

Land Use Summary for Save Mount Diablo Communications – Creekside Memorial Cemetery

What is the Project?

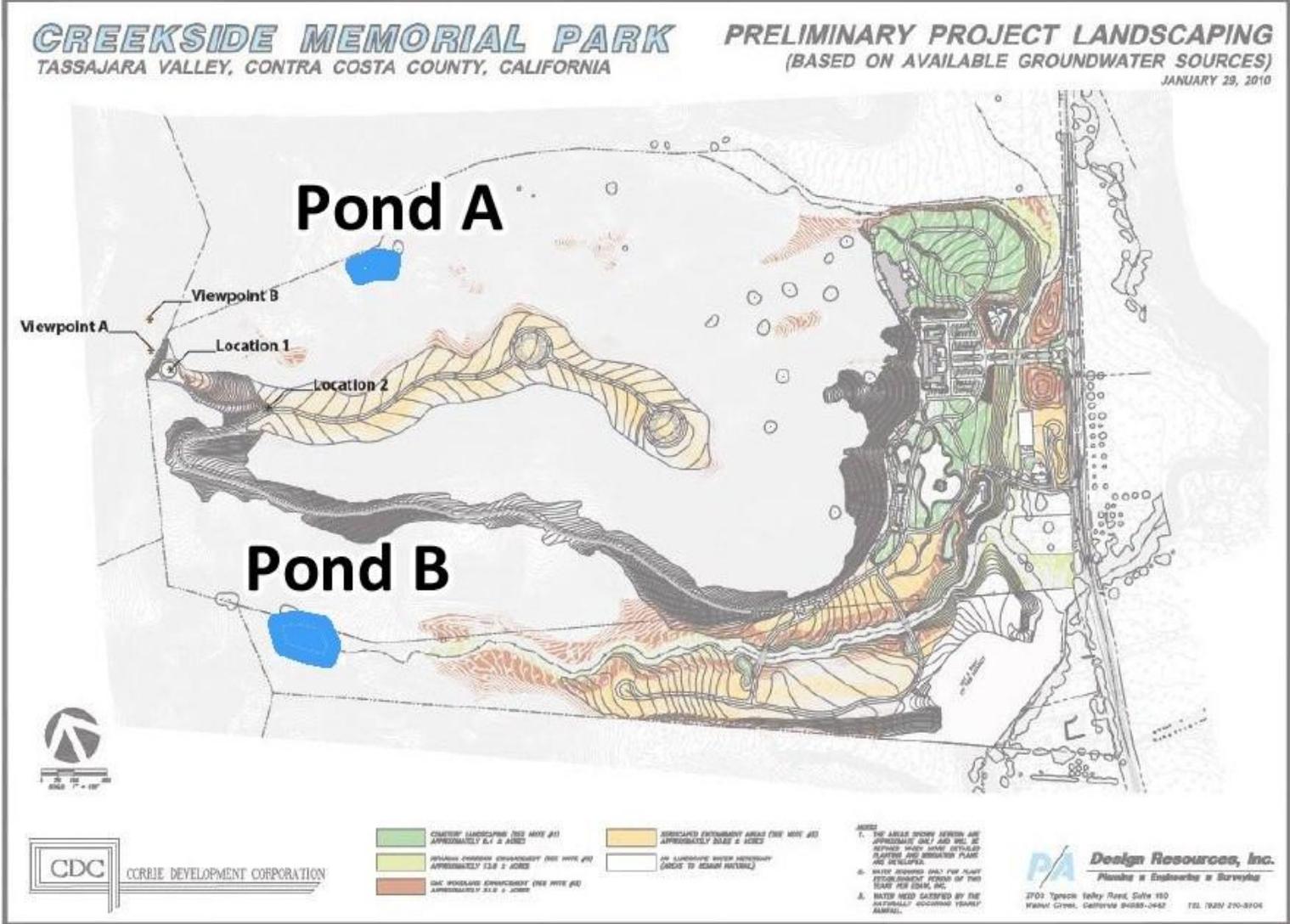
1. A proposal by Corrie Development Corporation to construct a 59 acre cemetery (Creekside Memorial Park) located off Camino Tassajara.
2. The cemetery includes a lower area and an “upper garden” area that sits at the top of a prominent ridge. The upper and lower cemetery areas will be connected by a road.

Why does Save Mount Diablo oppose the Project?

