middle Bidwell Park
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- K. Park
- L. Upper Bidwell Park

**SECTION 2.** Environmental Determination. The Council finds that the adoption and implementation of this urgency Ordinance is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.17, as adoption of an ordinance to implement the provisions of Government Code section 65852.2.

**SECTION 3.** Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this urgency Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid and/or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 4.** Effective Date. Pursuant to the Charter of the City of Chico and Government Code section 36937(b), this Ordinance shall become effective the day following its passage is required for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety. Such emergency ordinance shall expire on its own terms six (6) months after date of passage, unless action is taken by the City Council to rescind such emergency ordinance at such earlier date. Nothing in this Section shall prohibit from or affect the validity of the City Council subsequently passing by introduction and adoption of an ordinance concerning the same provisions of the Chico Municipal Code.

**SECTION 5.** Certification. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Emergency Ordinance and shall cause the same to be published or posted in the manner required by law.

**THE FOREGOING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE** was adopted at a meeting of the City Council of the City of Chico on December 8, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: Denlay, Morgan, Tandon, Reynolds, Coolidge

NOES: Brown, Huber

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

DISQUALIFIED: None

ATTEST:



Deborah R. Presson  
City Clerk

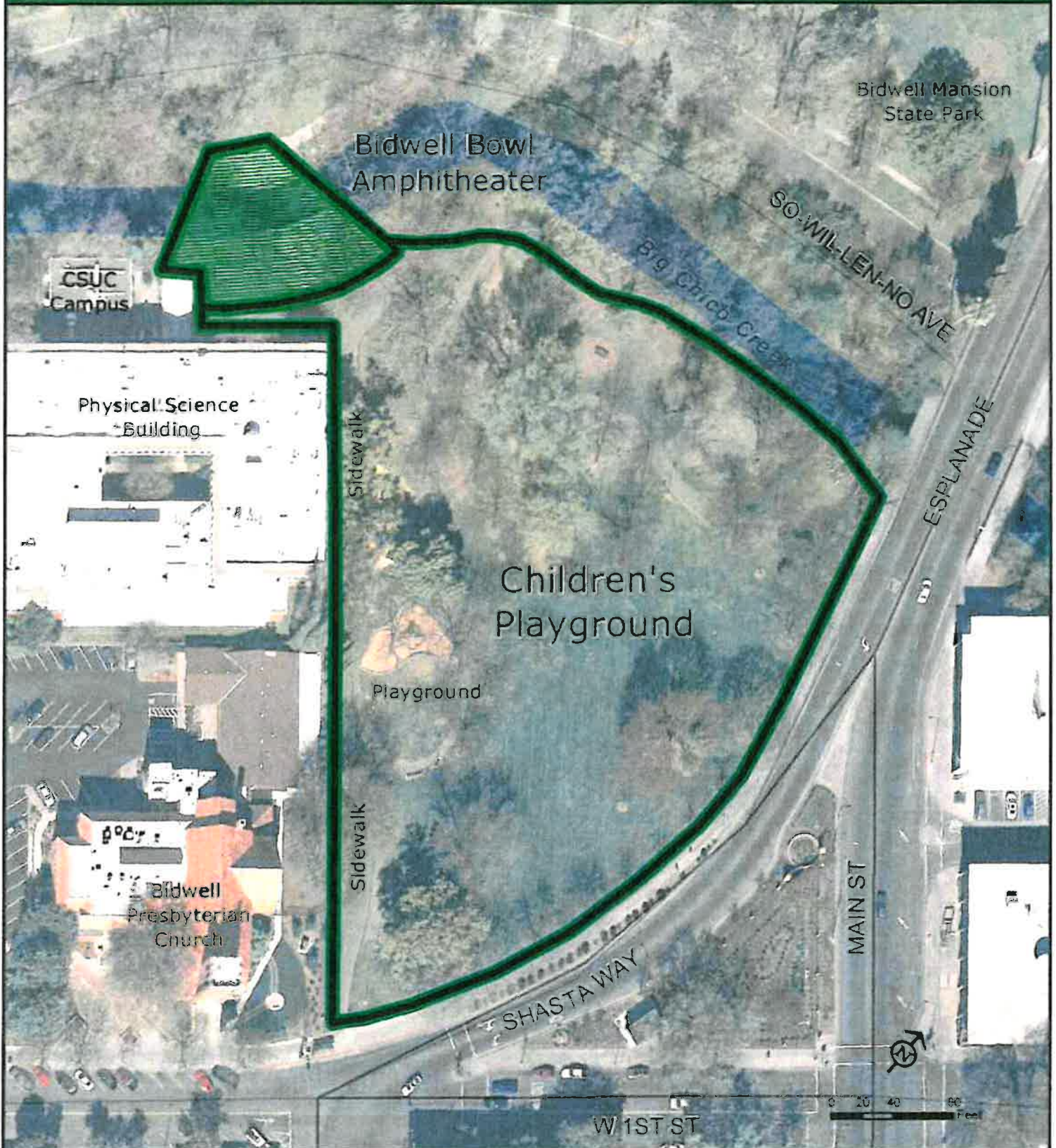
APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Andrew Jared, City Attorney\*

\*Pursuant to The Charter of  
the City of Chico, Section 906(E)

# Children's Playground/ Bidwell Bowl Amphitheater



-  Children's Playground/Bidwell Bowl Amphitheater Boundary
-  Intensive Use Area
-  Exclusive Use Area

