

# Fire Preparation in Parks

## *Rincon Ridge Neighborhood Park*

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# Challenge

We are exploring how parks and open spaces can be prepared for fires in Santa Rosa. Rincon Ridge is our model.





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# Existing Conditions

Strong park preparation needs to be put into place so that we can make our communities safe, beautiful, and accessible. All it takes is one park to save a house. Let's make parks fire-retardant instead of fire-fuelers.

**Existing  
Conditions**



# Existing Conditions

At Rincon Ridge Park, we have discovered that fencing, landscaping, and irrigation systems were in need of replacement. New benches, compost/recycle containers, and drinking fountains were placed in September of 2022. All of these conditions were tackled 5 years after they were destroyed.





# Case Studies



ADA Playground  
Yonkers, NY.





# Lessons Learned

After the fires, our town started to take fire safety and apply it to our town more frequently. These are some fuel treatments we have used in Santa Rosa.

Fuel Breaks

Controlled  
Burns

Grazing



# Fuel Breaks





# Controlled Burns





# Grazing





# Recommendations

Here are some recommendations we have. Both short-term and long-term recommendations as well as information from our Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

Short-term  
Recommendations

Long-term  
Recommendations

Community  
Wildfire  
Protection  
Plan



# Short-term Recommendations

- Frequently cut grass
- Controlled burns in open spaces
- Grazing
- Plant trees that are fire resistant
- Treat benches/tables with fire resistant coating
- Frequently raked leaves





# Long-term Recommendations

- Introduce a water source
- Install fire-hydrants
- Install "playground mulch"
- Fire-resistant playground equipment
- Fire-resistant flooring



# Community Wildfire Protection Plan

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LOCAL HAZARD

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"By failing to prepare,  
you are preparing to  
fail."