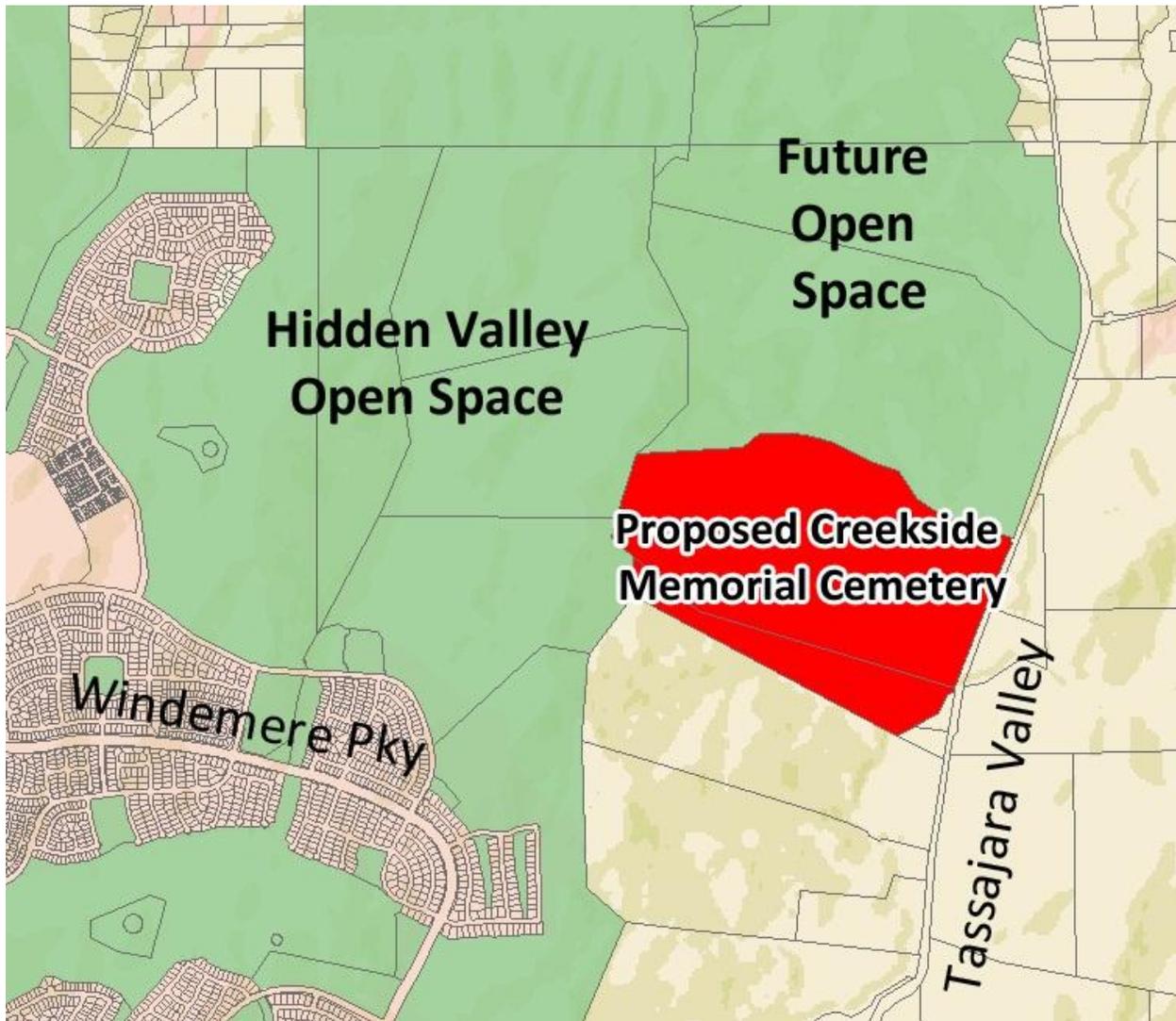
1. The road and upper gardens would trisect the property, fragmenting threatened species habitat. California red-legged frog and California tiger salamander have been found in two ponds that would lie on either side of the upper gardens (see figure on next page). The road and upper gardens would make it more difficult for these threatened species to travel between these ponds. To avoid this impact, the upper gardens should be removed.
2. The project site lies right next to the protected Hidden Valley Open Space area, the Tassajara Ridge Regional Trail, and future protected open space to the north. The cemetery would negatively affect these protected open space areas and degrade the recreational value of the trail (see figure on last page).
3. The entryway to the proposed cemetery would destroy rare alkaline meadow habitat that supports rare plant species, including Congdon’s tarplant and San Joaquin spearscale.
4. The cemetery could affect the hydrology of the area.

How can people help?

1. The City of San Ramon may be holding a meeting or forum about Creekside Memorial Cemetery within the next two months. We will keep you posted when we learn more details. You can go to this meeting and tell officials why you think this cemetery is a bad idea.
2. If you live in the San Ramon/Tassajara area, contact City Council members and tell them why you oppose Creekside Memorial Cemetery.
 - a. Mayor Bill Clarkson: bclarkson@sanramon.ca.gov
 - b. Vice Mayor Philip G. O’Loane: poloane@sanramon.ca.gov
 - c. Council Member David E. Hudson: dhudson@sanramon.ca.gov
 - d. Council Member Scott Perkins: sperkins@sanramon.ca.gov
 - e. Council Member Harry Sachs: hsachs@sanramon.ca.gov
3. You can also read the full draft EIR at <http://www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/index.aspx?NID=869>



The upper gardens in the middle of the property sit at the top of steep ridge, and together with the road break a movement corridor for California tiger salamander and California red-legged frog between Pond A and Pond B. The gray shadowing in the figure shows the amount of fill and grading that would be required due to the steepness of the property. Pond sizes are not to scale.



The Creekside Memorial Cemetery would be about 2,300 feet away from existing homes, and would lie right next to future protected open space to the north and the protected Hidden Valley Open Space area and Tassajara Ridge Trail to the west.