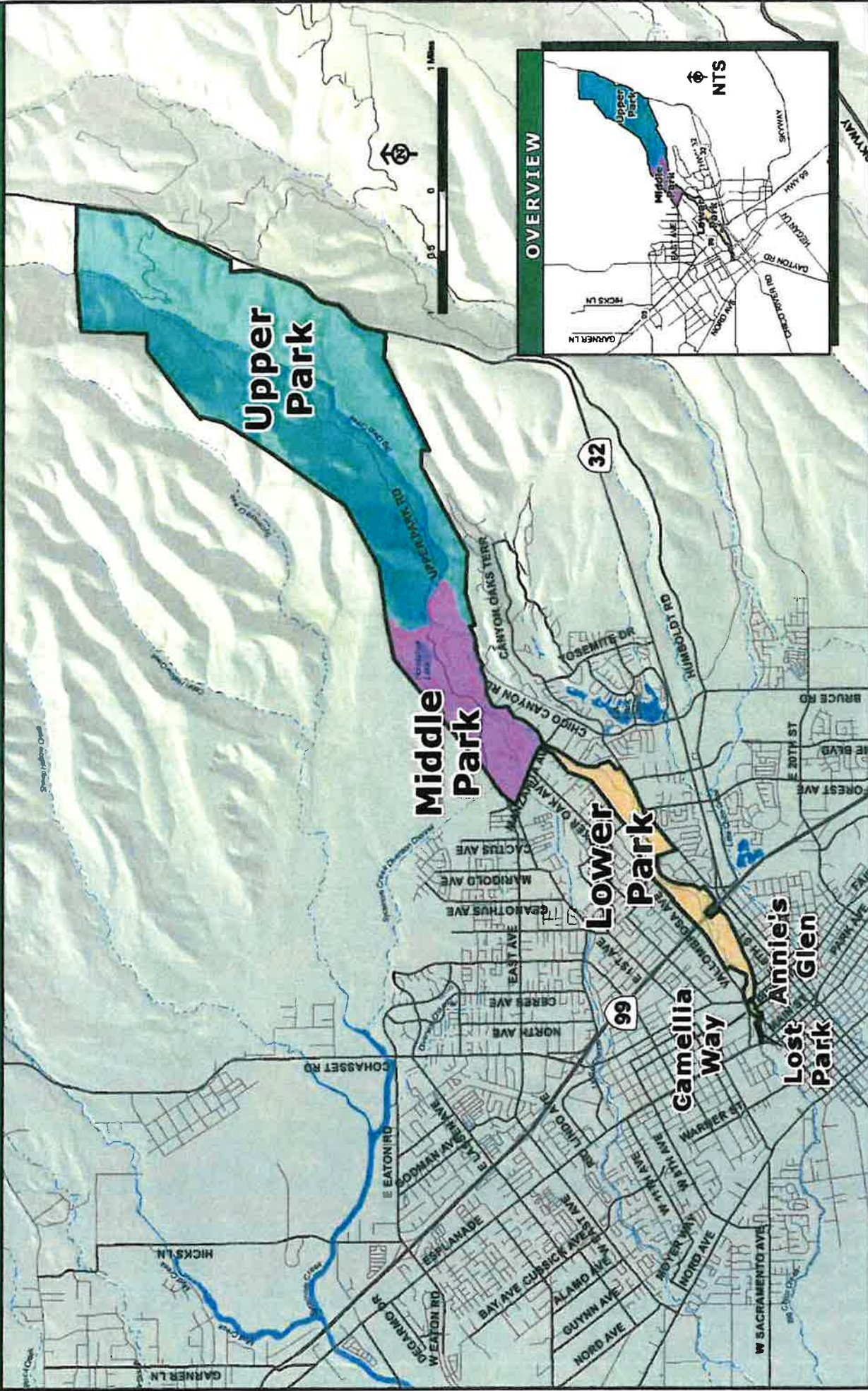
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# Bidwell Park



