GGP - OAK WOODLANDS
TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS
May 25, 2011
AGENDA

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✧ QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION
PROJECT TEAM

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URBAN TRAILS PROGRAM OVERVIEW

FUNDING & BACKGROUND

• 2008 CLEAN AND SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS BOND PROVIDES $5-MILLION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO SF PARK TRAILS.

• PLANNING PROCESS HAS INCLUDED:
  • Public Meetings and Presentations before the Parks and Recreation Open Space Advisory Committee (PROSAC)
  • Precedent Research (GGNRA and Bay Ridge Trail)
  • Park Project Prioritization, Project Scopes and Cost Estimates
  • Recreation & Park Commission Presentation and Approval of the Trail Program’s Plan
  • Work with other Park and Stakeholder Organizations
URBAN TRAILS PROGRAM OVERVIEW

PROGRAM VISION AND GOALS:

To connect people and neighborhoods to nature and to make natural areas and trails visible, healthy, and safe.

- Enhance and improve unique urban trail experiences for San Franciscans to explore and connect to nature in the city.

- Improve trail connectivity and networks with other recreational opportunities.

- Improve trails and related areas that protect natural resources and sensitive habitats.

- Improve trail safety.

- Develop a sustainable trail system that leverages volunteer efforts and funding resources.

- Create the foundation for a robust long-term urban trails program.
URBAN TRAILS PROGRAM OVERVIEW

PARTNER AND STAKEHOLDER ORGANIZATIONS:

- Recreation and Park Commission
- Audubon Society
- California Native Plant Society
- Livable City
- Nature in the City
- Neighborhood Parks Council (NPC)
- Park, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee (PROSAC)
- SF Parks Trust
- SF Beautiful
- SF Tomorrow
- Sierra Club
- Trust for Public Land
- Walk for SF
URBAN TRAILS PROGRAM FUNDING

- 2008 CLEAN AND SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS BOND PROVIDED $5-MILLION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO SF PARK TRAILS.

- 26 ORIGINAL CANDIDATE PARK SITES IDENTIFIED.

- 11 PRIORITY SITES WILL RECEIVE FUNDING FOR LIMITED SCOPE PROJECTS: BASIC TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS.

- RPD IS UNDERTAKING ADDITIONAL FUNDRAISING EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT MORE COMPLETE IMPROVEMENT SCOPES.

- RPD IS ALSO UNDERTAKING GRANT WRITING EFFORTS, AS WELL AS WORKING WITH NON-PROFIT PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS TO HELP LEVERAGE BOND FUNDS.
TRAIL IMPROVEMENT EXAMPLES

CREATING SUSTAINABLE AND SAFE TRAILS
TRAIL IMPROVEMENT EXAMPLES

PATH, TRAIL, AND STAIR ENHANCEMENTS
TRAIL IMPROVEMENT EXAMPLES

NEW ACCESSIBLE TRAILS

RETAINING WALLS AND EROSION CONTROL FOR TRAIL SUSTAINABILITY
TRAIL SIGNAGE EXAMPLES

DIRECTIONAL SIGNS

WAYFINDING SIGNS

INTERPRETIVE SIGNS
TRAIL RESTORATION EXAMPLES

HABITAT PLANTING

TRAIL MAINTENANCE
OAK WOODLANDS EXISTING CONDITIONS
OAK WOODLANDS
EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS

MATURE OAKS ON THE WOODLAND TRAIL
OAK WOODLANDS
EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS

"COON HOLLOW"
OAK WOODLANDS
EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS

WOODLAND HILLSIDE AND UNDERSTORY
OAK WOODLANDS
EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS

ASPHALT PATHS
OAK WOODLANDS
EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS

ROADWAY CROSSING: ARGUELLO
OAK WOODLANDS
EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS

EROSIVE SANDY TRAILS IN SOME LOCATIONS
OAK WOODLANDS
EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS

ENTRIES LACK DISTINCTION AND SIGNAGE
OAK WOODLANDS
EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS

HORSESHOE COURTS NEAR STANYAN STREET
OAK WOODLANDS
CONCEPTUAL PROJECT GOALS

• ENHANCE CONNECTIONS AND TRAIL CONTINUITY TO PROVIDE A CONTINUOUS WOODLAND WALK EXPERIENCE

• STABILIZE AND IMPROVE SANDY EROATIVE TRAILS

• ENHANCE AND ACTIVATE TRAILS TO DETER NUISANCE USES (e.g.: camping)

• INSTALL MODEST SIGNAGE FOR WAYFINDING AND HABITAT PROTECTION
OAK WOODLANDS
COMMUNITY INPUT
OAK WOODLANDS
QUESTIONS FOR PARK USERS

• WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE QUALITY OF THE OAK WOODLANDS? WHAT IS YOUR LEAST FAVORITE ASPECT?

• WHAT ABOUT THE TRAILS AND TRAIL NETWORK COULD MOST USE IMPROVEMENT?

• WHERE DO YOU TYPICALLY ENTER THE WOODLANDS TRAIL?

• HOW DO YOU USE THE TRAIL: RECREATIONAL, THRU ROUTE, OTHER?
OAK WOODLANDS
CONSTRUCTION BUDGET AND SCHEDULE

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET:
- $300,000 FROM CLEAN & SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS BOND

SCHEDULE (TENTATIVE)
  - 2ND MEETING JUNE 15, 2011: DESIGN OPTIONS
  - 3RD MEETING July 13, 2011: FINAL TRAIL PLAN
- BID/AWARD: 3/2012 – 5/2012
- HABITAT RESTORATION PLANTING: 10/2012 – 11/2012
URBAN TRAILS PROGRAM
NEXT STEPS

• VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

• FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

• FUTURE PHASE TRAIL PROJECTS:
  • TWIN PEAKS AND BAYVIEW PARK

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