

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Eleanor Pardee Park
Restroom Survey Results
and Next Steps

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ELEANOR PARDEE PARK

- 9.6-acre neighborhood park
- Turf, playgrounds, picnic areas, community gardens, and pathways



PARKS TRAILS NATURAL OPEN SPACE & RECREATION MASTER PLAN



Master Plan Policy: 2:E:

- Add restrooms in parks that:
 - >2 acres
 - Have high use & visitor engagement
 - Lack nearby restroom facilities
- Identified Restroom Locations:
 - Bol Park
 - Bowden Park
 - Eleanor Pardee Park
 - Johnson Park
 - Ramos Park
 - Robles Park
 - Terman Park
- Recent Installations:
 - Ramos, Robles, and Rinconada Parks
 - Cubberley restrooms (under construction)
 - Boulware Park (under construction)
 - Mitchell Park (Magical Bridge) funded this year



Project Background & Community Interest

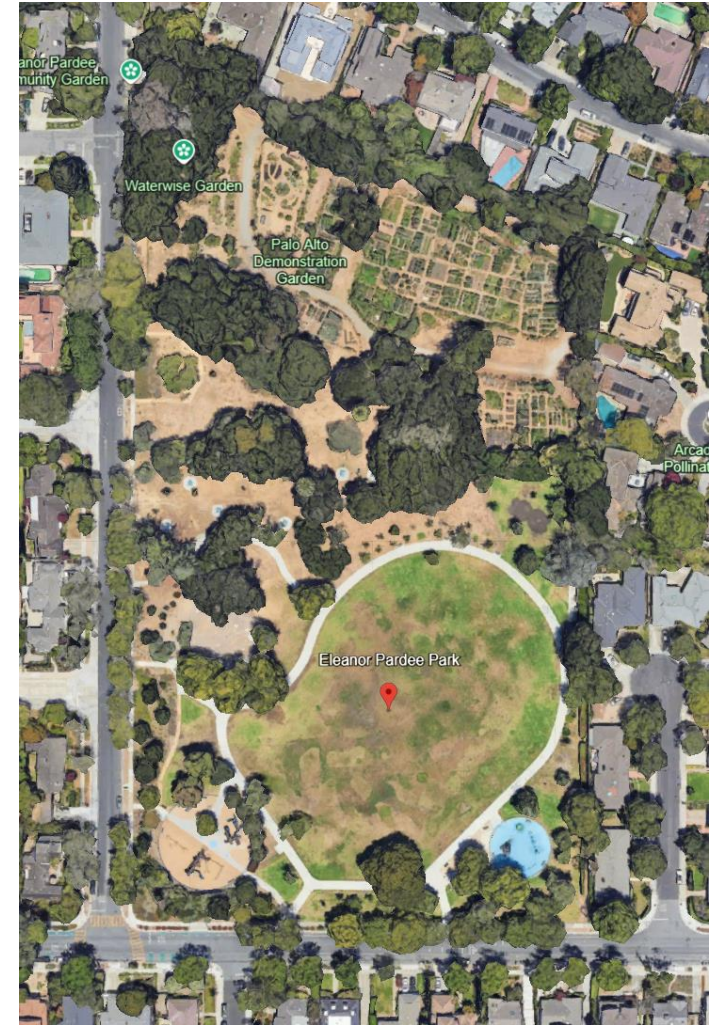
Previous Considerations: Face neighborhood opposition

Recent Changes:

- Increased Community Interest
- Council directive to engage residents

Survey Purpose: Inform decision-making and ensure accessibility, usability and visitor experience

Survey Timeline: January 13 – February 13, 2025



Stakeholder Engagement and Outreach

Survey Promotion and Outreach:

- Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting (January 28, 2025)
- News Story and City website
- Nextdoor, Palo Alto Neighbors, City Manager's Comments
- Blog posts, Uplift Local, Council outreach
- On-site signage at the park

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The City of Palo Alto is exploring the possibility of adding a new public restroom at Eleanor Pardee Park. Your input is essential in helping us understand community needs, preferences, and potential concerns. Results will help inform decision-making and ensure we prioritize accessibility, usability, and the overall experience for park visitors.



Should there be community interest in adding a restroom at Pardee Park, the City's capital improvement process would require further community engagement and staff would recommend project funding in the FY 2026 budget process, with possible design and installation the following year in FY 2027.

Thank you for taking the time to provide your feedback.

Survey is now closed.

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Community Survey Results

Total Responses: 1,171

Overall Support: 82% in favor

Residents:

- 75% support
- 18% opposed

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| Yes = Support Restroom | | |
| No = Against Restroom | | |
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| | Count | Percentage |
| Resident Yes | 876 | 75% |
| Resident No | 211 | 18% |
| Non-Resident Yes | 84 | 7% |
| Non-Resident No | 0 | 0% |
| Total | 1,171 | 100% |

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| Distance to/from Pardee Park | | |
| Yes = Support Restroom | | |
| No = Against Restroom | | |
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| | Count | Percentage |
| Resident, Yes, and Within walking distance | 660 | 56% |
| Resident, Yes, and Within a short drive | 160 | 14% |
| Resident, Yes, and I live in another neighborhood | 56 | 5% |
| Resident, No, and Within walking distance | 197 | 17% |
| Resident, No, and Within a short drive | 10 | 1% |
| Resident, No, and I live in another neighborhood | 4 | 0% |
| Non-Resident, Yes, and Within walking distance | 11 | 1% |
| Non-Resident, Yes, and Within a short drive | 25 | 2% |
| Non-Resident, Yes, and I live outside of Palo Alto | 40 | 3% |
| Non-Resident, Yes, and I live in another neighborhood | 8 | 1% |
| Total | 1,171 | 100% |

All results are available in the packet.

Next Steps, Approval Process, Proposed Timeline

CIP Budget: Staff is incorporating the Eleanor Pardee Park Restroom into the proposed FY26 Budget

Community Engagement Ongoing

Park Improvement Ordinance Required

- Parks and Recreation Commission review
- City Council approval

Proposed Timeline

June 2025: Budget Adoption

FY 2026: Restroom Funding Secured

To be determined:

- Community Meetings
- Park Improvement Ordinance Review
- Final Design and Installation



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