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DEPARTMENT OF
PARKS AND RECREATION

**CITY OF SACRAMENTO
CALIFORNIA**

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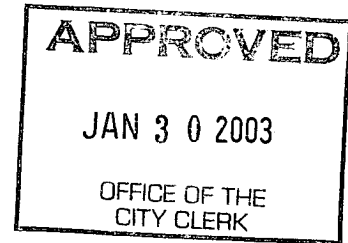
PARK PLANNING, DESIGN
AND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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January 7, 2003

City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:



**SUBJECT: APPROVE THE VERANO CREEK PARK MASTER PLAN CIP (PN:LT71)
AND THE NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FOR THE SITE**

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: 307 Doolittle Street between Kelly Ct. and
Nimitz St. in North Sacramento
Council District 2

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council, by resolution:

- ▶ Approve the Master Plan for Verano Creek Park; and
- ▶ Approve the Notice of Exemption for the site.

CONTACT PERSON: JANET R. BAKER, INTERIM PARK DEVELOPMENT MANAGER, 264-8234
DENNIS DAY, SENIOR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT, 264-7633

FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: January 30, 2003

SUMMARY:

The requested actions are the first steps to develop this .4-acre community park in North Sacramento.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION:

The Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) for Parks and Recreation approved the master plan for the site at its October 3, 2002 meeting. The park name "Verano Creek Park" was originally called "Doolittle Park", the CAC approved the name change in the Fall of 1999.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Verano Creek Park is a .4-acre community park located on 307 Doolittle Street between Kelly Ct. and Nimitz St. in North Sacramento (see Exhibit A).

The Verano Creek Park Master Plan (see Exhibit B) will include landscape of the vacant .4-acre park site with turf and trees, a native grass and tree grove buffer between the park and the adjacent residential homes. The Master Plan also includes a small open-lawn area, a tot lot playground, walkways, a small group picnic area, drinking fountain, site furniture and pathway lighting. One diseased tree will be removed and replaced with a healthy tree. All other existing trees will remain.

The park Master Plan was approved by the public. Funds remaining after master planning and environmental documents preparation will be used as seed money for a volunteer development of the park. Staff will also solicit additional funding from SHRA and/or a grant. There is no schedule for the development of the park at this time.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

There will be approximately \$3,200 per year in ongoing costs for this .4-acre park. This includes \$2,400 per year in park maintenance and \$800 per year in water and utility costs.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The Environmental Services Manager has determined that the proposed project is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section Number 15303(e) of the CEQA Guidelines. Exemption 15303(e) consists of construction of new small structures. (See Exhibit C).

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

The development of this facility is consistent with the City Council's goal to expand park and recreational opportunities.

ESBD CONSIDERATIONS:

The selection of Landscape Architect consultants and contractors for this project will follow City established guidelines for inclusion of ESBD firm.

Approve VeranoCreek Park
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Respectfully Submitted,



ROBERT G. OVERSTREET,
Director of Parks and Recreation

Recommendation Approved,



ROBERT P. THOMAS
City Manager

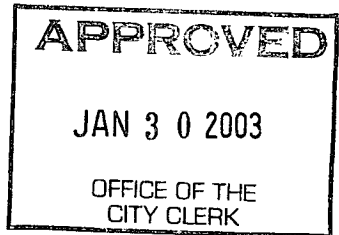
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RESOLUTION NO. 2003-037
ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF _____

**APPROVE VERANO CREEK PARK MASTER PLAN CIP (PN:LT71) AND
THE NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FOR THE SITE**

The City Council of the City of Sacramento hereby;

- 1. Approves the park Master Plan for Verano Creek Park; and
- 2. Approves the Notice of Exemption for the park site.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

