1. What is Ramsay Park Renaissance?
Ramsay Park Renaissance is the result of a community input process used to create the 2020 Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan and park master plans for the Watsonville City Plaza and Ramsay Park.

As the City’s largest park (26 acres), Ramsay Park is a jewel of the Watsonville park system, offering recreational opportunities ranging from walking trails and indoor/outdoor athletic fields to an innovative pump track. The Ramsay Park Renaissance will provide new recreational and educational opportunities, infrastructure updates and improved access and inclusion for park users.

Some key Ramsay Park Renaissance highlights include:
- LEED-certified Nature Exploration Center
- Improved natural turf soccer field
- New dog park
- New inclusive playground
- Multi-use Softball/Soccer Field with synthetic turf
- Supporting Amenities, such as improved accessible trails, parking lots and more.

More information can be found at Ramsay Park Renaissance Project | Watsonville.

2. When will construction of the project begin?
Ramsay Park Renaissance has already begun, providing improvements to existing parking lots and the park’s basketball court. The next phase, involving the bulk of the project’s revitalization elements, is scheduled to begin in Spring 2024.
3. **Which park amenities will remain open during construction?**
   Ramsay Park’s tennis court, pump track and skatepark will remain open during construction, as will the privately-operated Soccer Central facility. Restrooms near the pump track and Soccer Central will remain open as circumstances allow.

4. **Will Soccer Central remain open during construction?**
   Yes, Soccer Central will remain open.

5. **Will there be parking available at the park?**
   Limited parking will be available on the south side of Ramsay Park (off of Harkins Slough Rd.) near the pump track and Soccer Central. The north side (Main St.) parking lot will be closed during construction.

6. **My family has fond memories of the playground slide. Will that remain at Ramsay Park?**
   Yes, we also love the aluminum slide! Our team has worked with the project architect to creativity relocate and incorporate the slide into the new all-inclusive playground design, in addition to adding some other slide features.

7. **My children/I participate in Watsonville Parks & Community Services sports activities on Ramsay fields. Where will those activities be taking place while the fields are being renovated?**
   Our soccer programs will be offered on the E.A. Hall synthetic turf soccer field and at various City of Watsonville parks. Our adult softball league will not be offered during Ramsay field renovations.

8. **I was hoping to organize a special event and/or rent the Family Center or a field at Ramsay Park. What alternative options are available during construction?**
   Watsonville Parks and Community Services has a variety of indoor facilities available to rent for family celebrations, business meetings, community gatherings and other events. Information about indoor and outdoor facility rentals can be found here. For more information or to make a reservation, call 831.768.3240. Information and the permit application for special events which will be open to the public can be found here.

9. **How is this project being funded?**
   Funding sources include a $7 million allocation from the State of California, via Assembly Member Robert Rivas, $7 million from the City’s American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, $7 million from the City’s General Fund and Measure R funds.

10. **How can I financially support this project?**
Friends of Watsonville Parks and Community Services has established a “Buy A Brick” fundraising drive to assist with funding needs for Ramsay Park Renaissance and future park programming. The 6 x 12-inch bricks will be used to create walking paths in the new children’s all-inclusive playground and dog park areas. Each brick can be engraved with 20 characters on three lines and will be an important area of Ramsay Park for many years. Learn more: Ramsaypark | etchedinstone.co

11. I am interested in soccer/multi-use field sponsorship opportunities. How can I participate?
   Our field sponsorship program is a great opportunity to support local youth recreation programs and gain valuable community exposure. To secure your sponsorship asset, contact Jose Barrera at 831.768.3262 or at jose.barrera@watsonville.gov.

12. Why are some portions of the park closed when not undergoing construction during phases of the project?
   Ramsay Park Renaissance is a large-scale project, with approximately 16 of the 26 acres or 2/3 of the park involved in the construction process. Portions of the park impacted by temporary closure will remain closed throughout the project to maintain safety and to allow for logistical components associated with construction, such as staging of equipment.

13. When will construction be completed?
   Construction is tentatively scheduled to be completed in Fall 2025.

14. How can I stay informed of the project’s progress?
   Sign up for our monthly Rex Report newsletter here: Sign Up for PCS’s Newsletter | Watsonville