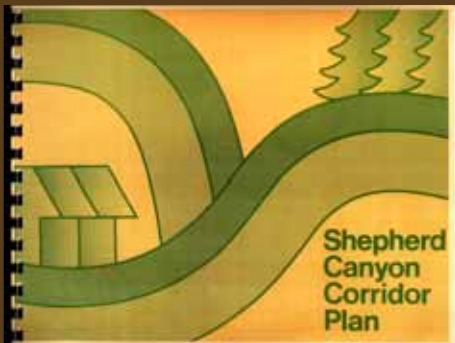


The Shepherd Canyon Corridor Plan



The Shepherd Corridor Plan provided a vision for Shepherd Canyon after the highway plan was cancelled.

The Shepherd Canyon Corridor Plan was created by the City of Oakland in 1975 to provide a vision for the development of the Canyon after CALTRANS dropped plans for Highway 77 along the former Sacramento Northern Railroad Right of Way. The Oakland City Council placed a development moratorium in 1974, until a plan for the Canyon's future could be created. The result was the Shepherd Canyon Corridor Plan.

The Plan provided for setting aside 34 acres of the canyon as open space and included trails to provide alternative modes of transportation in the Canyon. The "Rails to Trails" program provided the bridge over Snake Road and other trail improvements. Special design review guidelines for residential construction were adopted. Shepherd Canyon Road (then upper Park Boulevard) received its current name.



The last remaining stretch of Shepherd Creek from below the Fire Station to Scout Road was saved under the plan.



Adopted as the "Specific Plan" for Shepherd Canyon in 1975, the Plan is still used today by residents and the city.



Residents enjoy a leisurely walk along the former Sacramento Northern Right-of-Way. Several CALTRANS former highway parcels were acquired "at cost" provided they be used for alternative transportation as trails.

The Shepherd Canyon Scenic Route symbol to the right was envisioned as a part of the plan.