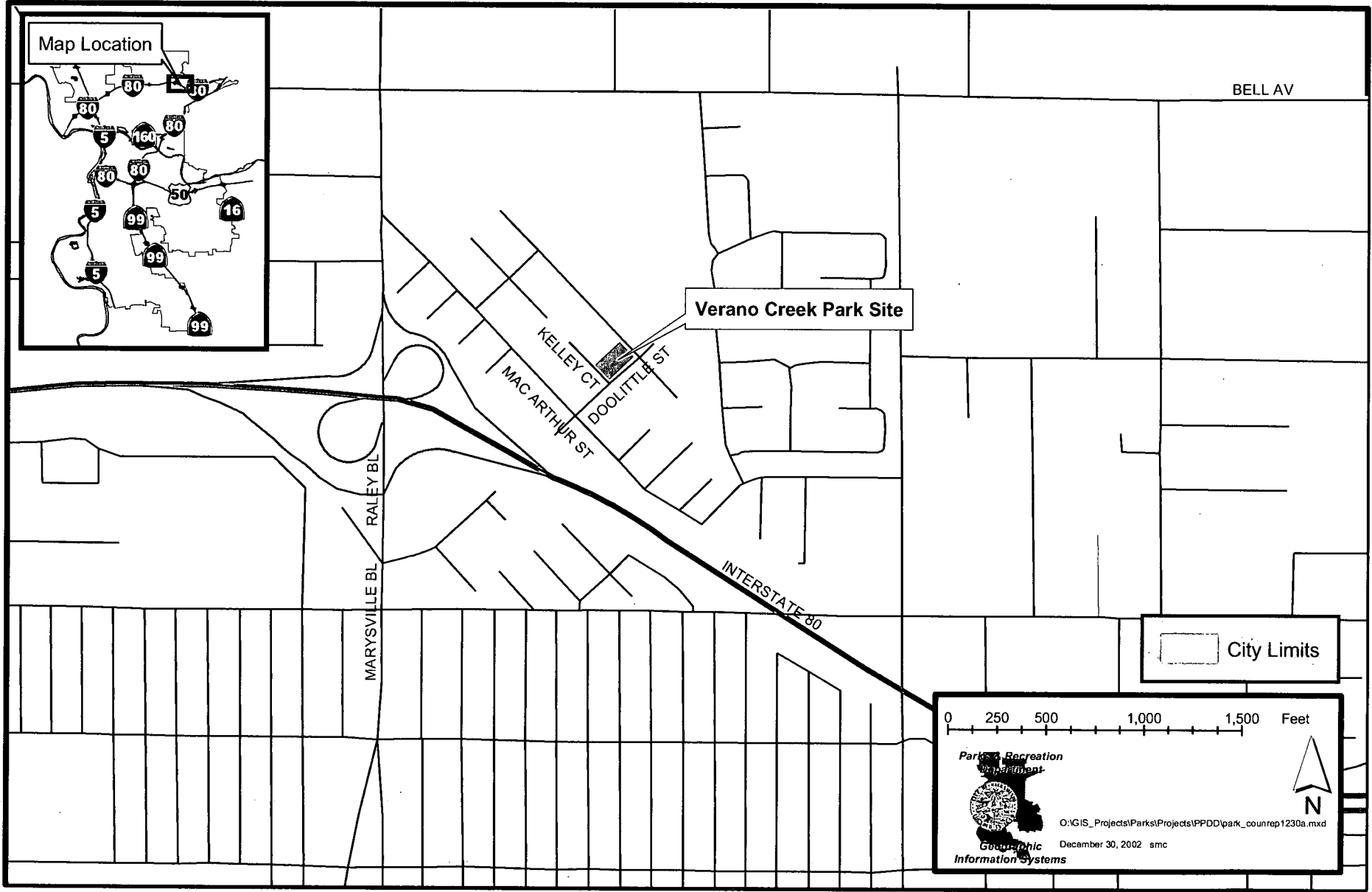
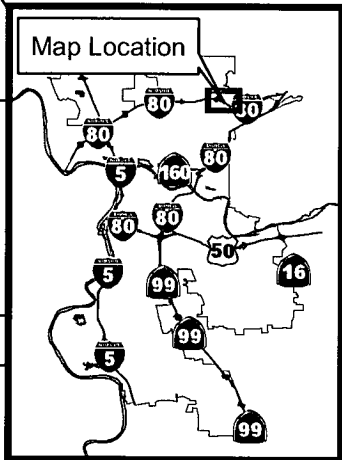
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Date Adopted: _____



City of Sacramento
Department of Parks and Recreation
Verano Creek Park Site



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Parks & Recreation
 Department

