

## PROPOSED NAPA VINE TRAIL GENERAL PLAN CONSISTENCY ANALYSIS

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<b>Agricultural Preservation and Land Use Element</b>		
<u>Policy AG/LU-1</u> : Agriculture and related activities are the primary land uses in Napa County.	Consistent	For most of its length, the Vine Trail parallels Highway 29 and the railroad tracks. All of the “diverted” parcels have existing vineyards located on them and the Trail will be located on existing vineyard roads. The Trail segment will occupy a de minimus amount overall of each agricultural parcel and will not preclude agriculture from being the primary land use on the parcels or interfere with existing agriculture.
<u>Policy AG/LU-4</u> : The County will reserve agricultural lands for agricultural use including lands used for grazing and watershed/open space, except for those lands which are shown on the Land Use Map as planned for urban development.	Consistent	For most of its length, the Vine Trail parallels Highway 29 and the railroad tracks. All of the “diverted” parcels have existing vineyards located on them and the Trail will be located on existing vineyard roads. The Trail segment will occupy a de minimus amount overall of each agricultural parcel and will not prevent or preclude the majority of the land from being reserved and used for agriculture.
<u>Policy AG/LU-9</u> : The County shall evaluate discretionary development projects, rezonings, and public projects to determine their potential for impacts on farmlands mapped by the State Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program, while recognizing that	Consistent	For most of its length, the Vine Trail parallels Highway 29 and the railroad tracks. All of the “diverted” parcels have existing vineyards located on them and the Trail will be located on existing vineyard roads. The Trail segment will occupy a de minimus amount overall of each agricultural parcel and will not preclude agriculture from being the

<sup>1</sup> Some of the policies have been summarized. Please see the General Plan for the full text.

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<p>the state’s farmland terminology and definitions are not always the most relevant to Napa County, and shall avoid converting farmland where feasible.</p> <p>Where conversion of farmlands mapped by the state cannot be avoided, the County shall require long-term preservation of one acre of existing farm land of equal or higher quality for each acre of state-designated farmland that will be converted to nonagricultural uses.</p>		<p>primary land use. No farmland will be converted, displaced or removed as a result of the Trail. On some of the agricultural parcels, agricultural equipment may periodically use the Trail to turn around equipment.</p>
<p><u>Policy AG/LU-12</u>: No new non-agricultural use or development of a parcel located in an agricultural area shall be permitted unless it is needed for the agricultural use of the parcel, <i>except</i> as provided in Policies AG/LU-2, AG/LU-5, AG/LU-26, AG/LU-44, AG/LU-45, and <u>ROS-1</u>. (emphasis added)</p> <p><u>Policy ROS-1</u>: The County encourages the acquisition, location, design, management, and operation of recreational open space and facilities, in ways that protect natural resources, enhance natural habitats, conserve agricultural lands, maintain agricultural productivity, and respect private property. The County shall coordinate with and support the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District (Park District) in implementing this policy.</p>	<p>Generally Consistent</p>	<p>While the “diverted” parcels could be considered a new non-agricultural use of a parcel, Policy AG/LU-12 has an exception for recreational facilities that protect natural resources, conserve agricultural lands, maintain agricultural productivity and respect private property per Policy ROS-1. All of the “diverted” agricultural parcels have existing vineyards located on them and the Trail will be located on existing vineyard roads. No agricultural lands will be displaced, removed or converted. The Trail segment will occupy a de minimus amount overall of each agricultural parcel however the proximity of vineyards to the Trail could potentially disrupt or otherwise interfere with agricultural productivity. Trail users could be exposed to pesticides and possible agricultural chemical drift and could veer off the Trail and trespass into the vineyards. The resulting trespass could increase the transportation and spread of noxious weeds from one area to another, make it difficult to confine quarantined areas and increase potential vandalism to vines and property. Finally, because the Trail will be located on existing</p>

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		<p>vineyards roads which will be used by tractors and vineyard equipment, there is a risk of vehicle and Trail user incidents. In order to reduce these risks, the Vine Trail Coalition is working with property owners to incorporate the following measures into the terms of the easement agreements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closing the Vine Trail from “Dusk to Dawn” to allow agricultural activities to occur uninterrupted.</li> <li>• For portions of the Vine Trail that share vineyard avenues, suggesting that spray equipment be turned off at the end of each vine row. This is a normal procedure to avoid drift and reduce chemical costs. It has the added advantage of allowing the avenues to remain outside the sprayed area and therefore not subject to reentry restrictions.</li> <li>• Reducing the speed of agriculture equipment in areas where the trail intersects vineyard roads.</li> <li>• Providing signs in English and Spanish to easement donors that can be posted on end posts of treated crop areas stating “No Entry”.</li> <li>• Using the Vine Trail’s mobile App to notify Trail users of spraying or other vineyard work on private easements in real time.</li> <li>• Reinforcing the Ag Respect program message by posting it on mile posts every quarter mile and providing information at the eighteen Vine Trail rest stop shelters.</li> </ul> <p>The Park District is on the Board of the Vine Trail Coalition. The County and Park District are coordinating efforts with respect to the Trail.</p>

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<p><u>Policy AG/LU-20</u>: The following standards shall apply to lands designated as Agriculture, Watershed, and Open Space on the Land Use Map of this General Plan.</p> <p>Intent: To provide areas where the predominant use is agriculturally oriented; where watersheds are protected and enhanced; where reservoirs, floodplain tributaries, geologic hazards, soil conditions, and other constraints make the land relatively unsuitable for urban development; where urban development would adversely impact all such uses; and where the protection of agriculture, watersheds, and floodplain tributaries from fire, pollution, and erosion is essential to the general health, safety, and welfare.</p> <p>General Uses: Agriculture, processing of agricultural products, single-family dwellings.</p> <p>Minimum Parcel Size: 160 acres, except that parcels with a minimum size of 2 acres may be created for the sole purpose of developing farm labor camps.</p> <p>Maximum Building Intensity: One dwelling per parcel (except as specified in the Housing Element). Nonresidential building intensity is non-applicable.</p>	<p>Consistent</p>	<p>For most of its length, the Vine Trail parallels Highway 29 and the railroad tracks. All of the “diverted” agricultural parcels have existing vineyards located on them and the Trail will be located on existing vineyard roads.</p> <p>The Trail segment will occupy a de minimus amount overall of each Agriculture, Watershed and Open Space parcel and will not disrupt or otherwise be detrimental to the continuance of agriculture. County Code Section 18.20.030 (A) allows “parks and rural recreational uses and facilities” such as the Vine Trail in the Agricultural Watershed zoning district upon grant of a use permit conforming to certain standards. While the County is exempt from its own zoning codes, it does need to comply with its General Plan.</p> <p>Implementation of the “Agricultural Respect” campaign, which is aimed at educating trail users regarding awareness of and respect for agricultural activities occurring adjacent to the Trail, will further ensure that the Trail and agricultural activities are compatible. The County through the Napa Valley Bicycle Coalition and NCTPA has produced bike maps with all the information about the “Agricultural Respect” program included in the brochure. In addition, the Sheriff, the Farm Bureau and Grape Growers have postcards with information on “Agricultural Respect” for distribution to bike stores and tourist serving businesses. “Agricultural Respect” information will also be posted along the Vine Trail.</p> <p>Agriculture will continue to be the dominate land use on the parcels. The Vine Trail Coalition is also working with</p>

