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The parkland development of the 1,300-acre Orange County Great Park is an ongoing project that made significant progress in 2017. The Great Park already is providing the residents of Irvine, the region and the world with athletic, recreational, passive and cultural uses. A major portion of the Great Park is currently being developed at a fast pace. Through a unique public-private partnership that the City Council approved in November 2013 between the City and the private adjacent landowner and developer, FivePoint, a 713-acre section of the publicly owned Great Park is being planned, developed, and opened. In August 2017, the first phase of the 194-acre Sports Park within that 713 acres was opened for public use. That first phase includes a Soccer Stadium, soccer/lacrosse fields, tennis courts, sand volleyball areas, and a children's playground.

In park-rich Irvine, the 713 acres is larger than all existing Irvine community and neighborhood parks combined, creating a unique opportunity for one of the nation's premier master-planned communities. In addition, another 223 acres at the Great Park will be developed in the next several years within the Cultural Terrace; the City Council has identified priority uses of an amphitheater, lake, museums and library in that area. A water park is being planned as well and could open in summer 2019. Other potential uses include a botanical garden and aquatics.

The Great Park, within a former Marine base, is one of the largest such parkland developments in the country.

The 713 acres, to include trails of the Upper Bee and Bosque, a golf course, urban farm, Farm + Food Lab, and a wildlife corridor, will dramatically expand the footprint of the already developed portion of the Great Park.

In addition, a community ice facility, being built by the Anaheim Ducks affiliate, is underway for a grand opening in 2018. It will be the largest public ice facility in California and one of the largest in the country.

U.S. Department of Energy Solar Decathlon

The Orange County Great Park has already provided tangible benefits to visitors, specifically in regards to hosting major national and international events within its enormous footprint. For example, the City of Irvine twice hosted the biannual U.S. Department of Energy Solar Decathlon. The 2013 event was held for the first time outside of Washington D.C., as the City of Irvine won the application process over more than 20 other major U.S. cities; the event was held again for a second time at the Great Park in October 2015. University teams from around the world designed and built solar houses that were set up along the former base's runways that promoted energy efficiency and the use of student-designed and newly invented energy-efficient products as well as recyclable materials.

Besides the Solar Decathlon, the park has hosted popular events such as concerts and educational workshops.

Additional sports facilities also will provide residents more opportunities to live healthy, active lifestyles. These programs, events, and resources are certain to enhance the quality of life for generations to come.

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