-  Bidwell Park Boundary
-  Lower Park
-  Middle Park
-  Upper Park



# Cedar Grove



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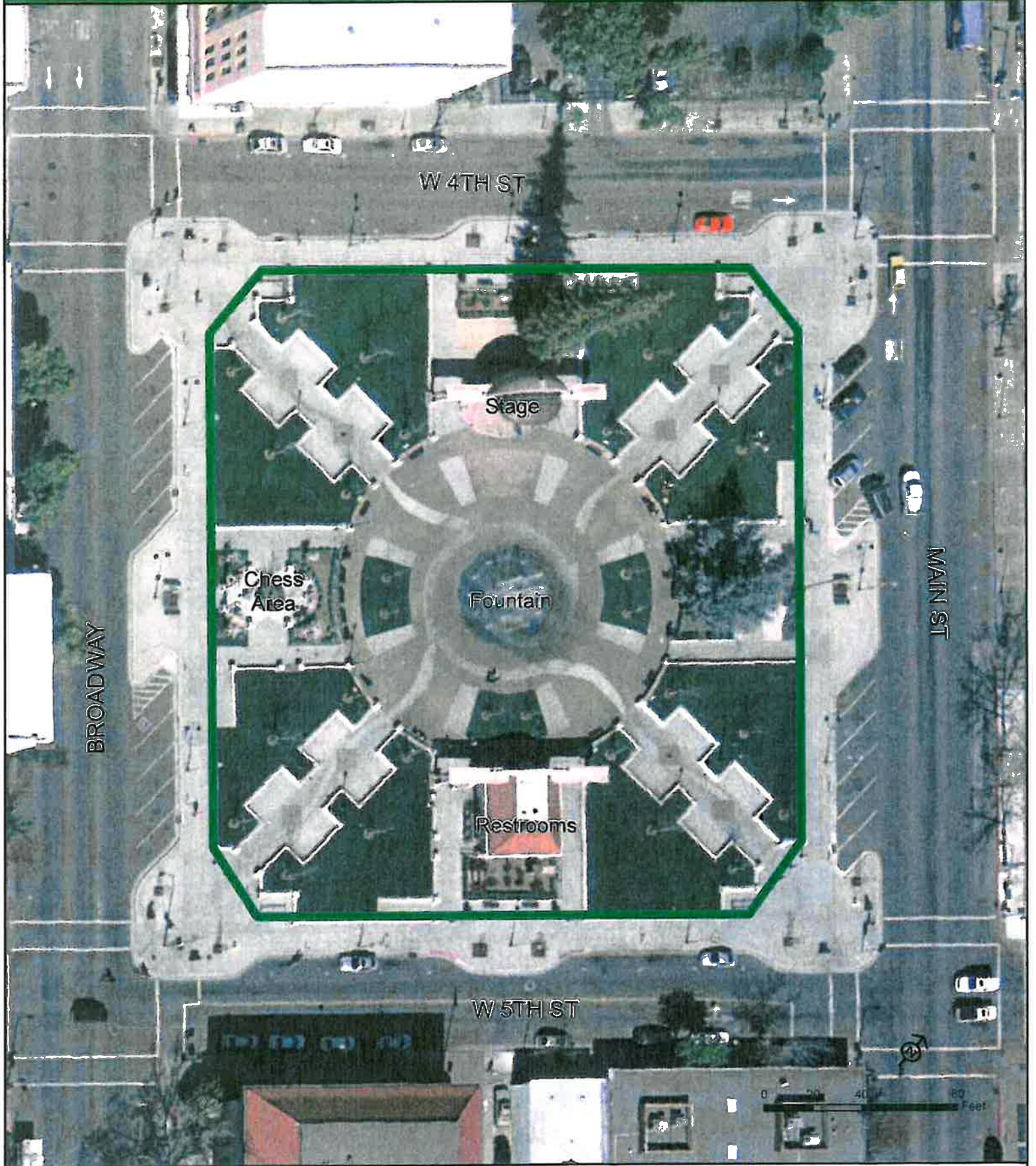
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- Bidwell Park Areas
- Lower Park
- Middle Park
- Upper Park
- Bidwell Park Boundary
- Cedar Grove Area
- Intensive Use Area
- Exclusive Use Area
- Parking
- Restroom

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# City Plaza Park



City Plaza Park Boundary and Intensive Use Area

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**D**

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# Depot Park



- Depot Park Boundary
- Intensive Use Area
- Exclusive Use Area



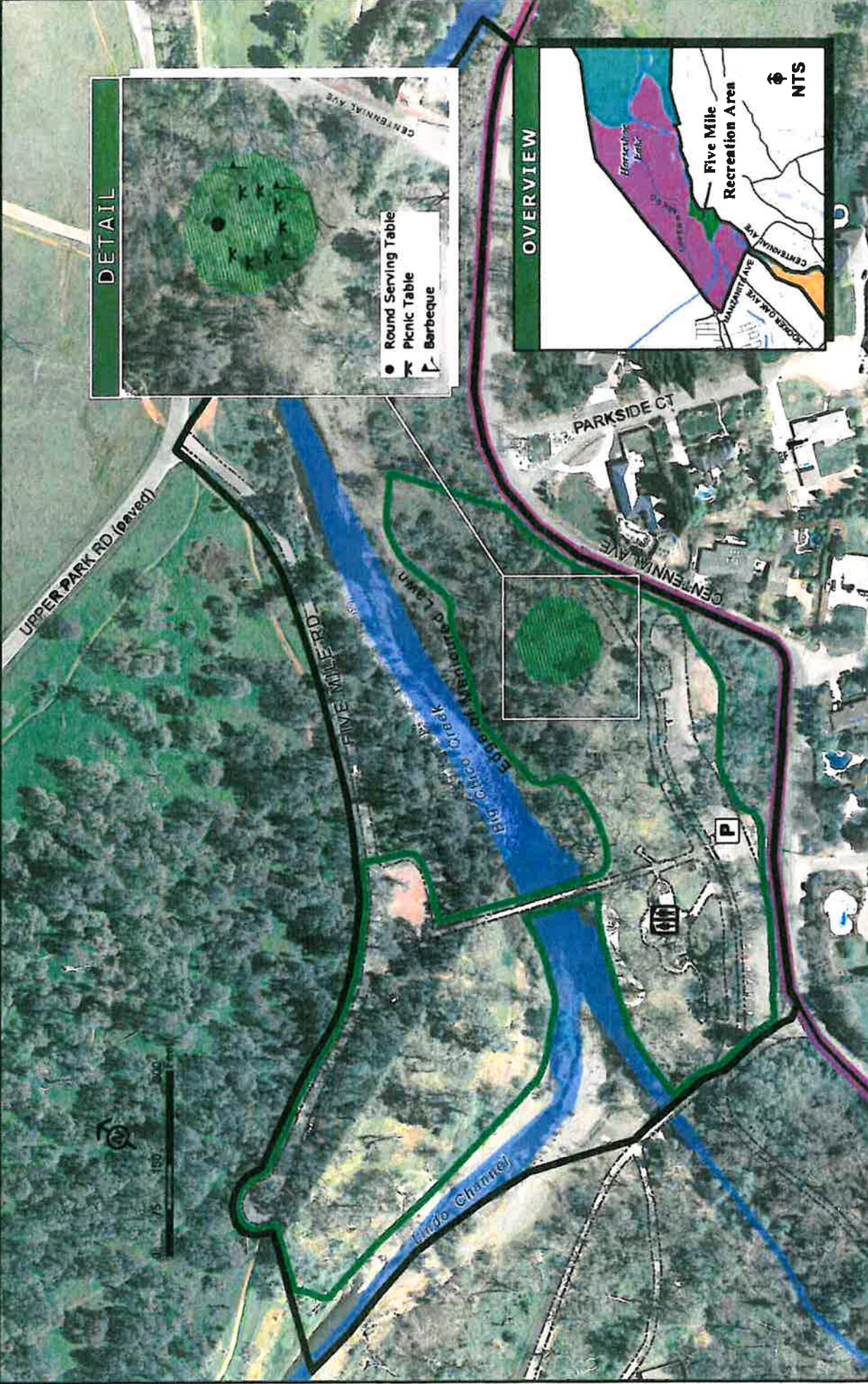
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# Five Mile Recreation Area



