1. Regional Park information included in the Specific Plan
2. Existing and PLU parks citywide and in the West Area
3. Options considered by the Steering Committee on February 27, 2019*
4. Meeting Minutes from February 27, 2019*
5. Scoring Evaluation of regional park location options*

* Note: The option for a flagship regional park located on both sides of Shaw Avenue was included in the scoring evaluation, but was removed by the Steering Committee on February 27, 2019, therefore the Specific Plan reports on the three remaining options.
4.2.B | West Area Harvest Park

The proposal of a regional park for the West Area responds to a request from the Steering Committee, supported by members of the community, who desire additional recreation space. Some amenities on the community wish list include lighted athletic facilities, picnic tables and benches, paved trails, playgrounds with universally accessible equipment, an indoor gym, chess/checkers tables, tennis courts, a putting green, fitness equipment for adults and kids, a concert amphitheater, basketball courts, practice fields, and pickle ball courts.

Another potential feature of the park could be the incorporation of a demonstration farm or edible garden, integrated with a walk-through, open-air agricultural museum that showcases artifacts and interpretive signage that highlight the agricultural history of Fresno and the West Area. The scale of this “harvest park” component could be lower-intensity (ex. community garden), medium-intensity (ex. apple picking), or higher-intensity (ex. farm incubator). Should a component such as this be added, the park may also qualify as a special use park.

The Steering Committee suggested three potential locations for a flagship regional park (see Map 4-2: Proposed Regional Park Location):

Option A: in the most northern portion of the Plan Area;

Option B: at the southwest corner of Shields and Bryan Avenues;

Option C: on undeveloped land that extends from Parkway Avenue along both sides of the Herndon Canal.

From a list of 13 criteria, Option C scored the highest (see Appendix B for more information). This site is 74 acres in size and incorporates undeveloped land already planned for a community park while extending along and including the Herndon Canal to the undeveloped parcels south of the waterpark. This site would be connected to transit, would support the use of the canal as a trail, and has the potential for a shared use agreement with the waterpark's parking lot. It is also situated in a location where there is a need for park space and where it is simultaneously cohesive with urban growth (as opposed to inadvertently spurring leapfrog development in a currently rural part of the Plan Area).

As this is proposed to be a regional park, this Plan affirms that its location, features, and amenities will need to be vetted through a citywide discussion.
MAP 4-2 Proposed Regional Park Location

- **Option A**
- **Option B**
- **Option C - proposed**

- Fresno City Limits
- Fresno Sphere of Influence
- Specific Plan Boundary

*The proposed location is a suggestion and will be vetted through a public review process*
This map is believed to be an accurate representation of the City of Fresno GIS data. However, we make no warranties either expressed or implied for the correctness of this data.

Source:
City Limits, Sphere of Influence, Specific Plan of the West Area, Existing Parks and Open Space, City of Fresno Planning and Development Department, GIS Data 2019; Streets, City of Fresno Public Works Department; Existing Conditions Needs Gradient Map, Public Schools with Open Campus, Planned Parks, Fresno Parks Master Plan, Adopted December 14, 2017; https://www.fresno.gov/darm/general-plan-development-code/#tab-11; World Light Gray Canvas Base; Esri, HERE, Garmin, © OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS user community.
## Regional Park Options Criteria Scoring

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Citywide Existing Parks

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- **Existing Parks**
- **Fresno City Limits**
- **Sphere of Influence**
West Area Existing^ Parks

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- Fresno City Limits
- Sphere of Influence

^ including CFD parks
West Area Existing^ and PLU Parks

- West Area Plan Boundary
- Fresno City Limits
- Sphere of Influence

^ including CFD parks  * Proposed subdivision

Legend:
- Existing Parks
- PLU Parks
- PLU Regional Parks*

* Proposed subdivision
West Area Existing^ and PLU parks with Regional Park Options

- West Area Plan Boundary
- Fresno City Limits
- Sphere of Influence

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OPTION A: Regional Park in the northern part of the Plan Area.

OPTION B: Regional Park straddles both sides of Shaw Ave.

OPTION C: Regional Park on Grantland/Shields.