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		property owners to incorporate agricultural protection measures into the terms of the easement agreements. (See also Policy AG/LU-12 Analysis.)
<p><u>Policy AG/LU-21:</u> The following standards shall apply to lands designated as Agricultural Resource (AR) on the Land Use Map of this General Plan.</p> <p>Intent: To identify areas in the fertile valley and foothill areas of the county in which agriculture is and should continue to be the predominant land use, where uses incompatible with agriculture should be precluded, and where the development of urban type uses would be detrimental to the continuance of agriculture and the maintenance of open space which are economic and aesthetic attributes and assets of the County of Napa.</p> <p>General Uses: Agriculture, processing of agricultural products, single-family dwellings.</p> <p>Minimum Parcel Size: 40 acres, except that parcels with a minimum size of 2 acres may be created for the sole purpose of developing farm labor camps</p> <p>Maximum Building Intensity: One dwelling per parcel (except as specified in the Housing Element). Nonresidential building intensity is</p>	Potentially Inconsistent	<p>For most of its length, the Vine Trail parallels Highway 29 and the railroad tracks. All of the “diverted” agricultural parcels have existing vineyards located on them and the Trail will be located on existing vineyard roads.</p> <p>Although recreational uses are not specifically allowed on lands designated Agricultural Resource, the Trail will not be incompatible with or detrimental to agriculture. The Trail segment will occupy a de minimus amount overall of each Agricultural Resource parcel and will not disrupt or otherwise be detrimental to the continuance of agriculture. Implementation of the “Agricultural Respect” campaign, which is aimed at educating trail users regarding awareness of and respect for agricultural activities occurring adjacent to the Trail, will further ensure that the Trail and agricultural activities are compatible.</p> <p>The County through the Napa Valley Bicycle Coalition and NCTPA has produced bike maps with all the information about the “Agricultural Respect” program included in the brochure. In addition, the Sheriff, the Farm Bureau and Grape Growers have postcards with information on “Agricultural Respect” for distribution to bike stores and tourist serving businesses. “Agricultural Respect” information will also be posted along the Vine Trail. Finally, agriculture will continue to be the dominate land use on the AR parcels.</p> <p>The Vine Trail Coalition is also working with property</p>

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non-applicable, but where practical, buildings will be located off prime soils.		owners to incorporate agricultural protection measures into the terms of the easement agreements. (See also Policy AG/LU-12 Analysis.)
<u>Policy AG/LU-26</u> : The County will discourage proposed urban developments which require urban services outside of existing urbanized areas. However, nothing in this Agricultural Preservation and Land Use Element is intended to preclude the construction of a single-family residence, on an existing, vacant, legal parcel of land in compliance with adopted County ordinances and other applicable regulations, except on designated park land. Pursuant to State law, small child care centers are considered residential uses.	Consistent	The Vine Trail is a form of nature based recreation. It is not an urban development that requires urban services outside of existing urban areas.
<u>Policy AG/LU-27</u> : For the purposes of this General Plan, the terms “urbanized” or “urbanizing” shall include the subdivision, use, or development of any parcel of land for non-agricultural purposes. Engaging in nature-based recreation or agriculturally compatible uses that are permitted in the applicable zoning district without the issuance of a use permit, such as development of one single-family house and/or second unit on an existing legal lot, shall not be considered urbanizing.	Consistent	The Vine Trail is a non-motorized, pedestrian and bicycling trail. It is a form of “nature based” recreation which is not considered “urbanizing.”  The General Plan defines “nature-based recreation” to include recreation which takes place in and around, and is significantly focused on, the natural environment, including but not limited to walking, hiking, equestrian and mountain bicycle riding, camping in tents, recreational vehicles, and rustic cabins, wildlife viewing, fishing, hunting, picnicking, swimming in lakes and rivers, and paddling. (See Page ROS-4)
<u>Policy AG/LU-111</u> : Measure P. No redesignation of Agricultural, Watershed, and Open Space and Agricultural Resource	Consistent	For most of its length, the Vine Trail parallels Highway 29 and the railroad tracks. All of the “diverted” agricultural parcels have existing vineyards located on them and the

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Lands, change in the intent and maximum building intensity or reduction in minimum parcel sizes without a vote of the people except in limited circumstances.		Trail will be located on existing vineyard roads. The Vine Trail will not result in a redesignation of agricultural lands, does not change the intent or maximum building intensity and does not reduce minimum parcel sizes.
<u>Policy AG/LU-115</u> : The County will seek to work cooperatively with the private and non-profit sectors, municipalities, special districts, and other local, state, and federal agencies to plan for services and facilities such as housing, transportation, economic development, parks and recreation, open space, and other County needs. Collaborative efforts will be aimed at furthering the goals and policies contained in this Agricultural Preservation and Land Use Element and other elements of the General Plan.	Consistent	The Vine Trail is located in two counties, five cities and one town. It is collaborative effort by the Napa Valley Vine Trail Coalition (Vine Trail Coalition), the NCTPA, Napa County and all of the local municipalities with the goal of constructing and maintaining a multi-use trail that will extend from the Vallejo Ferry Terminal to the City of Calistoga. The Trail will provide recreational opportunities and a safe, car-free alternative for commuting.
<u>Policy AG/LU-126.5</u> : The County seeks to engage incorporated jurisdictions and other agencies in collaborative planning efforts, particularly efforts aimed at ensuring adequate infrastructure capacity, vibrant city-centers, sufficient housing and agricultural lands and natural resource protection.	Consistent	The Vine Trail crosses land controlled by twelve separate public agencies and is a collaborative planning effort that will connect all of the Napa Valley communities and provide a car-free alternative for commuters, hikers, bikers and pedestrians.
<b>Circulation Element</b>		
<u>Goal CIR-1</u> : The County's transportation system shall be correlated with the policies of the Agricultural Preservation and Land Use Element and protective of the County's	Generally Consistent	As demonstrated herein, the Vine Trail is generally consistent with the applicable policies in the Agricultural Preservation and Land Use Element and is protective of the County's rural character.

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<p><u>Policy CIR-2:</u> The County will work with the cities and town through the Napa County Transportation and Planning Agency to coordinate seamless transportation systems and improve the efficiency of the transportation system by coordinating the construction of planned roadway, bicycle, pedestrian, and other transportation systems.</p>	Consistent	<p>The Vine Trail is located in two counties, five cities and one town. It is a collaborative effort by the Vine Trail Coalition, the NCTPA, Napa County and all of the local municipalities with the goal of constructing and maintaining a multi-use trail that will extend from the Vallejo Ferry Terminal to the City of Calistoga. The Trail will provide recreational opportunities and a safe, car-free alternative for commuters, hikers, bicyclists and pedestrians. The Vine Trail has been designed to connect with existing trails in the Cities of Napa, American Canyon, and Calistoga, and the Town of Yountville to form a complete “spine” network in Napa Valley thereby maximizing commuter and recreational purposes. For the first time, the town and cities of Napa County will be linked together and linked to ferry, bus and rail transportation thereby providing seamless transportation systems.</p>
<p><u>Policy CIR-4:</u> The County supports a coordinated approach to land use and circulation planning to promote a healthier community by encouraging walking, bicycling, and other forms of transportation which decrease motor vehicle use.</p>	Consistent	<p>The Vine Trail has been designed to connect with existing trails in the Cities of Napa, American Canyon, and Calistoga, and the Town of Yountville to form a complete “spine” network in Napa Valley thereby maximizing commuter and recreational purposes. The Trail is estimated to replace over 150,000 private vehicle trips per year and reduce the Vehicle Miles Traveled on area roads and highways thereby improving air quality. The Trail will also encourage greater participation in an active lifestyle and attract more pedestrians and bicyclists and promote a healthier community.</p>
<p><u>Policy CIR-10:</u> The County will work with NCTPA and seek to develop innovative</p>	Consistent	<p>The County, NCTPA and the Vine Trail Coalition have worked together to develop an innovative 47 mile, multi-</p>