### DETAIL

- Round Serving Table
- ⊠ Picnic Table
- ⊠ Barbeque

### OVERVIEW

Five Mile Recreation Area

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	Bidwell Park Boundary		Five Mile Recreation Area Boundary
	Lower Park		Intensive Use Area
	Middle Park		Exclusive Use Area
	Upper Park		Parking
			Restroom

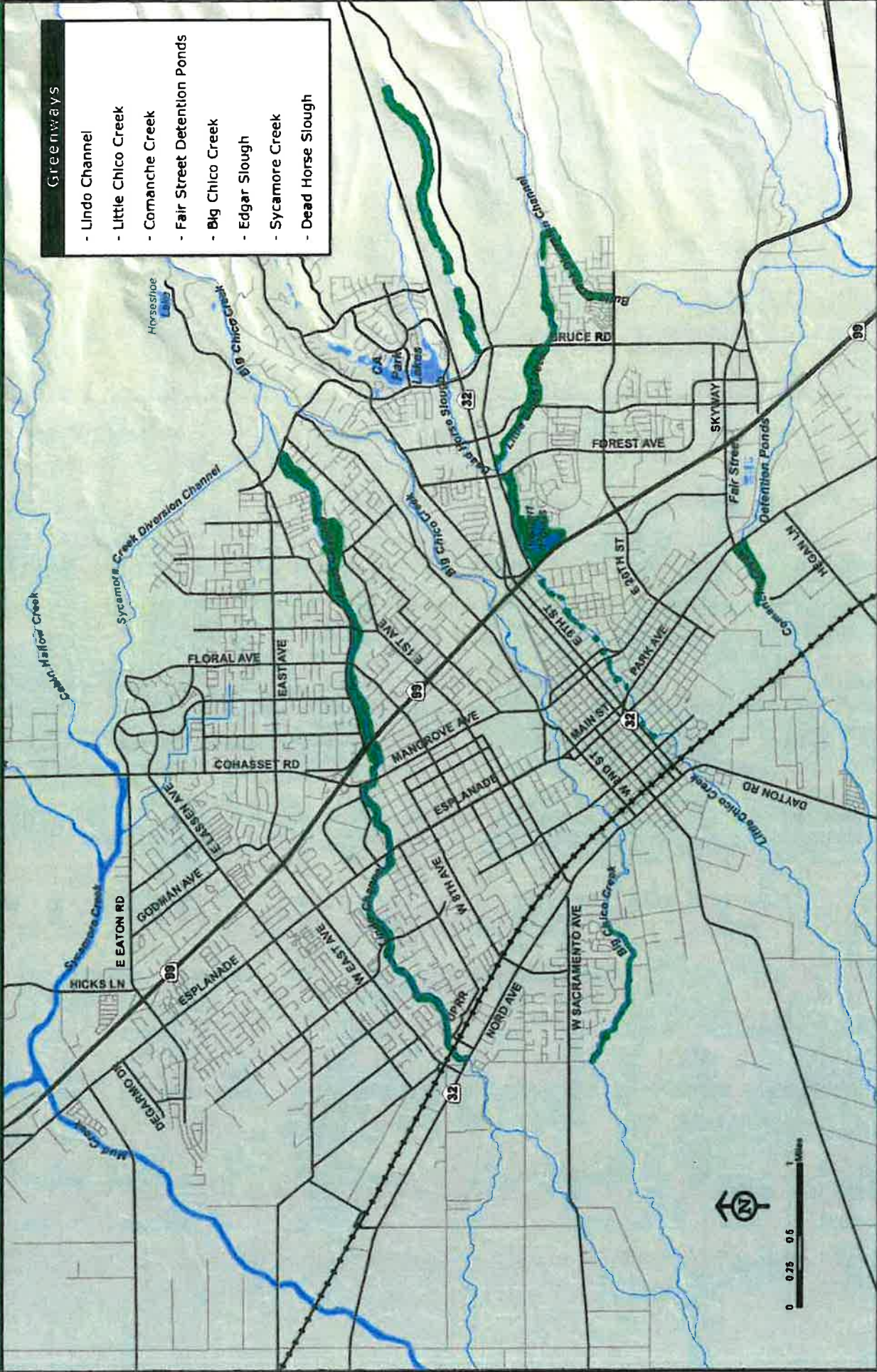
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# Greenways