OPTION D: The Regional Park site would be on undeveloped land that extends from Parkway on the east, to Grantland on the west, north of Shaw Avenue extending to Barstow.

Current Regional Park Options
The Steering Committee met on Wednesday, February 27, 2019, 6:00 p.m. at Glacier Point Middle School, Cafeteria, 4055 N. Bryan Avenue.

Voting Session.

1. CALL TO ORDER:
   Chairperson Pena called the Steering Committee to order at 6:18 p.m. An announcement of translation services in Hmong, Punjabi, and Spanish was made by Orchid Interpreting, Inc. Staff provided a brief explanation of the meeting protocol and the plan process to the Steering Committee and meeting attendees.

2. MASTER ROLL CALL:
   MEMBERS:
   PRESENT 7 – Chairperson David Pena, Vice Chairperson Deep Singh, Bill Nijjer, Gurdeep Shergill, Joseph Martinez, Jeff Roberts, and Cathy Caples
   ABSENT 4 – Eric Payne, Dennis Gaab, John Kashian, and Tiffany Mangum

   OTHERS:
   Sophia Pagoulatos, Planning Manager, DARM
   Michael Andrade, GIS Specialist, DARM
   Kara Hammerschmidt, Service Aide, DARM
   Rodney Horton, Planner, DARM

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARIES:
   Moved by Member Roberts, seconded by Member Caples to approve the January 19, 2019 meeting summary. The motion was approved.
   VOICE VOTE TALLY
   AYES: Chairperson David Pena, Vice Chairperson Deep Singh, Bill Nijjer, Gurdeep Shergill, Joseph Martinez, Jeff Roberts, and Cathy Caples
   NOES: None
Moved by Member Caples, seconded by Member Roberts to approve the January 30, 2019 meeting summary. The motion was approved.

**VOICE VOTE TALLY**

**AYES:** Chairperson David Pena, Vice Chairperson Deep Singh, Bill Nijjer, Gurdeep Shergill, Joseph Martinez, Jeff Roberts, and Cathy Caples

**NOES:** None

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON DRAFT GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND LAND USE MAP**

Junus Perry
Premium Commercial Group
5588 N. Palm Avenue, Suite R-1

Mr. Perry stated that he represents the owner of the land that is at the intersection of Herndon and Parkway, and he is proposing that the four-acre to be re-designated to commercial-highway and auto. He mentioned that commercial designation could serve to shield residential properties from intense traffic on Herndon Avenue.

Edward L. Fanucchi
3393 N. Hayes
Mr. Fanucchi inquired about the plan process and its impact on the river, industrial uses, and farming.

Daniel Brannick
1295 N. Wishon Avenue
Mr. Brannick spoke about the Community Landscapes Plan project that is currently underway and its impacts to the specific plan process. He also shared that a portion of the land currently designated as regional park that is located northeast of Highway 99 has a potential to be developed as residential space, and would reduce the size of the planned regional park.

Roger Day
7206 W. Menlo Avenue
Mr. Day expressed opposition to having the parcel located at the intersection of Herndon and Parkway be designated as commercial.

Gen Guerrero
Ms. Guerrero would like to see a list of pros and cons for potential flagship regional park sites to help select the best option.

Elisa Bilios
5323 N. Tisha
Ms. Bilios expressed support for maintaining residential uses at the intersection of Herndon and Parkway.

Dale Mell
2090 N. Winery
Mr. Mell mentioned he is representing the property owner at Shaw and Grantland, and would like to see the option showing potential park designation straddling both sides of West Shaw Avenue removed.

5. MOTION TO FORMALLY ACCEPT THE DRAFT GUIDING PRINCIPLES, AS AMENDED BY THE STEERING COMMITTEE
Moved by Member Roberts, seconded by Member Shergill to formally accept the draft guiding principles, as amended by the Steering Committee.