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<p>approaches to providing transportation service to the county’s rural areas without the need for additional roadway lanes or other improvements that would detract from the visual and community character of these areas.</p>		<p>use trail that will extend from the Vallejo Ferry Terminal to the City of Calistoga. It has been designed to connect with existing trails in the Cities of Napa, American Canyon, and Calistoga, and the Town of Yountville to form a complete “spine” network in Napa Valley thereby maximizing commuter and recreational purposes. For most of its length, the Vine Trail parallels Highway 29 and the railroad tracks.</p> <p>No additional roadway lanes or other improvements that will detract from the visual and community character of the County’s rural area are proposed as part of the Trail.</p>
<p><u>Goal CIR-3:</u> The County’s transportation system shall encompass the use of private vehicles, local and regional transit, paratransit, walking, bicycling, air travel, rail, and water transport.</p>	<p>Consistent</p>	<p>The Vine Trail is a 47 mile, multi-use trail that will extend from the Vallejo Ferry Terminal to the City of Calistoga. It has been designed to connect with existing trails in the Cities of Napa, American Canyon, and Calistoga, and the Town of Yountville to form a complete “spine” network in Napa Valley thereby maximizing commuter and recreational purposes. For the first time, the town and cities of Napa County will be linked together and linked to ferry, bus and rail transportation.</p>
<p><u>Policy CIR-26:</u> Increase the attractiveness and use of energy-efficient forms of transportation such as public transit, walking, and bicycling through a variety of means, including promoting transit-oriented development in existing municipalities and urbanized areas and the use of transit by visitors to Napa County.</p>	<p>Consistent</p>	<p>The Vine Trail is a 47 mile, multi-use trail that will extend the Vallejo Ferry Terminal to the City of Calistoga. It has been designed to connect with existing trails in the Cities of Napa, American Canyon, and Calistoga, and the Town of Yountville to form a complete “spine” network in Napa Valley thereby maximizing commuter and recreational purposes. The Trail will increase the potential for walking and cycling in Napa County by connecting communities together and providing residents and visitors a safe, car-free way of travel through the Valley. The Trail will be located along vineyard roads, in proximity to wineries,</p>

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		over creeks, low-profile, and harmonious with the natural environment, all of which will promote and convey the rural bucolic nature of Napa Valley to residents and visitors.
<p><u>Objective CIR-2:</u> Work with the Napa County Transportation and Planning Agency and incorporated jurisdictions in Napa County to reduce the percentage of work trips that are by private, single-occupant vehicles by 2030 such that Napa County’s percentage decreases to 50 percent. This objective may be accomplished by increasing the percentage of trips by bicycle, walking, transit, and/or carpool, and by increasing non-traditional work schedules and work practices (e.g., working at home).</p>	Consistent	<p>The County has worked with NCTPA and the five municipalities (and others) to develop a 47 mile, multi-use trail that will extend from the Vallejo Ferry Terminal to the City of Calistoga. The Vine Trail has been designed to connect with existing trails in the Cities of Napa, American Canyon, and Calistoga, and the Town of Yountville to form a complete “spine” network in Napa Valley thereby maximizing commuter opportunities. It will parallel and interconnect with existing bus, ferry and train transportation and increase ridership and reduce vehicle trips. The Trail is estimated to replace over 150,000 private vehicle trips per year and reduce the Vehicle Miles Traveled on area roads and highways.</p>
<p><u>Policy CIR-27:</u> Transportation services shall address the needs of non-drivers and those without cars living in rural areas. Services may include community-focused and private transit and paratransit services.</p>	Consistent	<p>The Vine Trail provides a safe, car-free path of travel for bicyclists, pedestrians and non-drivers to travel throughout the Valley.</p>
<p><u>Objective CIR-3:</u> The County shall work with Caltrans and other agencies to construct or designate approximately 40 miles of additional bicycle lanes in Napa County by 2030, consistent with priorities identified in the Napa Countywide Bicycle Master Plan.</p>	Consistent	<p>The County has worked with NCTPA, Caltrans and others to develop a 47 mile, multi-use trail that will extend from the Vallejo Ferry Terminal to the City of Calistoga. The Vine Trail has been designed to connect with existing trails in the Cities of Napa, American Canyon, and Calistoga, and the Town of Yountville to form a complete “spine” network in Napa Valley thereby maximizing opportunities for bicyclists. The Vine Trail is identified as part of the bike way system in the Napa Countywide Bicycle Master</p>

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<p><u>Policy CIR-28</u>: The County supports programs to reduce single-occupant vehicle use and encourage carpooling, transit use, and alternative modes such bicycle, walking, and telecommuting, and shall seek to maintain total trips in the County using travel modes other than private vehicles (transit, walking, bicycling, public transit, etc.) at least at the 2006 levels.</p>	Consistent	<p>The Vine Trail is a 47 mile, multi-use trail program that will extend from the Vallejo Ferry Terminal to the City of Calistoga. It has been designed to connect with existing trails in the Cities of Napa, American Canyon, and Calistoga, and the Town of Yountville to form a complete “spine” network in Napa Valley thereby maximizing opportunities for bicyclists and pedestrians thereby encouraging alternatives to single-occupant vehicle transit. For the first time, the town and cities of Napa County will be linked together and linked to ferry, bus and rail transportation.</p> <p>The Trail is estimated to replace over 150,000 private vehicle trips per year and reduce the Vehicle Miles Traveled on area roads and highways.</p>
<p><u>Policy CIR-31</u>: The County shall work with the Napa County Transportation and Planning Agency and other transit agencies in adjoining counties to develop effective connections between public transit in Napa County and regional transportation networks (BART, Baylink ferry, airports, etc.) via rail, bus, bicycle, and other means to serve the needs of local residents, commuters, and visitors.</p>	Consistent	<p>The County, NCTPA, the Vine Trail Coalition, Caltrans and others have worked together to develop a 47 mile, multi-use trail that will extend from the Vallejo Ferry Terminal to the City of Calistoga. The Trail has been designed to connect with existing trails in the Cities of Napa, American Canyon, and Calistoga, and the Town of Yountville to form a complete “spine” network in Napa Valley thereby maximizing commuter and recreational purposes.</p> <p>For the first time, the town and cities of Napa County will be linked together and linked to ferry, bus and rail transportation thereby serving the needs of local residents, commuters and visitors and providing effective connections between public transportation in Napa County</p>

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		and regional networks.
<p><u>Policy CIR-32</u>: All developments along fixed transit routes shall provide appropriate amenities designed to encourage carpooling, bicycle, and transit use. Typical features could include public bus turnouts/access located in coordination with the Napa County Transportation and Planning Agency, bicycle lockers, and carpool/vanpool parking.</p>	Consistent	<p>The Vine Trail is a 47 mile, multi-use trail program that will extend from the Vallejo Ferry Terminal to the City of Calistoga. For most of its length, the Vine Trail parallels Highway 29 and the railroad tracks. It has been designed to connect with existing trails in the Cities of Napa, American Canyon, and Calistoga, and the Town of Yountville to form a complete “spine” network in Napa Valley thereby maximizing opportunities for bicyclists and pedestrians. There are “signature” shelters designated along the Trail with bike maintenance stations, bike racks, benches and drinking fountains. None of the “signature” shelters will be located on the “diverted” agricultural parcels.</p>
<p><u>Policy CIR-34</u>: Where they are not needed for other transportation purposes and where such use would implement the Napa Countywide Bicycle Plan or other County-adopted master plan, newly abandoned rail rights-of-way shall be used for alternative uses such as public transit routes, bicycle paths, or pedestrian/hiking routes, provided that they are compatible with adjacent uses and sufficient funding is available for right-of-way acquisition, construction, and long-term maintenance.</p>	Consistent	<p>The Vine Trail is a 47 mile, multi-use trail program that will extend from the Vallejo Ferry Terminal to the City of Calistoga. For most of its length, the Vine Trail parallels Highway 29 and the railroad tracks.</p> <p>The portions of the alignment through the “diverted” parcels which are former rail right-of-way are not newly abandoned. Nevertheless, they are being proposed to be used for a pedestrian/bicycle path. Trail planners are working with adjoining property owners to ensure that the trail use will be compatible with adjacent agricultural uses.</p> <p>Sufficient funding is available for right-of-way acquisition because the project is being developed in cooperation with affected property owners and in most cases, easements for the Trail are being offered without request for compensation.</p>