## Greenways

- Undo Channel
- Little Chico Creek
- Comanche Creek
- Fair Street Detention Ponds
- Big Chico Creek
- Edgar Slough
- Sycamore Creek
- Dead Horse Slough



## EXHIBIT G

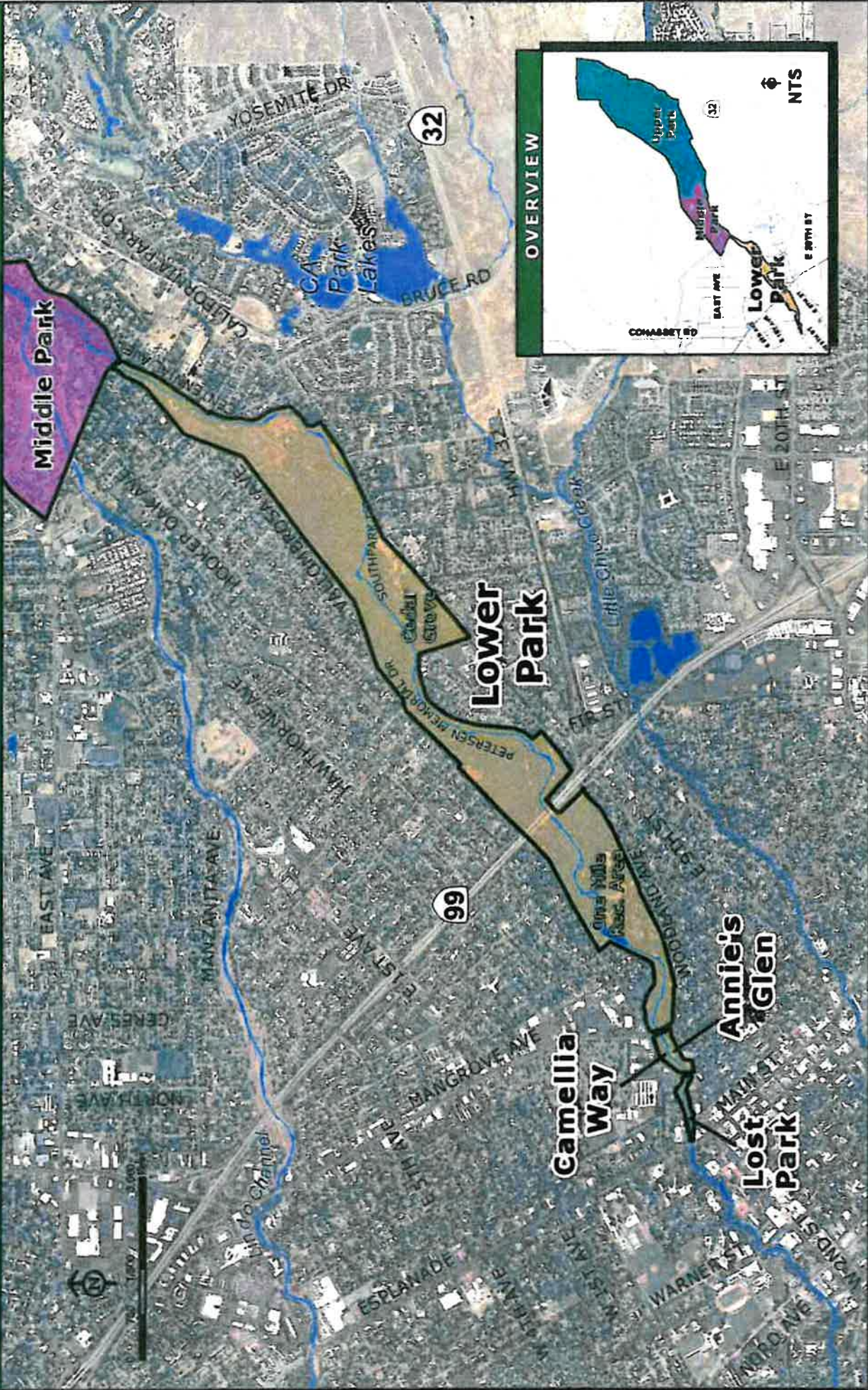
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City Owned Greenways