Geographic Information Systems

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Exhibit A

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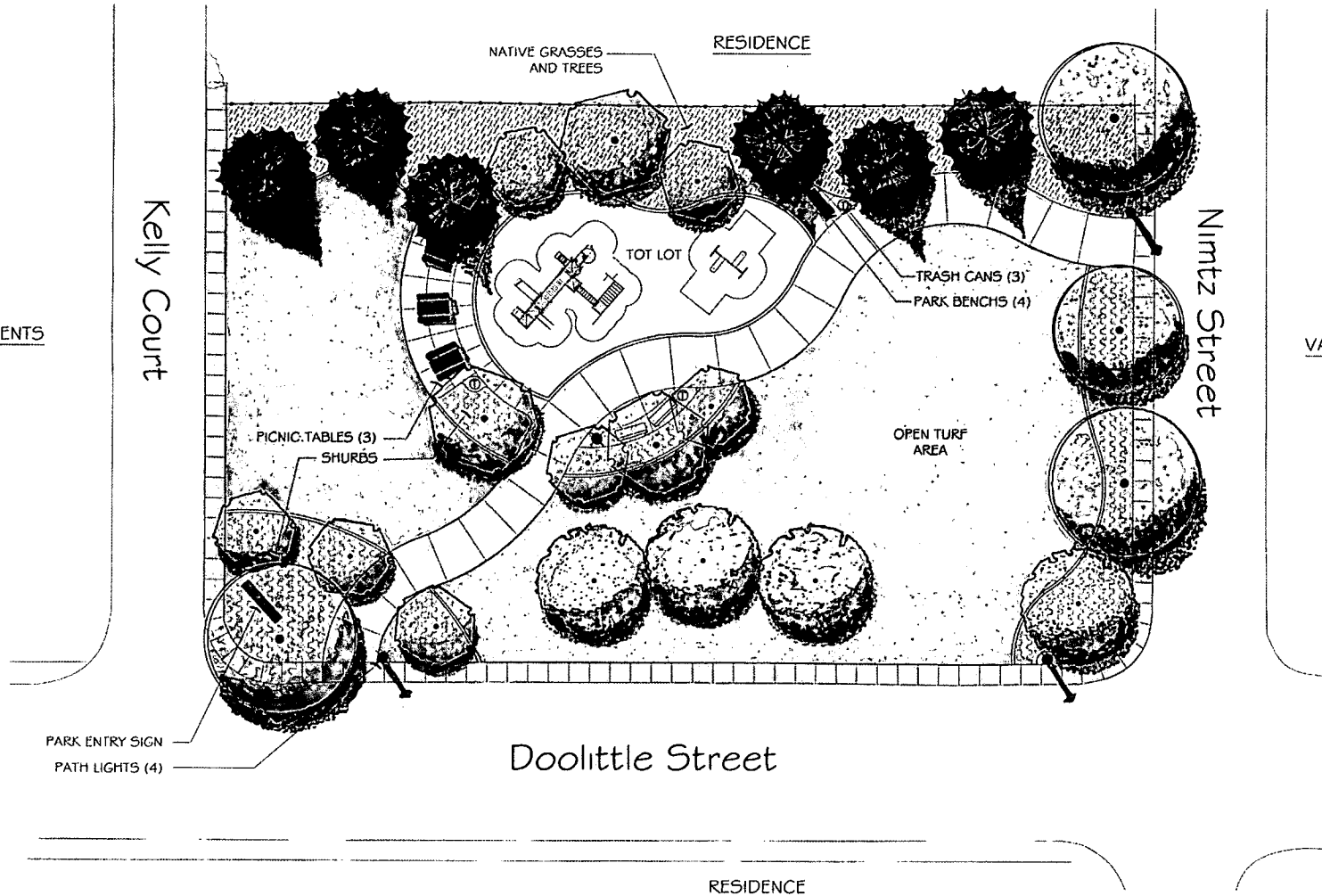
APARTMENTS

Kelly Court

RESIDENCE

Nimitz Street

VACANT LOT



Doolittle Street

RESIDENCE

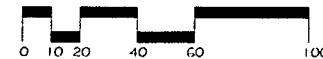
PARK MASTER PLAN FOR:

VERANO CREEK PARK (0.4 Acres)

CITY OF SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA



NORTH



DATE: SEPTEMBER 9, 2002
 PROJECT MANAGER: JEFF NITTKA
 DESIGN BY: MICHAEL ROSALES

Exhibit B

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Exhibit C



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: County Clerk
County of Sacramento

___ Office of Planning and Research
1400 10th Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: City of Sacramento
Environmental Planning Services
1231 I Street, Room 300
Sacramento, CA 95814

ACTIVITY/PROJECT TITLE: (LT71) - Verano Creek Park

ACTIVITY/PROJECT LOCATION: 307 Doolittle Street, between Kelly Ct. and Nimitz St. in North Sacramento

CITY: Sacramento **COUNTY:** Sacramento

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY/PROJECT: The project consists of landscaping the .04-acre vacant park site with turf and trees, constructing a tot lot, walkways, a small picnic area, drinking fountain, site furniture and pathway lighting. One diseased tree will be removed and replaced with a healthy tree. All other existing trees will remain.

NAME OF PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING ACTIVITY/PROJECT: City of Sacramento

NAME OF PERSON/AGENCY CARRYING OUT ACTIVITY/PROJECT: City of Sacramento

THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO FINDS THAT THE ACTIVITY/PROJECT IS EXEMPT.

Exempt Status: (Check One)

- ___ Activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378
[Section 15061(b)(1)]
- ___ Activity has no potential for causing a significant effect on the environment
[Section 15061(b)(3)]
- ___ Statutory Exemption [Section 21080(b)(8)]
- ___ Ministerial Exemption [Section 15268]
- ___ Declared Emergency Exemption [Section 15269(a)]
- ___ Emergency Project [Section 15269(b) and (c)]
- Categorical Exemption-State Class 3 Section Number 15303(e) Construction of new, small facilities or structures.

REASONS WHY ACTIVITY/PROJECT IS EXEMPT: 15303(e) Construction of new small play areas and structures.

CONTACT PERSON: Dana Allen, Associate Planner _____

DATE: December 30, 2002 **TELEPHONE:** (916) 264-2762