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		Sufficient funding for both construction and maintenance will be identified before each segment of the Vine Trail is constructed.
<u>Policy CIR-35</u> : The County shall work with the Napa County Transportation and Planning Agency, the incorporated cities and town, other agencies, and development projects to work toward implementation of the Napa Countywide Master Bicycle Plan.	Consistent	The County, NCTPA, the Vine Trail Coalition, Caltrans and others have worked together to develop a 47 mile, multi-use trail that will extend from the Vallejo Ferry Terminal to the City of Calistoga. The Vine Trail has been designed to connect with existing trails in the Cities of Napa, American Canyon, and Calistoga, and the Town of Yountville to form a complete “spine” network in Napa Valley thereby maximizing commuter and recreational purposes. The Trail is identified as part of the bike way system in the Napa Countywide Bicycle Master Plan.
<u>Policy CIR-36</u> : The needs of pedestrians and bicyclists shall be routinely considered and, where possible, accommodated in all roadway construction and renovation projects.	Consistent	<p>Napa County has adopted a “Complete Streets” policy (Resolution 2013-01) which documents its intent to routinely consider the needs of pedestrians and bicyclists in all roadway construction and renovation projects.</p> <p>The Vine Trail has been designed to connect with existing trails in the Cities of Napa, American Canyon, and Calistoga, and the Town of Yountville to form a complete “spine” network in Napa Valley thereby maximizing commuter and recreational purposes. The Trail will provide a safe, car-free path that will improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists.</p>
<u>Policy CIR-37</u> : Where sufficient right-of-way is available, bicycle lanes shall be added to county roadways when repaving or upgrading of the roadway occurs, provided that the bicycle facility would implement the	Consistent	The Vine Trail has been designed to connect with existing trails in the Cities of Napa, American Canyon, and Calistoga, and the Town of Yountville to form a complete “spine” network in Napa Valley thereby maximizing commuter and recreational purposes. For most of its

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<p>Countywide Bicycle Master Plan. Additional paving shall be provided only where the facility meets the “Regional Assessment System” adopted by the Napa County Transportation and Planning Agency. The County shall encourage Caltrans to follow these same guidelines on state highways in Napa County.</p>		<p>length, the Trail parallels Highway 29 and the railroad tracks. The Vine Trail is identified as part of the bike way system in the Napa Countywide Bicycle Master Plan and therefore its construction will implement the goals of the Countywide Bicycle Master Plan.</p>
<p><b>Community Character Element</b></p>		
<p><u>Goal CC-1</u>: Preserve, improve, and provide visual access to the beauty of Napa County.</p>	<p>Consistent</p>	<p>The Vine Trail will provide a 47 mile low-profile, non-motorized pedestrian and bicycle path that will provide visual access to the beauty of Napa County.</p>
<p><u>Goal CC-2</u>: Continue to promote the diverse beauty of the entire county since this beauty is intricately linked to the continued economic vitality of the region and benefits residents, businesses and visitors.</p>	<p>Consistent</p>	<p>The Vine Trail will provide a 47 mile low-profile, non-motorized pedestrian and bicycle path that will promote the diverse beauty of Napa County. The Trail will appeal to residents, bicycle touring groups and tourists looking for alternative ways to see the Valley and is expected to bring an annual \$165+ million boost to the Napa Valley’s economy.</p>
<p><u>Policy CC-6</u>: The grading of building sites, vineyards, and other uses shall incorporate techniques to retain as much as possible a natural landform appearance.</p>	<p>Consistent</p>	<p>The Trail will be designed in a manner that is respectful and harmonious with the natural environment.</p>
<p><u>Policy CC-13</u>: The County’s roadway construction and maintenance standards and other practices shall be designed to enhance the attractiveness of all roadways and in particular scenic roadways. New roadway construction or expansion shall retain the</p>	<p>Consistent</p>	<p>The Vine Trail is a 47 mile, multi-use trail program that will extend the Vallejo Ferry Terminal to the City of Calistoga. For most of its length, the Vine Trail parallels Highway 29 and the railroad tracks. It has been designed to connect with existing trails in the Cities of Napa, American Canyon, and Calistoga, and the Town of</p>

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<p>current landscape characteristics of County-designated scenic roadways, including retention of existing trees to the extent feasible and required re-vegetation and re-contouring of disturbed areas. In addition:</p> <p>a) The development of hiking trails and bicycle lanes should be coordinated, when possible, with scenic roadway corridors and should provide access for the elderly and disabled in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.</p>		<p>Yountville to form a complete “spine” network in Napa Valley thereby maximizing opportunities for bicyclists and pedestrians.</p> <p>The “diverted” segments of the Trail will be located on agricultural lands in existing vineyard roads. The vineyard roads will be developed with a stabilized, pervious natural material that is ADA accessible and resembles the look of natural soil.</p>
<p><u>Goal CC-6</u>: Preserve and enhance the night environment of the County’s rural areas and prevent excessive light and glare.</p>	Consistent	<p>Except for the “signature” shelters located within the municipalities, none of the Trail segments located in the unincorporated area of the County will have nighttime lighting.</p>
<p><u>Policy CC-31</u>: The County considers nighttime darkness to be an integral part of the character of the County’s rural areas.</p>		<p>Except for the “signature” shelters which will be located within the municipalities, none of the Trail segments located in the unincorporated area of the County will have nighttime lighting</p>
<p><b>Conservation Element</b></p>		
<p><u>Goal CON-1</u>: Napa County will conserve resources by determining the most appropriate use of land, matching land uses and activities to the land’s natural suitability, and minimizing conflicts with the natural environment and the agriculture it supports.</p>	Consistent	<p>For most of its length, the Vine Trail parallels Highway 29 and the railroad tracks.</p> <p>Segments of the original Vine Trail alignment were “diverted” so as to avoid wetlands and thereby conserve and minimize conflicts with these resources.</p> <p>All of the “diverted” agricultural parcels have existing vineyards located on them and the Trail will be located on</p>

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		<p>existing vineyard roads. The Trail segment will occupy a de minimus amount overall of each agricultural parcel and will not disrupt or otherwise be detrimental to the continuance of agriculture. Implementation of the “Agricultural Respect” campaign which is aimed at educating trail users regarding awareness of and respect for agricultural activities occurring adjacent to the Trail will further ensure that the Trail and agricultural activities are compatible and that conflicts are minimized.</p> <p>The Vine Trail Coalition is also working with property owners to incorporate agricultural protection measures into the terms of the easement agreements to minimize conflicts. (See also Policy AG/LU-12 Analysis.)</p>
<p><u>Policy CON-2</u>: The County shall identify, improve, and conserve Napa County’s agricultural land through the following measures:</p> <p>a) Limit growth to minimize urban development on agricultural land and reduce conflict with the agricultural operations and economy.</p> <p>b) Provide a permanent means of preservation of open space land for agricultural production.</p> <p>c) Require that existing significant vegetation be retained and incorporated into agricultural projects to reduce soil erosion and to retain wildlife habitat. When retention is found to be infeasible, replanting of native or non-</p>	<p>Consistent</p>	<p>As described herein, the Vine Trail is not considered an urbanizing use, will not require the use of groundwater, will be compatible with agriculture, and will not displace agriculture or detract from agriculture being the primary land use. The Trail will be low-profile, respectful of the natural environment and will retain existing vegetation to the maximum extent feasible.</p> <p>No pesticides will be used on the Trail.</p>



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<p>invasive vegetation shall be required.</p> <p>d) Encourage the use of recycled water, particularly within groundwater deficient areas, for vegetation enhancement, frost protection, and irrigation to enhance agriculture and grazing.</p> <p>e) Encourage inter-agency and inter-disciplinary cooperation, recognizing the agricultural commissioner’s role as a liaison and the need to monitor and evaluate pesticide and herbicide programs over time and to potentially develop air quality, wildlife habitat, or other programs if needed to prevent environmental degradation.</p> <p>f) Minimize pesticide and herbicide use and encourage research and use of integrated pest control methods such as cultural practices, biological control, host resistance, and other factors.</p> <p>g) Encourage the use of Williamson Act contracts and use techniques to preserve agricultural lands.</p> <p>h) Coordinate with municipalities’ adopting and implementing policies, such as large lot zoning and urban limit lines, to limit urban expansion and encourage development of vacant land in areas already urbanized.</p>		
<p><u>Policy CON-4</u>: The County recognizes that preserving watershed open space is consistent with and critical to the support of</p>	<p>Generally Consistent</p>	<p>For most of its length, the Vine Trail parallels Highway 29 and the railroad tracks. All of the “diverted” agricultural parcels have existing vineyards located on them that will</p>