# Lower Bidwell Park



**Bidwell Park Areas**

- Lower Park
- Middle Park
- Upper Park

- Bidwell Park Boundary



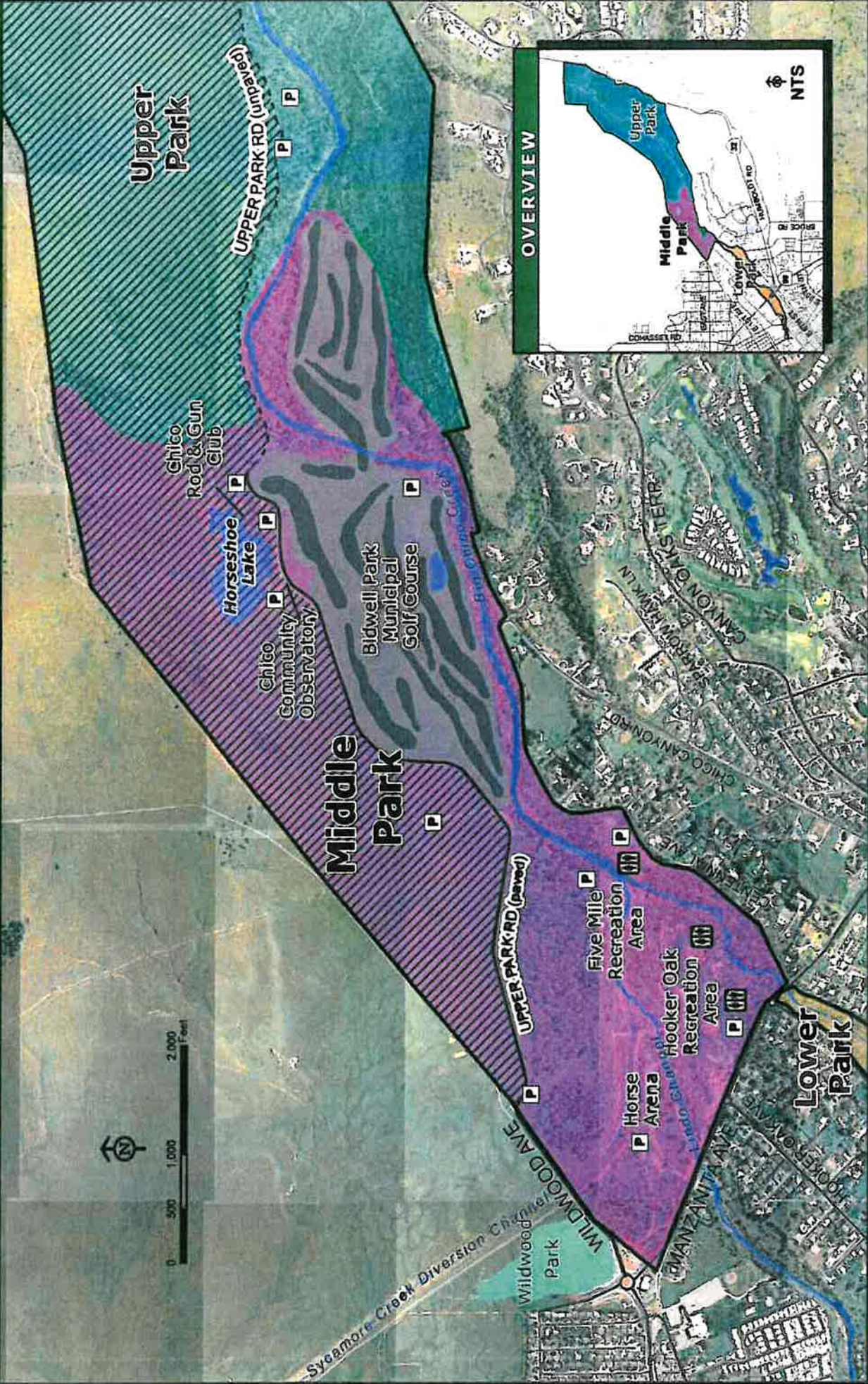
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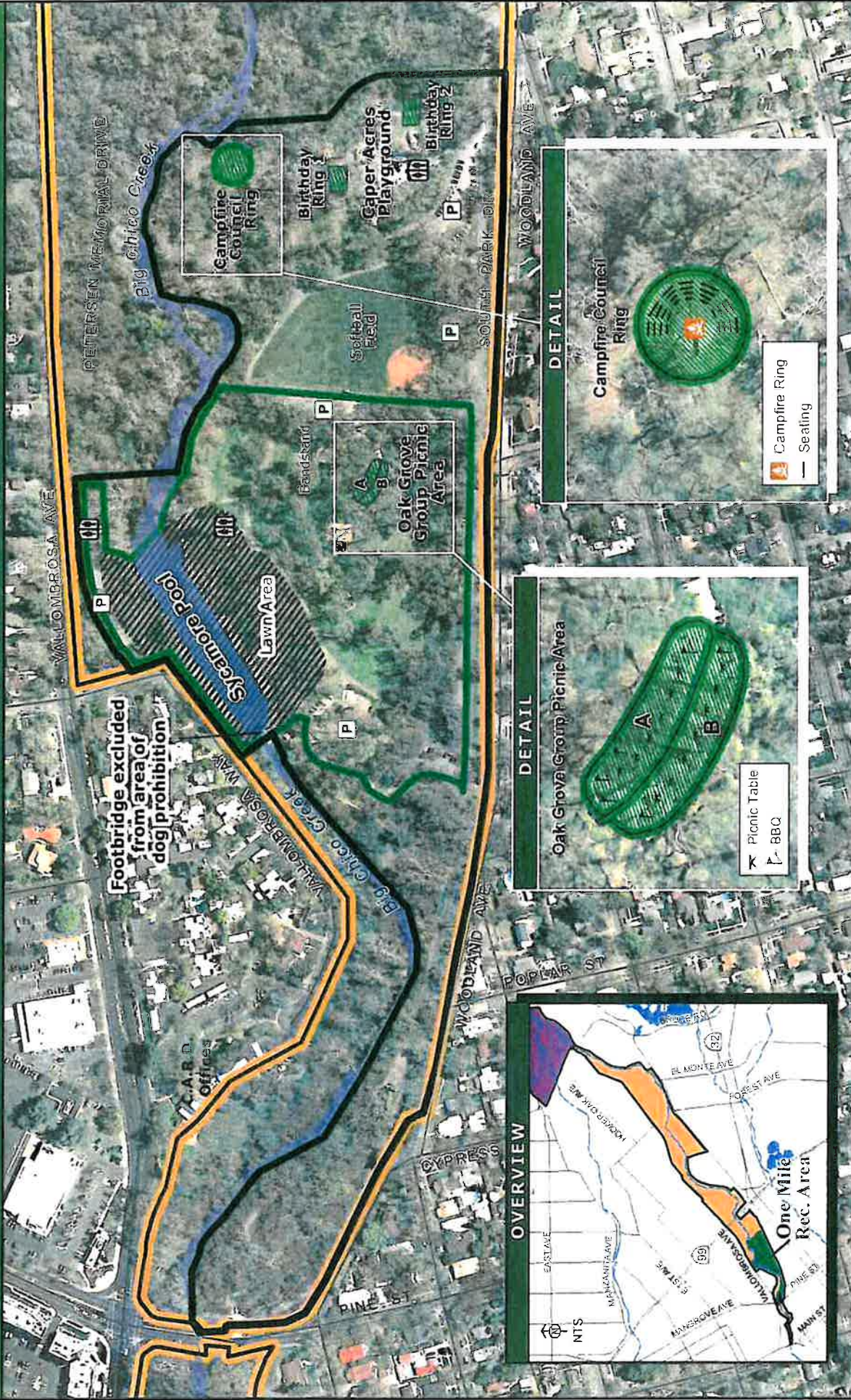
# Middle Bidwell Park