VOICE VOTE TALLY
AYES: Chairperson David Pena, Vice Chairperson Deep Singh, Bill Nijjer, Gurdeep Shergill, Joseph Martinez, Jeff Roberts, and Cathy Caples
NOES: None

6. TABLED AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT LAND USE MAP
   i. Changes to the parcel located on the northeast corner of Shaw/Grantland
   Member Shergill stated that he did not want all or most of the City’s Housing Element sites located west of Highway 99. He stated that the allocation of affordable housing should be equitable throughout the City. Planning Manager Pagoulatos informed everyone that Housing Element sites are located throughout Fresno because the City has an obligation to provide enough vacant land for the development of housing of different types of densities, which correspond to various levels of affordability according to the State of California. Member Shergill then reaffirmed his desire to see a mixture of housing types for various income levels.

   Member Roberts introduced an amendment to have approximately 30 acres of land on the parcel be re-designated Medium Density from Regional Mixed Use. He stated that the parcel can share additional land uses. Member Caples expressed a desire to change the remaining portion of the parcel be changed from Regional Mix-Use to Neighborhood Mixed-Use.

   Moved by Member Roberts, seconded by Member Caples to change the parcel from Regional Mixed-Use to Medium Density (on the northern portion of the parcel) and Neighborhood Mixed-Use (on the southern portion of the parcel).

   VOICE VOTE TALLY
   AYES: Chairperson David Pena, Vice Chairperson Deep Singh, Bill Nijjer, Gurdeep Shergill, Joseph Martinez, Jeff Roberts, and Cathy Caples
   NOES: None

   ii. Changes to the parcel located on the west side of Blythe near the intersection of Blythe/Ashlan
Member Martinez mentioned that he tabled this item because of the higher density being located near a school. He would like to see the density decreased.
Moved Martinez, seconded by Member Roberts to change the parcel from Urban Neighborhood to Medium-High.

**VOICE VOTE TALLY**

**AYES:** Chairperson David Pena, Vice Chairperson Deep Singh, Bill Nijjer, Gurdeep Shergill, Joseph Martinez, Jeff Roberts, and Cathy Caples

**NOES:** None

iii. **Changes to the parcel located on the northeast, southeast, and southwest corners of Blythe/Ashlan**
Daniel Brannick shared why he recommended change from commercial to medium. He principally mentioned that he wanted to focus commercial land use on Ashlan, and catalyzing development there as opposed to Dakota and Blythe.

Moved by Member Caples, seconded by Member Roberts to return the parcels to the General Plan’s Planned Land Use Designation of Medium and Medium-Low, and study potential commercial land use designations through the environmental review process.

**VOICE VOTE TALLY**

**AYES:** Chairperson David Pena, Vice Chairperson Deep Singh, Bill Nijjer, Gurdeep Shergill, Joseph Martinez, Jeff Roberts, and Cathy Caples

**NOES:** None

iv. **Changes to the parcel located on the east side of Grantland Avenue, near the intersection of Ashlan/Grantland**
Moved by Member Martinez, seconded by Member Roberts to return the parcel to the General Plan’s Planned Land Use designation of Business Park.

**VOICE VOTE TALLY**

**AYES:** Chairperson David Pena, Vice Chairperson Deep Singh, Bill Nijjer, Gurdeep Shergill, Joseph Martinez, Jeff Roberts, and Cathy Caples

**NOES:** None

v. **Selection of up to three potential sites for the location of a flagship Regional Park**
Moved by Roberts, seconded by Member Caples to remove the option of a Regional Park that straddles both sides of West Shaw Avenue (Option B).

**AYES:** Chairperson David Pena, Vice Chairperson Deep Singh, Bill Nijjer, Gurdeep Shergill, Joseph Martinez, Jeff Roberts, and Cathy Caples

**NOES:** None
Moved by Roberts, seconded by Caples to recommend the following sites be studied during the environmental review process for the location of a flagship Regional Park:

**OPTION A:** A flagship Regional Park located in the most northern portion of the Plan Area

**OPTION B:** A flagship Regional Park located at the southwest corner of Shields/Bryan

**OPTION C:** A flagship Regional Park located on undeveloped land that extends from Parkway, along both sides of the Herndon Canal

**AYES:** Chairperson David Pena, Vice Chairperson Deep Singh, Bill Nijjer, Gurdeep Shergill, Joseph Martinez, Jeff Roberts, and Cathy Caples

**NOES:** None

7. MOTION TO FORMALLY ACCEPT THE DRAFT LAND USE MAP, AS AMENDED BY THE STEERING COMMITTEE

Moved by Member Roberts, seconded by Member Caples to formally accept the Draft Land Use Map, as amended by the Steering Committee.