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agriculture and agricultural preservation goals.		remain in agricultural use. The Trail segment on the “diverted” lands will occupy a de minimus amount overall of each agricultural parcel and will not detract from the preservation of agriculture and the County’s agricultural preservation goals. The Trail will be located in existing vineyard roads.
<u>Policy CON-6</u> : The County shall impose conditions on discretionary projects which limit development in environmentally sensitive areas such as those adjacent to rivers or streamside areas and physically hazardous areas such as floodplains, steep slopes, high fire risk areas and geologically hazardous areas.	Consistent	There are no streamsides, physically hazardous areas, floodplains, steep slopes, high risk fire areas or geologically hazardous areas associated with the Vine Trail. All of these areas will be evaluated and mitigated (if necessary) as part of the CEQA process once the final Trail alignment has been determined.
<u>Policy CON-8</u> : The County will use financial and other incentives to encourage voluntary dedication in easement or fee title to Napa County or its designee (such as a local non-profit land trust) of significant habitat areas, as appropriate, to ensure long-term protection for fish and wildlife resources and protection of agricultural lands and open space.	Consistent	The Vine Trail Coalition is working with property owners to obtain voluntary easements and use agreements for Trail purposes. Because of the broad community support for the Trail, property owners of the “diverted” agricultural parcels have voluntarily dedicated easements in existing vineyard roads to be used for Trail purposes. No vineyard land will be taken out of production, converted or otherwise displaced by the Vine Trail. The Vine Trail Coalition is also working with property owners to incorporate agricultural protection measures into the terms of the easement agreements to minimize conflicts. (See also Policy AG/LU-12 Analysis.)
<u>Goal CON-3</u> : Protect the continued presence of special-status species, including special-status plants, special-status wildlife, and their	Consistent	Special status plants, animals and species will be evaluated and mitigated (if necessary) as part of the CEQA process once the final Trail alignment has been determined.

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habitats, and comply with all applicable state, federal or local laws or regulations.		
<u>Goal CON-4</u> : Conserve, protect, and improve plant, wildlife, and fishery habitats for all native species in Napa County.	Consistent	For most of its length, the Vine Trail parallels Highway 29 and the railroad tracks. Segments of the original Vine Trail alignment were “diverted” so as to avoid wetlands and thereby conserve and protect these resources.
<u>Policy CON-13</u> : The County shall require that all discretionary residential, commercial, industrial, recreational, agricultural, and water development projects consider and address impacts to wildlife habitat and avoid impacts to fisheries and habitat supporting special-status species to the extent feasible.	Consistent	For most of its length, the Vine Trail parallels Highway 29 and the railroad tracks. Segments of the original Vine Trail alignment were “diverted” so as to avoid wetlands and thereby conserve these resources. Wildlife, habitat and special-status species will be evaluated and mitigated (if necessary) as part of the CEQA process once the final Trail alignment has been determined.
<u>Policy CON-16</u> : The County shall require a biological resources evaluation for discretionary projects in areas identified to contain or potentially contain special-status species based upon data provided in the Baseline Data Report (BDR), California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDDB), or other technical materials.	Consistent	For most of its length, the Vine Trail parallels Highway 29 and the railroad tracks.  Biological resources will be evaluated and mitigated (if necessary) as part of the CEQA process once the final Trail alignment has been determined.
<u>Policy CON-30</u> : All public and private projects shall avoid impacts to wetlands to the extent feasible. If avoidance is not feasible, projects shall mitigate impacts to wetlands consistent with state and federal policies providing for no net loss of wetland function.	Consistent	For most of its length, the Vine Trail parallels Highway 29 and the railroad tracks. Segments of the original Vine Trail alignment were “diverted” so as to avoid wetlands and thereby conserve these resources. No impacts to wetlands will occur as a result of the Vine Trail.

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<p><u>Goal CON-11</u>: Prioritize the use of available groundwater for agricultural and rural residential uses rather than for urbanized areas and ensure that land use decisions recognize the long-term availability and value of water resources in Napa County.</p>	<p>Consistent</p>	<p>No groundwater will be used for segments of the Vine Trail located in the unincorporated area of the County. The water fountains that will be installed in the “signature” shelters will rely on municipal water sources.</p>
<p><u>Policy CON-48</u>: Proposed developments shall implement project-specific sediment and erosion control measures (e.g., erosion control plans and/or stormwater pollution prevention plans) that maintain pre-development sediment erosion conditions or at minimum comply with state water quality pollution control (i.e., Basin Plan) requirements and are protective of the County’s sensitive domestic supply watersheds.</p>	<p>Consistent</p>	<p>The final design of the Trail will incorporate and implement project-specific sediment and erosion control measures to maintain pre-development sediment erosion conditions.</p>
<p><u>Policy CON-51</u>: Recognizing that groundwater best supports agricultural and rural uses, the County discourages urbanization requiring net increases in groundwater use and discourages incorporated jurisdictions from using groundwater except in emergencies or as part of conjunctive-use programs that do not cause or exacerbate conditions of overdraft or otherwise adversely affect the County’s groundwater resources.</p>	<p>Consistent</p>	<p>No groundwater will be used for segments of the Vine Trail located in the unincorporated area of the County. The water fountains that will be installed in the “signature” shelters will rely on municipal water sources.</p>
<p><u>Goal CON-15</u>: Reduce emissions of local greenhouse gases that contribute to climate change.</p>	<p>Consistent</p>	<p>The Trail is estimated to replace over 150,000 private vehicle trips per year and reduce the Vehicle Miles Traveled on area roads and highways. The shift from</p>

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		motor vehicle transportation to bicycle and pedestrian transportation will reduce carbon emissions that contribute to climate change and improve air quality in Napa Valley.
<u>Goal CON-17</u> : Reduce air pollution and reduce local contributions to regional air quality problems, achieving and maintaining air quality in Napa County which meets or exceeds state and federal standards.	Consistent	The Trail is estimated to replace over 150,000 private vehicle trips per year and reduce the Vehicle Miles Traveled on area roads and highways. The shift from motor vehicle transportation to bicycle and pedestrian transportation will reduce carbon emissions and improve air quality in Napa Valley.
<u>Policy CON-65</u> : The County shall support efforts to reduce and offset greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and strive to maintain and enhance the County’s current level of carbon sequestration functions through the following measures: d) Perpetuate policies in support of alternative modes of transportation, including transit, paratransit, walking, and biking. e) Consider GHG emissions in the review of discretionary projects.	Consistent	The County, NCTPA, the Vine Trail Coalition and others have worked together to develop a 47 mile, multi-use trail that will extend from the Vallejo Ferry Terminal to the City of Calistoga. The Vine Trail has been designed to connect with existing trails in the Cities of Napa, American Canyon, and Calistoga, and the Town of Yountville to form a complete “spine” network in Napa Valley thereby maximizing commuter and recreational purposes and encouraging alternative modes of transportation for bicyclists and pedestrians.  The Trail is estimated to replace over 150,000 private vehicle trips per year and reduce the Vehicle Miles Traveled on area roads and highways. The shift from motor vehicle transportation to bicycle and pedestrian transportation will reduce carbon emissions and improve air quality in Napa Valley.
<u>Policy CON-69</u> : The County shall provide incentives and opportunities for the use of energy-efficient forms of transportation such as public transit, carpooling, walking, and bicycling. This shall include the provision	Consistent	The Vine Trail has been designed to connect with existing trails in the Cities of Napa, American Canyon, and Calistoga, and the Town of Yountville to form a complete “spine” network in Napa Valley thereby maximizing commuter and recreational purposes and encouraging

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<p>and/or the extension of transit to urban areas where development densities (residential and nonresidential) would support transit use, as well as bus turnouts/access, bicycle storage, and carpool/vanpool parking where appropriate.</p>		<p>alternative transportation opportunities for bicyclists and pedestrians.</p> <p>The Trail is estimated to replace over 150,000 private vehicle trips per year and reduce the Vehicle Miles Traveled on area roads and highways. The shift from motor vehicle transportation to bicycle and pedestrian transportation will reduce carbon emissions and improve air quality in Napa Valley. For the first time, the town and cities of Napa County will be linked together and linked to ferry, bus and rail transportation.</p> <p>There are “signature” shelters designated along the Trail with bike maintenance stations, bike racks, benches and drinking fountains.</p>
<p><b>Economic Development Element</b></p>		
<p><u>Goal E-1</u>: Maintain and enhance the economic viability of agriculture.</p>	<p>Generally Consistent</p>	<p>For most of its length, the Vine Trail parallels Highway 29 and the railroad tracks. All of the “diverted” agricultural parcels have existing vineyards located on them. The Trail segment on the “diverted” lands will occupy a de minimus amount overall of each agricultural parcel and will not detract from the economic viability of agriculture.</p> <p>Implementation of the “Agricultural Respect” campaign, which is aimed at educating trail users regarding awareness of and respect for agricultural activities occurring adjacent to the Trail, will further ensure that the Trail and agricultural activities are compatible and that the economic viability of agriculture is maintained. The County through</p>

