

SF REC & PARK | Lake Merced Improvement Project

COMMUNITY MEETING #3
September 13, 2018



Project Team

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- James Wheeler, RPD Recreation Manager
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AGENDA

- Welcome, Introductions & Objectives
- **PART 1:** Funding & Schedule
- **PART 2:** Project Overview
- **PART 3:** Existing Conditions & Proposed Concept Design
- **PART 4:** Feedback



MEETING OBJECTIVES

- Review previous public meetings & feedback
- Present the proposed concept design
- Listen to community feedback to further the concept design



PART 1

FUNDING & SCHEDULE



FUNDING

FUNDING SOURCES

2012 Clean & Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond	\$2M
California Natural Resources Agency Grant	\$1M

TOTAL PROJECT FUNDING **\$3M**

PROJECT BUDGET

Estimated Construction Costs: **\$1.8M (60%)**

Includes:

- Construction contract

Estimated Soft Costs: **\$1.2M (40%)**

Includes:

- Permits, surveys, reports
- Testing and regulatory agency fees
- Project management
- Architectural and engineering design services
- Construction management



SCHEDULE

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

- MEETING #1:** Introduction & Public Input (held November 3, 2016)
- MEETING #2:** Draft Plan & Public Input (held January 12, 2017)
- MEETING #3:** Presentation of Concept Plan (September 13, 2018)
- MEETING #4:** To be determined



PART 2

PROJECT OVERVIEW



PROJECT OBJECTIVES

Protect and improve the lifestyle programming, facilities, infrastructure, and natural resources at Lake Merced, using a project plan that incorporates:

- Community input from meetings and 311 reports
- Findings from the Lake Merced Water Quality Report
- Recreation & Parks Natural Areas Plan
- Recreation & Park Strategic Plan



COMMUNITY MEETING FEEDBACK

- Perimeter Trail Bike Path Improvements
- Address erosion and declining trees
- Provide new signage: “Don’t feed birds/wildlife”
- Improve restroom maintenance
- Provide animal safe trash cans
 - *A program is also in place to provide these outside of this project*
- Attention to Boating Community
 - *Improvements provided through other projects*
- Address shrub overgrowth along trail
 - *Trimming/pruning activity scheduled for September 2018*



VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY

- Trail restoration work at Lake Merced
- September 14, 15, 16
- Ages 14 and up (under 16 requires an adult)
- Register at www.v-o-cal.org



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Join VoCal and SF Recreation and Parks on September 14-16, 2018!!!

Help V-O-Cal Build trails at Lake Merced!



SAN FRANCISCO RECREATION & PARKS

Volunteers Needed!

You Can - Make a lasting contribution by building or improving an existing trail.

You Can - Volunteer on trail, for kitchen duty or help out in camp.

We Provide - Tools, gloves, instruction and delicious food!

Bonus!! - Make friends and earn community service hours. No experience necessary!

Lake Merced, a large freshwater lake in San Francisco's southwestern corner, is the heart of a 614-acre park that is popular with boaters, hikers, bicyclists, and birdwatchers. A 4.5-mile trail circles the lake's perimeter; facilities include many picnic areas and a boathouse, fishing pier, and boat launch. The park is bounded by three golf courses, including City-owned Harding Park. Lake Merced is major water, recreational, and natural resource for the City and County of San Francisco and the surrounding area. It is also an important stop for migratory birds on the Pacific Flyway.

September 14-16 we will be re-establishing/refurbishing a section of the perimeter trail around Lake Merced. This will involve some vegetation removal, hand work and re-grading of the existing trail-way, and the installation, grading and compaction of a natural (earthen) surfacing material. It should be a really fun project for the teams with a nice finished product to appreciate upon completion. We will camp by the lake (Lake Merced West). Don't miss this opportunity to build trail on one of San Francisco's most beautiful and important habitats.

This sounds awesome! How do I register?

Children 14 and over are welcome on V-O-Cal projects. Volunteers under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. To register please visit our website at www.v-o-cal.org. For photos of our recent projects, please visit Volunteers for Outdoor California on Facebook.

www.facebook.com/volunteersforoutdoorcalifornia.

PART 3

EXISTING CONDITIONS & PROPOSED CONCEPT DESIGN



PROJECT AREA



Considerations

- 5+ miles of perimeter trail around Lake Merced
- Sunset Circle parking lot attracts larger number of users.
- The trail along North Lake and East Lake is generally more degraded
- Connectivity needs between Merced Manor and Parkside neighborhoods to Lowell High, SF State, SF Zoo, beaches, and Great Highway
- Ocean Beach Trail, Great Highway, and Skyline Blvd Projects
- SF State Master Plan
- Hillside erosion and trail conditions along the eastern and southern side of Lake Merced are generally in better physical condition

Proposed improvements around the entire lake include:

- Trail marking and striping
- Pedestrian and bicycle signage
- Tree maintenance (pruning, removal, replanting)

Proposed improvements around the North and East Lake emphasize:

- Trail surface repair
- Slope stabilization with new and replaced retaining walls
- Replacement and addition of benches, bike racks, fitness equipment
- New restroom to replace port-a-potty



PROJECT SCOPE

EXISTING CONDITIONS:

1. Cultural Inventory
2. Natural Inventory

AREAS OF IMPROVEMENT:

