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Dear Neighbor,

In partnership with the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency and San Francisco Recreation & Parks Department, we are excited to share the project updates below. We've also included a fact sheet of the Upper Yosemite Creek Daylighting Project for your information.

**Project Overview:** The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) is daylighting the upper-most portion of Yosemite Creek which once flowed from McLaren Park near McNab Lake all the way to the San Francisco Bay. The Upper Yosemite Creek Daylighting Project will feature innovative green infrastructure technologies to manage and reduce stormwater entering the combined sewer system. Technologies will include rain gardens, an infiltrative creek, and a high-efficiency irrigation system that reuses stormwater.

**Project Benefits:** This stormwater management project will provide multiple benefits, including: enhanced pedestrian accessibility along the daylighted creek, new habitat for birds and butterflies using California native plants, and upgrades to the existing soccer field.

### **Managing 1 billion gallons of stormwater annually by 2050**

Each year, more than 10 billion gallons of rain falls on our city. We have a combined sewer system that collects both stormwater and sewage in the same set of pipes. In heavy rains, portions of the sewer system can reach capacity resulting in localized flooding. Even as we invest in projects and programs to reduce the risk of flooding, no sewer system, including San Francisco's, can manage all stormwater in ALL storms. This project is part of a larger city-wide effort incorporating green infrastructure and other innovative tools to ensure San Francisco is as resilient and sustainable as possible in the face of intensifying storms.

**OUR MISSION:** To provide our customers with high-quality, efficient and reliable water, power and sewer services in a manner that values environmental and community interests and sustains the resources entrusted to our care.

### **NOTE**

#### **One-Way Conversion Option Withdrawn**

Thank you to those who attended our tabling session on September 2022 and for sharing valuable comments, insights, and concerns regarding the one-way conversion of Oxford and Wayland Streets for the project.

The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) received our petition and performed a more detailed analysis of traffic circulation and on-street parking along Oxford and Wayland Streets. The street parking impact from the one-way conversion was analyzed and SFMTA determined that the conversion would result in only a few additional parking spaces lost when compared with maintaining the two-way. SFMTA concluded that maintaining the existing two-way travel allows for the planned project improvements while retaining the existing vehicle circulation in the area. To ensure the safety of pedestrians, the SFMTA will collaborate with the project team to implement several measures such as improved crossing striping and enhanced pedestrian safety signage.

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**Project Timeline and Next Steps:** In coordination with San Francisco Recreation & Parks Department, we gathered community input pre-pandemic in 2016-2018, then took a project hiatus during much of COVID, and resumed design work in mid-2022. We anticipate completing the design phase in early 2024 with construction anticipated to begin late 2024 and to be completed by early 2026.



*Photo (left) shows an early rendering that reflects the overall concept of the Upper Yosemite Creek Daylighting Project. Location pictured: Yosemite Station along Wayland Street at Oxford Street.*

**Other Updates:**

1. All existing trees within the project limits have been re-evaluated by a Certified Arborist in November 2022.
2. Geotechnical investigation was completed in February. This work necessitates materials storage in a parking space at the McNab Lake parking lot between 2/7/23 and 4/3/23.

**Learn More:**

- Visit the project webpage at [sfpuc.org/greeninfrastructure](https://sfpuc.org/greeninfrastructure).
- For questions, or to be added to our email list for project updates, email us at [ssip@sfgov.org](mailto:ssip@sfgov.org).
- Check out the fact sheet we included!

We plan to share another project update in the spring or early summer. Don't hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
SFPUC's Upper Yosemite Creek Daylighting Project Team