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		<p>the Napa Valley Bicycle Coalition and NCTPA has produced bike maps with all the information about the “Agricultural Respect” program included in the brochure. In addition, the Sheriff, the Farm Bureau and Grape Growers have postcards with information on “Agricultural Respect” for distribution to bike stores and tourist serving businesses. “Agricultural Respect” information will also be posted along the Vine Trail. The Vine Trail Coalition is also working with property owners to incorporate agricultural protection measures into the terms of the easement agreements. (See also Policy AG/LU-12 Analysis.)</p>
<p><u>Policy E-1</u>: The County’s economic development will focus on ensuring the continued viability of agriculture in Napa County.</p>	<p>Generally Consistent</p>	<p>For most of its length, the Vine Trail parallels Highway 29 and the railroad tracks. All of the “diverted” agricultural parcels have existing vineyards located on them. The Trail segment on the “diverted” lands will occupy a de minimus amount overall of the agricultural parcel and will not adversely impact the continued viability of agriculture in the County. (See also Goal E-1 Analysis,)</p>
<p><u>Policy E-2</u>: The County recognizes that tourism contributes to the economic viability of agriculture in Napa County and is an important part of the County’s economy, generating jobs, local spending, and tax revenues.</p>	<p>Consistent</p>	<p>Approximately 4.7 million person trips are made to Napa Valley each year yet traffic flow is confined to two north south routes that run the length of the Valley. The result is an overstretched road network. Because of agricultural protection measures in place which preclude the construction of significant additions to roads and highways on agricultural lands, these regional conditions could produce severe problems and negatively impact the community’s economic and environmental well-being.</p> <p>The 47 mile, multi-use Vine Trail will extend from the</p>

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		<p>Vallejo Ferry Terminal to the City of Calistoga. The Trail has been designed to connect with existing trails in the Cities of Napa, American Canyon, and Calistoga, and the Town of Yountville to form a complete “spine” network in Napa Valley. The Trail will maximize commuter and recreational purposes and encouraging alternative modes of transportation for bicyclists and pedestrians, alleviate traffic congestion and improve air quality. It will allow tourists to view and appreciate the beauty of Napa County and its vineyards.</p> <p>The Trail will also enhance Napa Valley’s attractiveness to the 24-45 year-old travelers who enjoy some physical activity during vacations. The Trail will bring an expected \$165+ million annual boost to the Napa Valley economy.</p>
<p><u>Policy E-4</u>: The County will work with governmental and non-governmental groups—including chambers of commerce, industry associations, the cities and town, and economic development organizations—to maintain the economic viability of agriculture and improve the economic vitality of all of Napa County.</p>	<p>Generally Consistent</p>	<p>The Vine Trail is located in two counties, five cities and one town. It is collaborative effort by the Vine Trail Coalition, the NCTPA, Napa County and all of the local municipalities. The Trail will maximize commuter and recreational purposes and encouraging alternative modes of transportation for bicyclists and pedestrians, alleviate traffic congestion and improve air quality. The Trail will also enhance Napa Valley’s attractiveness to the 24-45 year-old travelers who enjoy some physical activity during vacations. The Trail will bring an expected \$165+ million annual boost to the Napa Valley economy.</p> <p>All of the “diverted” agricultural parcels have existing vineyards located on them. The Trail will be located on existing vineyard roads. The Trail segment located on agricultural lands will occupy a de minimus amount overall of each agricultural parcel and will not significantly change</p>



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		<p>the use of agricultural lands for an agricultural use or impact the economic viability of agriculture.</p> <p>Implementation of the “Agricultural Respect” campaign, which is aimed at educating trail users regarding awareness of and respect for agricultural activities occurring adjacent to the Trail, will further ensure that the Trail and agricultural activities are compatible and that the economic viability of agriculture is maintained. The County through the Napa Valley Bicycle Coalition and NCTPA has produced bike maps with all the information about the “Agricultural Respect” program included in the brochure. In addition, the Sheriff, the Farm Bureau and Grape Growers have postcards with information on “Agricultural Respect” for distribution to bike stores and tourist serving businesses. “Agricultural Respect” information will also be posted along the Vine Trail.</p> <p>The Vine Trail Coalition is also working with property owners to incorporate agricultural protection measures into the terms of the easement agreements. (See also Policy AG/LU-12 Analysis.)</p>
<p><u>Policy E-12</u>: The issues of housing and transportation are strongly linked to the county’s economic health. The County recognizes this interrelationship and will work to implement the goals and policies of the Circulation, Housing, and other elements of this General Plan to provide workforce housing, reduce traffic congestion, and</p>	<p>Consistent</p>	<p>The Vine Trail has been designed to connect with existing trails in the Cities of Napa, American Canyon, and Calistoga, and the Town of Yountville to form a complete “spine” network in Napa Valley thereby maximizing commuter and recreational purposes and encouraging alternative transportation opportunities for bicyclists and pedestrians. For the first time, the town and cities of Napa County will be linked together and linked to ferry, bus and</p>

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improve the county’s economic health.		<p>rail transportation.</p> <p>The Trail is estimated to replace over 150,000 private vehicle trips per year and reduce the Vehicle Miles Traveled on area roads and highways. The shift from motor vehicle transportation to bicycle and pedestrian transportation will reduce traffic congestion and carbon emissions and improve air quality in Napa Valley.</p>
<p><u>Policy E-22</u>: The County endorses the importance of visitor-serving, nature-based, public recreational facilities in appropriate locations, particularly those that improve access to public land and are consistent with protection of local natural resources and agriculture.</p>	Consistent	<p>The Vine Trail is a non-motorized, pedestrian and bicycling trail. It is a form of “nature based” recreation which is not considered “urbanizing.” The Trail will appeal to residents, bicycle touring groups and tourists looking for alternative ways to see the Valley.</p> <p>The General Plan defines “nature-based recreation” to include recreation which takes place in and around, and is significantly focused on, the natural environment, including but not limited to walking, hiking, equestrian and mountain bicycle riding, camping in tents, recreational vehicles, and rustic cabins, wildlife viewing, fishing, hunting, picnicking, swimming in lakes and rivers, and paddling. (See Page ROS-4)</p> <p>For most of its length, the Vine Trail parallels Highway 29 and the railroad tracks. All of the “diverted” agricultural parcels have existing vineyards located on them and the Trail will be located on existing vineyard roads. The Trail segment will occupy a de minimus amount overall of each agricultural parcel and will not disrupt or otherwise be detrimental to agriculture.</p>

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<p><u>Goal ROS-1</u>: To ensure an extensive landscape of open spaces in which recreation, the protection of natural, cultural, and archaeological resources, agricultural production, and private property are mutually supportive and complementary.</p>	Consistent	<p>The Vine Trail is a 47 mile, non-motorized, pedestrian and bicycling trail. It is a form of “nature based” recreation.</p> <p>For most of its length, the Vine Trail parallels Highway 29 and the railroad tracks. All of the “diverted” agricultural parcels have existing vineyards located on them and the Trail will be located on existing vineyard roads. The Trail segment will occupy a de minimus amount overall of each agricultural parcel and will not disrupt or otherwise be detrimental to agriculture. Property owners are voluntarily granting easements across their lands for the Trail and have determined that the Trail use will be mutually supportive and complementary of their existing agricultural uses. The Vine Trail Coalition is working with property owners to incorporate agricultural protection measures into the terms of the easement agreements. (See also Policy AG/LU-12 Analysis.)</p>
<p><u>Policy ROS-1</u>: The County encourages the acquisition, location, design, management, and operation of recreational open space and facilities, in ways that protect natural resources, enhance natural habitats, conserve agricultural lands, maintain agricultural productivity, and respect private property. The County shall coordinate with and</p>	Consistent	<p>For most of its length, the Vine Trail parallels Highway 29 and the railroad tracks. All of the “diverted” agricultural parcels have existing vineyards located on them and the Trail will be located on existing vineyard roads.</p> <p>The Trail segment will occupy a very small or de minimus amount overall of each agricultural parcel and will not disrupt or otherwise be detrimental to the maintenance of</p>