**AYES:** Chairperson David Pena, Vice Chairperson Deep Singh, Bill Nijjer, Gurdeep Shergill, Joseph Martinez, Jeff Roberts, and Cathy Caples

**NOES:** None

8. MOTION TO RECOMMEND THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND CITY COUNCIL FORMALLY INITIATE THE SPECIFIC PLAN OF THE WEST AREA

Moved by Member Caples, seconded by Member Nijjer to recommend the Planning Commission and City Council formally initiate the Specific Plan of the West Area.

**AYES:** Chairperson David Pena, Vice Chairperson Deep Singh, Bill Nijjer, Gurdeep Shergill, Joseph Martinez, Jeff Roberts, and Cathy Caples

**NOES:** None

9. STEERING COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff shared with the committee that the next step in the plan process is for the Planning Commission and City Council to formally initiate the Draft Land Use Map and Guiding Principles for environmental review through the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Planning Manager Pagoulatos extended an invitation to the community and committee to attend a future meeting of the Housing and Community Development Commission for the purpose of providing an annual report on the City’s Housing Element.

Member Shergill stated that he is happy to see a plan process underway for the Plan Area, and he encouraged everyone to be involved in the plan process.
10. UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATIONS
   Junus Perry
   Premium Commercial Group
   5588 N. Palm Avenue, Suite R-1
   Mr. Perry thanked the committee for hearing the concerns that he mentioned earlier in the meeting. He reaffirmed his desire to see the parcel located at Herndon/Parkway be re-designated to commercial-highway.

11. ADJOURNMENT
   The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m. on an adjournment motion offered by Member Roberts, with a second by Member Shergill.
   **AYES:** Chairperson David Pena, Vice Chairperson Deep Singh, Bill Nijjer, Gurdeep Shergill, Joseph Martinez, Jeff Roberts, and Cathy Caples
   **NOES:** None

   Respectfully Submitted,

   [Signature]
   Rodney Horton
   Staff Representative
Regional Park Alternative

This document is an opportunities and constraints analysis to evaluate four Regional Park location options (Options A, B, C, and D) within the Specific Plan of the West Area. The intent of this analysis is to ultimately establish a preferred location for a Regional Park. The process of establishing a preferred location for a Regional Park requires the consideration of a variety of factors including: design, population centers, recreational amenities, community feedback, public access, environmental justice, and environmental criteria. It is noted that there are limitless other considerations, including political considerations, that can guide land use planning; however, the focus of this analysis is on those topics described above.

We began the evaluation by taking into consideration the Specific Plan’s Guiding Principals as they relate to parks and trails. Secondly, we took into consideration the previous City-wide planning efforts related to parks and trails (i.e. General Plan and Parks Master Plan). Lastly, we took into consideration best practices that are used in the land use planning and urban design professions. This analysis narrowed the focus to six topics, each with up to three criteria. The total criterion utilized in this analysis is twelve.

The following analysis includes a summary of the Specific Plan of the West Area’s Guiding Principles and the Regional Park Location Criterion used in the analysis. The analysis is based in part on GIS data analysis, as well as a qualitative matrix that compares and contrasts the Regional Park location options to one another. Ultimately, this analysis provides a conclusion as to the option that most closely satisfies the Specific Plan’s Guiding Principles and Regional Park Location Criterion.

Specific Plan Guiding Principles – Parks and Trails

The Specific Plan’s guiding principles are designed to provide direction in the development of the Specific Plan, and inspire all those involved to create a Plan that can best benefit the future of the West Area. The guiding principles incorporate input received from community members and formal recommendations of the Steering Committee.

The guiding principles of the Specific Plan which generally relate to parks and trail facilities are summarized as follows:

- Create parks that are within existing and planned neighborhoods that are easily accessed by community members using pedestrian and bicycle pathways, transit services, or motor vehicles, consistent with the City of Fresno’s Parks Master Plan.
- Provide for the location of a flagship Regional Park in the Plan Area that has components of the Plan Area’s agricultural history through the planting of drought-resistant vegetation or trees, and the creation of public art that exhibits the Plan Area’s contribution to the agricultural industry.