- Bidwell Park Boundary
- Lower Park
- Middle Park
- Upper Park
- Dog Exercise Area
- Parking
- Restroom



# One Mile Recreation Area



**Bidwell Park Areas**

- Lower Park
- Middle Park
- Upper Park

**Legend**

- Bidwell Park Boundary
- One Mile Recreation Area Boundary
- Intensive Use Area
- Exclusive Use Area
- Dog Prohibition Area
- P Parking
- ♿ Restroom

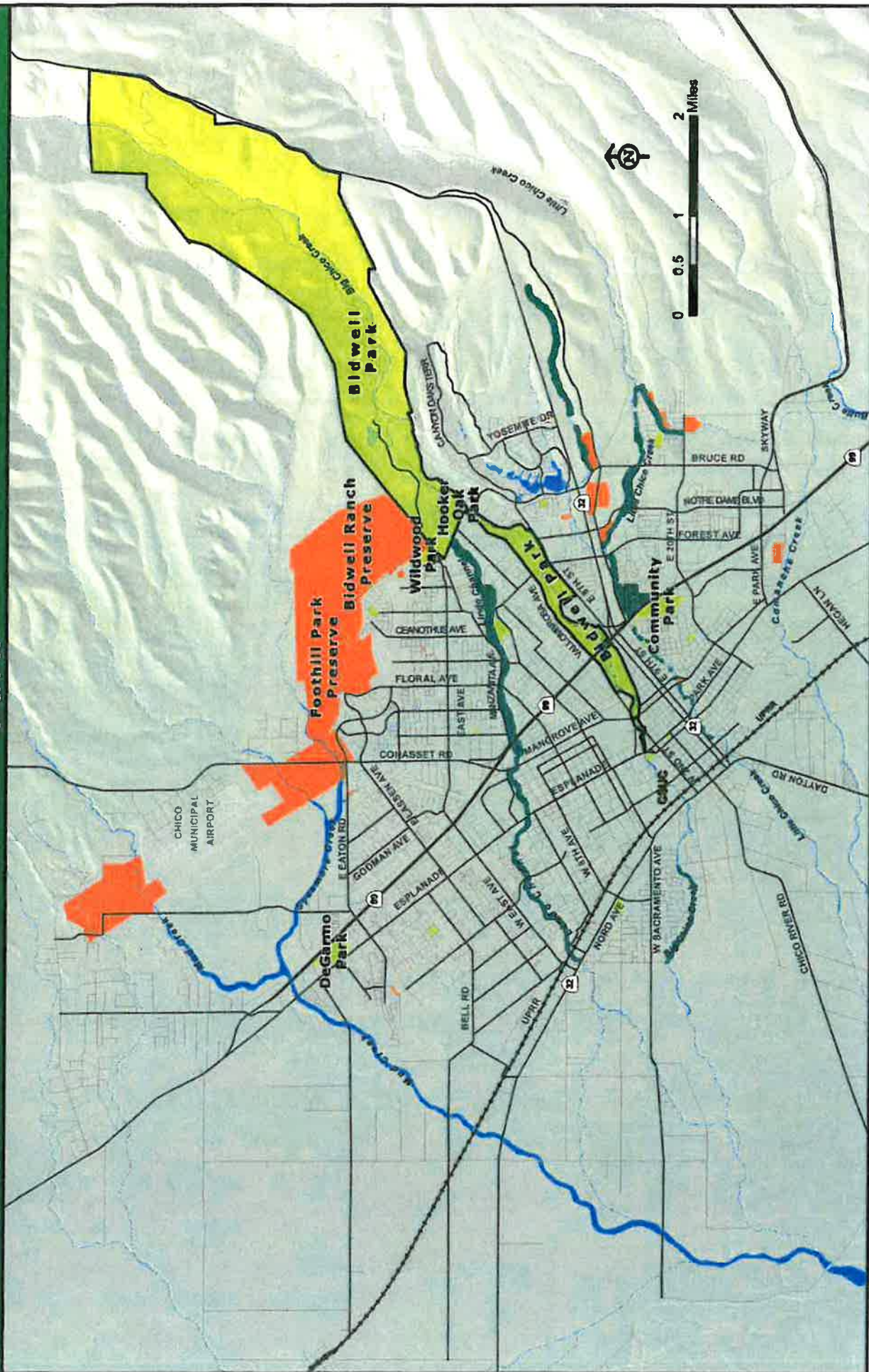
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# Park