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<p>support the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District in implementing this policy.</p>		<p>agriculture. Implementation of the “Agricultural Respect” campaign which is aimed at educating trail users regarding awareness of and respect for agricultural activities occurring adjacent to the Trail will further ensure that the Trail and agricultural activities are compatible. Finally, agriculture will continue to be the dominate land use on the “diverted” parcels.</p> <p>The Park District is on the Board of the Vine Trail Coalition. The County and Park District are coordinating efforts with respect to the Trail.</p>
<p><u>Policy ROS-3</u>: Recreational facilities and improvements on open space lands should be the minimum necessary to achieve recreation objectives and be limited in density, intensity, need for public services, impacts on the natural environment, growth inducement, and impacts on neighboring properties.</p> <p>Uses on open space lands shall respect the character of the surrounding area, require a minimum of public support services (such as paved roads, emergency services, or law enforcement); contain a minimum of paved surfaces, structures, natural landform alteration or other introduced or constructed features inconsistent with the environment; require minimal water usage, wildlife habitat removal and usage of herbicides and pesticides; be coordinated with neighbors in</p>	<p>Consistent</p>	<p>For most of its length, the Vine Trail parallels Highway 29 and the railroad tracks. All of the “diverted” agricultural parcels have existing vineyards located on them and the Trail will be located on existing vineyard roads. The Trail segment will occupy a deminimus amount overall of each agricultural parcel and will not disrupt or otherwise be detrimental to the continuance of agriculture.</p> <p>The Trail will be low profile, harmonious with the natural environment, and contain minimal paved areas. The Trail segments located on the “diverted” agricultural parcels will be on vineyard rows and developed with a stabilized, natural, pervious material. No groundwater or pesticides will be used.</p>

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terms of integrated pest management procedures; and shall not contribute to the likelihood that additional nonagricultural uses of agricultural land will be proposed to support or be accessory to the continued existence of the recreational use.		
<u>Policy ROS-5:</u> Financial and other incentives should be used to encourage dedication in easement or fee title of significant fish and wildlife habitats and other open space resources to public agencies and non-profit land conservation organizations.	Consistent	The Vine Trail Coalition is working with property owners to obtain easements and use agreements for Trail purposes. Because of the broad community support for the Trail, property owners of the “diverted” agricultural parcels have voluntarily dedicated easements in existing vineyard roads to be used for Trail purposes. No vineyard land will be taken out of production, converted or otherwise displaced by the Vine Trail.
<u>Policy ROS-9:</u> The County shall not use the power of eminent domain to acquire land or easements for parks, trails, and other recreational open space facilities or activities.	Consistent	For most of its length, the Vine Trail parallels Highway 29 and the railroad tracks. All of the owners of the “diverted” agricultural parcels have voluntarily agreed to allow the Trail easements across their lands.  The County will not use the power of eminent domain to acquire any land or easements for the Trail.
<u>Goal ROS-2:</u> To create and maintain a high-quality system of parks, trails, and recreational, interpretive, and environmental education facilities.	Consistent	The Vine Trail is a 47 mile, multi-use trail that will extend from the Vallejo Ferry Terminal to the City of Calistoga. The Trail has been designed to connect with existing trails in the Cities of Napa, American Canyon, and Calistoga, and the Town of Yountville to form a complete “spine” network in Napa Valley thereby maximizing recreational opportunities for bicyclists, pedestrians and hikers.
<u>Policy ROS-10:</u> Trails To ensure compatibility with agriculture and	Consistent	For most of its length, the Vine Trail parallels Highway 29 and the railroad tracks. All of the “diverted” agricultural

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<p>private property, the following approaches and criteria will guide the location and design of trails:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Utilize a range of solutions tailored to individual circumstances;</li> <li>• Locate trails to take advantage of natural and visual barriers and buffers to discourage trespass onto private property and maintain the privacy of private property owners and their residences;</li> <li>• Educate trail users through signage and printed materials on the “what” and “why” of good behavior as it relates to natural resources, agriculture, and private property, including ethics such as “leave no trace” and respect for others;</li> <li>• As appropriate, combine trails with fire breaks and design trails to facilitate access for control of wildfires;</li> <li>• Provide notice generally, as well as specifically, to property owners adjacent to proposed trails prior to their being constructed and/or opened to the public, and seek to address concerns in a spirit of cooperation;</li> <li>• Minimize the spread of exotic invasive weeds, pathogens, and other pests through public education, eradication programs, installation of shoe and tire cleaning equipment where needed, requirements for weed-free horse feed, and similar techniques;</li> </ul>		<p>parcels have existing vineyards located on them and the Trail will be located on existing vineyard roads.</p> <p>The Trail segment will occupy a de minimus amount overall of each agricultural parcel and will not disrupt or otherwise be detrimental to the continuance of agriculture. Implementation of the “Agricultural Respect” campaign, which is aimed at educating trail users regarding awareness of and respect for agricultural activities occurring adjacent to the Trail, will further ensure that the Trail and agricultural activities are compatible. The County through the Napa Valley Bicycle Coalition and NCTPA has produced bike maps with all the information about the “Agricultural Respect” program included in the brochure. In addition, the Sheriff, the Farm Bureau and Grape Growers have postcards with information on “Agricultural Respect” for distribution to bike stores and tourist serving businesses. “Agricultural Respect” information will also be posted along the Vine Trail.</p> <p>The Vine Trail Coalition is working with property owners to incorporate agricultural protection measures into the terms of the easement agreements. (See also Policy AG/LU-12 Analysis.)</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Utilize temporary and seasonal trail closures, and type and intensity of use restrictions as appropriate during periods of high wildfire risk and to protect sensitive species and habitats and avoid conflict with agricultural operations.</li> </ul>		
<p><u>Policy ROS-11</u>: Increase by 2030 the amount of dedicated open space available, improved, and managed for nature-based recreation by the general public by improving access to existing public lands and by selective public acquisition from willing landowners of fee title ownership, easements, and/or license agreements over high priority open space lands.</p>	Consistent	<p>The County, NCTPA and the Vine Trail Coalition have worked together to develop an innovative 47 mile, multi-use trail that will extend from the Vallejo Ferry Terminal to the City of Calistoga. It has been designed to connect with existing trails in the Cities of Napa, American Canyon, and Calistoga, and the Town of Yountville to form a complete “spine” network in Napa Valley thereby maximizing “nature based” recreational opportunities for the general public. For most of its length, the Vine Trail parallels Highway 29 and the railroad tracks. All of the “diverted” parcels have existing vineyards located on them and the Trail will be located on existing vineyard roads. The owners of these “diverted” agricultural lands have voluntarily allowed the Trail to cross their lands.</p>
<p><u>Policy ROS-12</u>: By 2030, increase the number and length of non-motorized, off-street trails available for walkers, joggers, bicyclists, and equestrians.</p>	Consistent	<p>The Vine Trail will add a 47 mile non-motorized, safe, car-free trail for pedestrians and bicyclists,</p>
<p><u>Policy ROS-15</u>: The County, in coordination with and generally by working through the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District, shall plan for and reserve land for recreational facilities and encourage non-</p>	Consistent	<p>The County, NCTPA and the Vine Trail Coalition have worked together to develop an innovative 47 mile, multi-use trail that will extend from the Vallejo Ferry Terminal to the City of Calistoga. It has been designed to connect with existing trails in the Cities of Napa, American</p>