Regional Park Location Criterion

In order to objectively analyze the four Regional Park locations, it was necessary to establish criteria that could be used to compare and contrast the locations, and to ultimately guide us to a
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location(s) that are preferable. Best practices require the criterion to cover an array of topics to meet the varied interests of the citizenry. The topics used in this analysis cover socio-economic, environmental, and legal considerations.

PARK SIZE CRITERIA

- Park Size: Create a Regional Park that is consistent with the City’s Regional Park classification: “A large park of more than 40 acres in size, which is meant to serve a large number of residents across a broad area of the city, or around 100,000 residents. Regional parks typically include community park features that allow for a variety of sports and active recreation. Some are large enough to enable Fresno to host local and regional tournaments or events that bring revenue to the City and local businesses in the form of additional patrons and tax revenue generated. Regional parks also provide unique public facilities, such as the Shinzen Japanese Garden, the Chaffee Zoological Gardens, or natural areas with hiking trails, fishing opportunities, and access to the San Joaquin River. Parks that provide unique opportunities, such as river access, have been categorized as a regional park, even though they are less than 40 acres in size.”
  - Park Size Criteria 1: Provide a Regional Park that is 40 acres minimum.

AVAILABLE LAND CRITERIA

- Available Land: Locate a Regional Park in an area that is currently available for development (i.e., vacant or largely vacant land, minimal land owners, etc.).
  - Available Land Criteria 1: Provide a Regional Park in an area that is currently available for development.

POPULATION CENTER CRITERIA

- Population Center: Provide a Regional Park in a location that is proximately to the highest population centers within the Plan Area
  - Population Center Criteria 1: Provide a Regional Park in a location that would be within ½-mile of the highest number of residents within the Plan Area.

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES CRITERIA

- Recreational Amenities: Provide a Regional Park in a location that is suitable to provide a variety of recreation activities which the Plan Area and other City residents will participate in, as indicated by Table 2.1 of the Fresno Parks Master Plan. Because the Plan Area is generally located in DA-1 North (West Growth Area North of Clinton) of the Parks Master Plan, as shown in Table 2.1, these recreation activities may include: baseball, basketball, fishing (fresh water), softball, swimming, volleyball, and walking for exercise.
  - Recreational Amenities Criteria 1: Provide a Regional Park that can accommodate the majority of the following recreation activities: baseball, basketball, fishing (fresh water), softball, swimming, volleyball, and walking for exercise.
COMMUNITY FEEDBACK CRITERIA

- Community Feedback: Utilize previous public outreach and community feedback in order to locate a Regional Park in the most needed location in the Plan Area. See Figure 6.2 (Community Feedback: Identifying Priority Areas for New Parks) of the Fresno Parks Master Plan and Figure POSS-1 (Parks and Open Space) of the Fresno General Plan. These figures are also included as Figure 2 at the end of this chapter for the park priority area location and park buffer areas in the Plan Area.
  - Community Feedback Criteria 1: Provide a Regional Park in a location that is not within a ¼-mile of an existing park, as shown in Figure 2.
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PUBLIC ACCESS CRITERIA

- Public Access: Locate a Regional Park in an area that is accessible to residents of the Plan Area and overall city. All modes of transportation should be equally weighted, and automobile accessibility should not take priority over bicycle, pedestrian, and transit accessibility.
  - Park Accessibility Criteria 1: Provide a Regional Park in a location that is within ½-mile of an existing Fresno Area Express bus stop.
  - Park Accessibility Criteria 2: Provide a Regional Park in a location that currently has adequate bicycle, pedestrian, and roadway facilities in the immediate area.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE CRITERIA

- Environmental Justice: Consider various Environmental Justice indicators when determining the location of the Regional Park (CalEnviroScreen 3.0). See Figure 3 for the Environmental Justice indicators for the Plan Area.
  - Environmental Justice Criteria 1: Provide a Regional Park in a Census Tract that has a CalEnviroScreen 3.0 Percentile at or above 90%.
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EVALUATION

Figures 4a and 4b show the opportunities and constraints within the Plan Area, respectively. Opportunities for locating a Regional Park in the Plan Area include Population Center Criteria 1, Community Feedback Criteria 1, Public Access Criteria 1 and Criteria 2, and Environmental Justice Criteria 1, Criteria 2, and Criteria 3. Constraints for locating a Regional Park in the Plan Area include
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the Park Size Criteria 1, Available Land Criteria 1, and Community Feedback Criteria 2. The Recreational Amenities Criteria is addressed on a case-by-case basis.