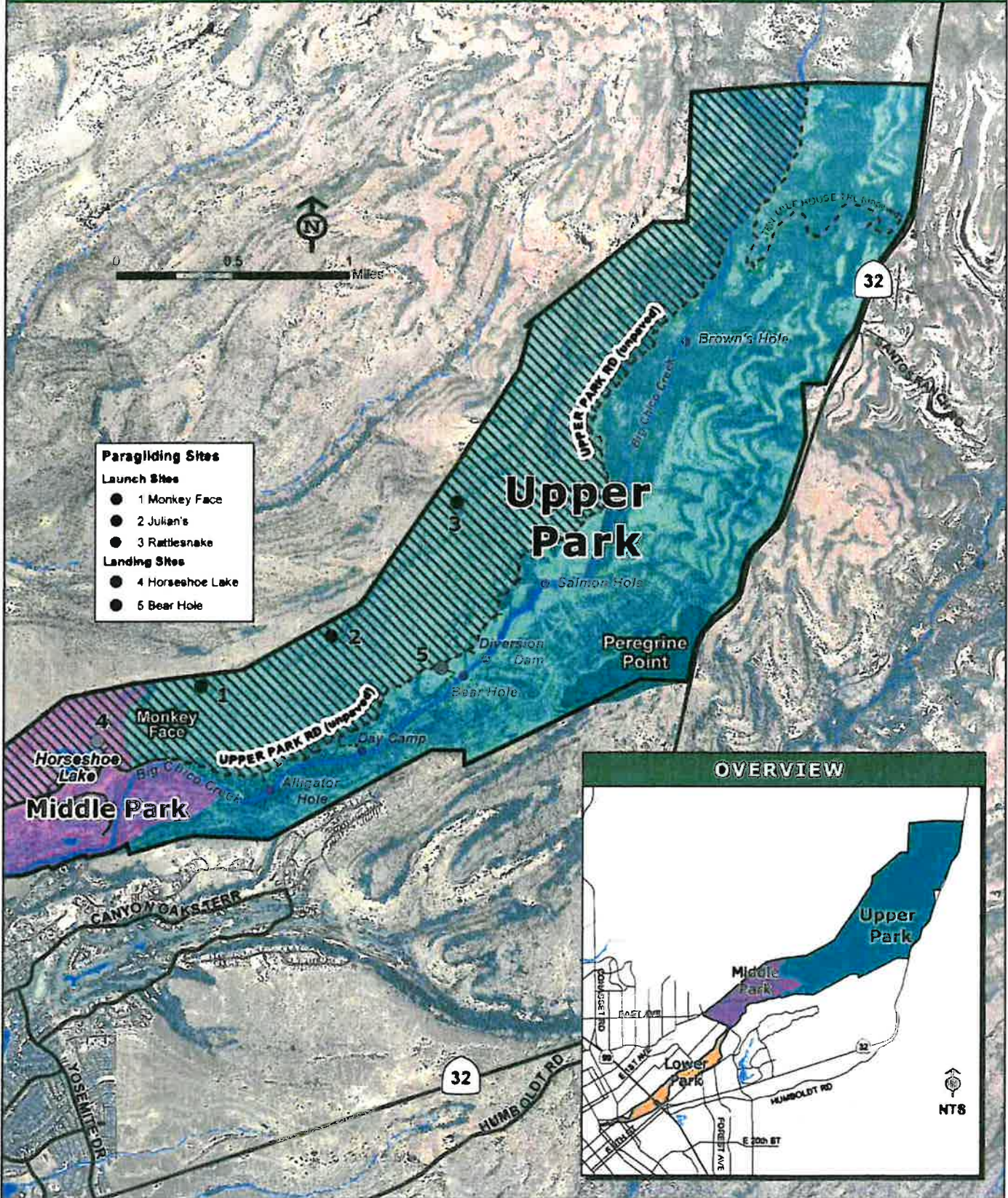


- City Creekside Greenways
- CityCARD Parks
- City Open Space





# Upper Bidwell Park



**Bidwell Park Areas**

- Upper Park
- Lower Park
- Middle Park
- Bidwell Park Boundary
- Dog Exercise Area
- Swimming Holes

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