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<p>commercial recreational development, including both parks and a comprehensive system of trails, in a manner and to the extent consistent with agricultural, water quality, and natural resource protection goals and the Trails Policy contained in this Element (Policy ROS-10). The following recreational opportunities are Napa County’s priorities (not necessarily in the order shown), which shall be addressed in greater detail in a park and recreation master plan to be prepared by the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implement sections of the proposed Bay Area Ridge Trail, with the ultimate objective of a continuous regional trail.</li> <li>• Investigate the feasibility of a non-motorized trail, and implement sections as opportunities arise, connecting the communities of the Napa Valley.</li> </ul>		<p>Canyon, and Calistoga, and the Town of Yountville to form a complete “spine” network in Napa Valley thereby maximizing “nature based” recreational opportunities for residents and visitors. The non-motorized Trail will create a safe, car-free mode of travel connecting all of the communities in the Napa Valley.</p>
<p><u>Policy ROS-16</u>: Recreational uses on lands designated for agriculture should be encouraged only where those uses will not deplete or degrade natural resources on which nearby or on-site agriculture depends, and will not adversely affect the commencement, intensification, or continuation of local agricultural activity.</p>	<p>Consistent</p>	<p>All of the “diverted” agricultural parcels have existing vineyards located on them and the Trail will be located on existing vineyard roads. The Trail segment will occupy a de minimus amount overall of each agricultural parcel and will not disrupt or otherwise be detrimental to the continuance of agriculture. Implementation of the “Agricultural Respect” campaign which is aimed at educating trail users regarding awareness of and respect for agricultural activities occurring adjacent to the Trail will further ensure that the Trail and agricultural activities are compatible. The County through the Napa Valley Bicycle</p>



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		<p>Coalition and NCTPA has produced bike maps with all the information about the “Agricultural Respect” program included in the brochure. In addition, the Sheriff, the Farm Bureau and Grape Growers have postcards with information on “Agricultural Respect” for distribution to bike stores and tourist serving businesses. “Agricultural Respect” information will also be posted along the Vine Trail. Finally, agriculture will continue to be the dominate land use on the parcels.</p> <p>The Vine Trail Coalition is also working with property owners to incorporate agricultural protection measures into the terms of the easement agreements. (See also Policy AG/LU-12 Analysis.)</p>
<p><u>Policy ROS-18</u>: Financial and other incentives that support the provision of parks and recreational trails through the voluntary donation of important open space lands, trail easements, or license agreements to appropriate public agencies and/or non-profit land conservation organizations should be encouraged.</p>	<p>Consistent</p>	<p>The owners of these “diverted” agricultural lands have voluntarily agreed to the Trail easements across their lands.</p>
<p><u>Policy ROS-19</u>: Federal, state, regional, and local programs that provide grants for protecting, improving, and maintaining significant open spaces should be supported and utilized where feasible.</p>	<p>Consistent</p>	<p>The County has applied for grants through the Active Transportation Program to support funding of the Vine Trail.</p>
<p><u>Policy ROS-20</u>: Partnerships with other public agencies, non-profit organizations,</p>	<p>Consistent</p>	<p>The County, NCTPA, the Vine Trail Coalition, Caltrans and others have worked together to develop a 47 mile,</p>

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<p>and the private sector should be used where feasible to enhance recreational opportunities and appropriate nature-based recreation, including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District to manage public access and steward resources on open space lands owned by the County as well as other public agencies and to acquire additional open space lands for outdoor recreation and resource protection.</li> <li>• The California Department of Parks and Recreation, Department of Fish and Game, and State Lands Commission.</li> <li>• The cities of Napa County in providing enhanced nature-based recreational opportunities on City-owned watershed and open space lands.</li> <li>• Napa County schools in providing outdoor environmental education to students.</li> <li>• The Bureau of Reclamation and Bureau of Land Management to ensure effective, well-managed, and appropriate use of federal lands for public recreation and resource conservation. Encourage the transfer to local control those federal holdings with important recreational and resource values which the federal government is not able to effectively manage and is not interested in retaining in federal ownership.</li> </ul>		<p>multi-use trail that will extend from the Vallejo Ferry Terminal to the City of Calistoga. The Vine Trail has been designed to connect with existing trails in the Cities of Napa, American Canyon, and Calistoga, and the Town of Yountville to form a complete “spine” network in Napa Valley thereby maximizing commuter and nature based” recreational opportunities. The Vine Trail is identified as part of the bike way system in the Napa Countywide Bicycle Master Plan.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Napa County Transportation Planning Agency to implement the Napa County Bike Plan and other bike and trail plans, with the goal of establishing a comprehensive and seamless network of non-motorized paths and trails connecting population centers to each other and to outdoor recreation opportunities.</li> <li>• The Land Trust of Napa County and other land conservation organizations that own or hold easements on open space lands appropriate for public use.</li> <li>• Outdoor recreation and visitor-serving businesses interested in supporting and expanding nature-based recreation opportunities or in directly providing recreational services through contracts or concession agreements on public lands.</li> </ul>		
<p><u>Goal ROS-3:</u> To make recreational, cultural, interpretive, and environmental education opportunities available to all county residents.</p>	<p>Consistent</p>	<p>The 47 mile, multi-use Vine Trail will extend from the Vallejo Ferry Terminal to the City of Calistoga. The Trail has been designed to connect with existing trails in the Cities of Napa, American Canyon, and Calistoga, and the Town of Yountville to form a complete “spine” network in Napa Valley thereby maximizing recreational purposes. For the first time, the town and cities of Napa County will be linked together providing recreational opportunities for all County residents.</p>
<p><u>Policy ROS-22:</u> Nature-based recreational opportunities should be provided near each</p>	<p>Consistent</p>	<p>As a non-motorized path for bicyclists, hikers and pedestrians, the Vine Trail is a form of “nature-based”</p>

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<p>population center and in more remote parts of the county. Urban recreation opportunities should be considered for the more developed, non-agricultural areas of the unincorporated county.</p>		<p>recreation that will extend from the Vallejo Ferry Terminal to the City of Calistoga.</p>
<p><u>Policy ROS-23</u>: A system of scenic roads, bicycle routes, and hiking trails should connect existing cities, town and other local population centers to outdoor recreation and open space resources and facilities.</p>	<p>Consistent</p>	<p>The Vine Trail has been designed to connect with existing trails in the Cities of Napa, American Canyon, and Calistoga, and the Town of Yountville to form a complete “spine” network in Napa Valley thereby maximizing commuter and nature based” recreational opportunities. The Vine Trail is identified as part of the bike way system in the Napa Countywide Bicycle Master Plan.</p>
<p><u>Policy ROS-27</u>: Linkages between city-provided recreational facilities and programs and nature-based recreational facilities and programs in unincorporated areas should be encouraged.</p>	<p>Consistent</p>	<p>The Vine Trail is a 47 mile, multi-use trail that will extend from the Vallejo Ferry Terminal to the City of Calistoga. The Trail has been designed to connect with existing trails in the Cities of Napa, American Canyon, and Calistoga, and the Town of Yountville to form a complete “spine” network in Napa Valley thereby maximizing commuter and “nature- based” recreational opportunities</p>
<p><u>Policy ROS-30</u>: Other than at Lake Berryessa, recreational facilities should be designed and scaled to serve the needs of county residents, recognizing that facilities that serve local residents will also serve visitors, that visitors can help pay for the construction and operation of recreational facilities beneficial to residents, and that the provision of additional nature-based recreational opportunities is an important tool for achieving economic development</p>	<p>Consistent</p>	<p>The Vine Trail is a 47 mile, multi-use trail that will extend from the Vallejo Ferry Terminal to the City of Calistoga. The Trail has been designed to connect with existing trails in the Cities of Napa, American Canyon, and Calistoga, and the Town of Yountville to form a complete “spine” network in Napa Valley thereby maximizing commuter and “nature-based” recreational opportunities for residents.</p>

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goals while also reducing potential adverse impacts of tourism.		
<p><u>Policy ROS-31</u>: A clear, attractive, and comprehensive roadside signage system, together with other forms of public information, should be designed, installed, and distributed to facilitate the public's use and enjoyment of parks and historical, archaeological, and cultural resources.</p>	Consistent	<p>The Vine Trail will have interpretive signage located along the route celebrating the social history, geology, natural history, transportation and agricultural heritage. Bicycle path signage will also be located throughout the Trail. Agricultural Respect information will also be posted along the Vine Trail.</p>