Table 1 summarizes each option’s ability to achieve or meet the Specific Plan Guiding Principles and the Regional Park location criteria outlined above. The table includes a numerical scoring system, which assigns a score of “0,” “1,” or “2” to each of the four Regional Park location options (Options A, B, C, and D) with respect to whether each option achieves or meets the Specific Plan Guiding Principles and Regional Park location criteria. A score of “0” indicates that the option would not achieve or meet the Guiding Principle or location criteria. A score of “1” indicates that the option partially achieves or meets the Guiding Principle or location criteria. A score of “2” indicates that the option achieves or meets the Guiding Principle or location criteria. The option with the highest total score is considered the superior alternative.

As shown in the table, Option A received a score of “14”, Option B received a score of “19”, Option C received a score of “14”, and Option D received a score of “18”. Therefore, Option B is the superior alternative, followed by Option D. Options A and C tied for third.
### Regional Park Alternative

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*Notes: A score of “0” indicates that the option would not achieve or meet the Guiding Principle or location criteria. A score of “1” indicates that the option partially achieves or meets the Guiding Principle or location criteria. A score of “2” indicates that the option achieves or meets the Guiding Principle or location criteria.*

\(^a\) Option C is approximately 0.7 miles west of one of the desired park locations.

\(^b\) Option B is approximately 0.7 miles west of a Route 12 bus stop.
Regional Park Options

Option A: In the northern part of the Plan Area

Option B: Straddling both sides of Shaw Ave, between Bryan Ave and Grantland Ave

Option C: Near Grantland Ave and Shields Ave

Option D: On the undeveloped land extending between Grantland and Water Island Parkway, and between Barstow Ave and Shaw Ave
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Figure 2. Public Outreach and Community Feedback Criteria Map

Sources: City of Fresno. Map date: August 1, 2019.
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Figure 3.
Environmental Justice Criteria Map
Figure 4a. Opportunities

Planning Boundaries
- Specific Plan of the West Area
- Fresno City Limits
- Fresno Sphere of Influence (SOI)

Available Land
- Vacant Land

Public Transportation
- Bus Stop
- 12 Bus Route
- 35 Bus Route
- 39 Bus Route

Bicycle Routes
- Existing Bicycle Path
- Planned Bicycle Path

Sidewalks
- Existing Sidewalk
- Planned Sidewalk

Desired Park Locations
- District 1 Desired Location
- District 3 Desired Location
- District 6 Desired Location
- Residents’ Desired Location

Population Center
- High Density Residential or Urban Neighborhood General Plan Designation

Environmental Issues
- One Environmental Issue
- Two Environmental Issues
- Three Environmental Issues

* Calenviroscreen 3.0 identifies census tracts that are disproportionately burdened by, and vulnerable to, multiple sources of pollution. Scores used to classify various tracts are shown in the map and are as follows:
- Pollution Burden Percentile >=70
- Population Characteristics >=70
- Overall Score >=90

If a census tract meets one of these scores, it is identified as having “One Environmental Issue.”
If a tract meets two of these scores, it is identified as having “Two Environmental Issues.”
And finally, if a census tract meets all three of these scores, it is identified as having “Three Environmental Issues.”

Sources: Calenviroscreen 3.0, June 2018; Fresno FAX; Fresno County; City of Fresno. Map date: August 14, 2019.
Figure 4b. Constraints

Planning Boundaries
- Specific Plan of the West Area
- Fresno City Limits
- Fresno Sphere of Influence (SOI)
- Unavailable Lands
- Parks
- Existing Park
- Quarter-mile Park Buffer

Waterways
- Herndon Canal
- Other Canal or Ditch
- Pipeline Connector
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