1. Perimeter Path Improvements
2. Natural Resources Improvements
3. Public Amenities



CULTURAL INVENTORY



NATURAL INVENTORY

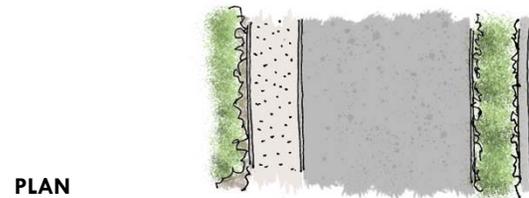
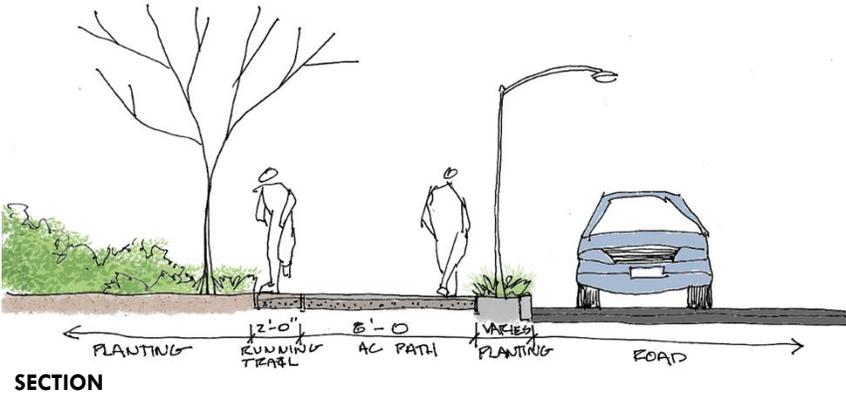




1. PERIMETER PATH IMPROVEMENTS

SURFACE REPAIR

- Remove and replace soft shoulder using durable material
- Add or restore pathway edge to prevent vegetation intrusion





1. PERIMETER PATH IMPROVEMENTS

SURFACE REPAIR

- Meet accessibility code requirements along the perimeter trail
- Remove and replace areas of degraded asphalt
 - Scope could include removal of full pathway width in some areas
- Curbs and curb ramp replacement

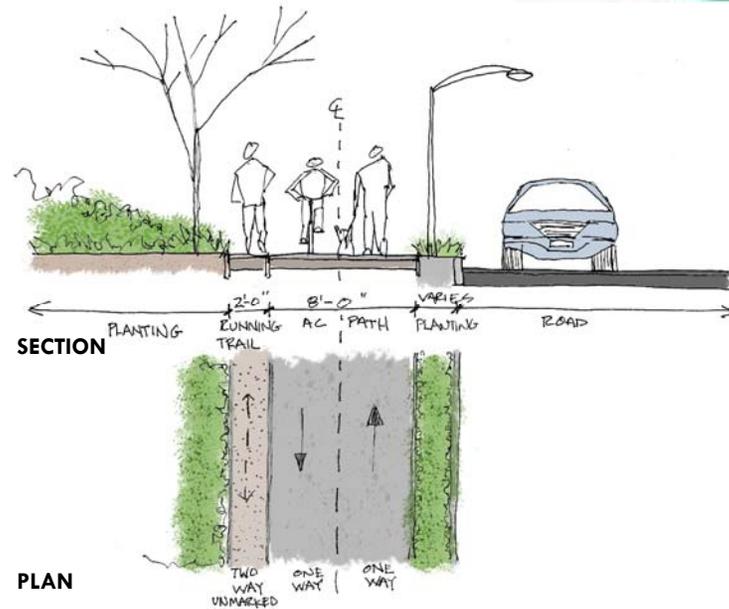




1. PERIMETER PATH IMPROVEMENTS

BICYCLE SAFETY & SIGNAGE

- Shared use signage
- Lane striping
- Distance markers



2. NATURAL RESOURCE IMPROVEMENTS

PLANTING & STEWARDSHIP

- Prune or remove hazardous and declining trees
- Plant new site-appropriate trees and shrubs
- Prune shrubs encroaching along trail



2. NATURAL RESOURCE IMPROVEMENTS

TREES



Quercus agrifolia
Coast Live Oak
Rounded

SUCCULENTS



Dudleya caespitosa
Coast Dudleya
Red Yellow

SHRUBS



Artemisia californica
California Sagebrush
Mounding



Baccharis pilularis
Coyote Bush
Spreading



Eriodictyon californicum
California Yerba Santa
Upright



Mimulus aurantiacus
Bush Monkey Flower
Orange



Rhamnus californica
Coffeeberry
Rounded



Rubus parviflorus
Western Thimbleberry
Spreading

PERRENIALS



Acmispon glaber
Deerweed
Yellow



Ceanothus thyrsiflorus var. thyrsiflorus
Creeping Blueblossom
Blue



Leptosyne gigantea
Giant Coreopsis
Yellow



Erigeron glaucus
Seaside Fleabane
Lavender



Eriogonum latifolium
Coast Eriogonum
Cream Pink White



Eriophyllum staechadifolium
Seaside Woolly Sunflower
Yellow



2. NATURAL RESOURCE IMPROVEMENTS

EROSION CONTROL

- Replace and provide new retaining walls to stop erosion and prevent intrusion into Natural Areas landscapes
- Hillside stabilization



2. NATURAL RESOURCE IMPROVEMENTS

WILDLIFE CONTROL

- Provide habitat protection signage:
 - “PLEASE DO NOT FEED ANIMALS”
 - “PLEASE DO NOT RELEASE ANIMALS”



3. PUBLIC AMENITIES

EXERCISE EQUIPMENT

- Replace degraded parcourse equipment
- Install durable surface beneath parcourse equipment
- Create accessible stopping point on trail with sense of place



3. PUBLIC AMENITIES

SITE FURNISHINGS

- Replace benches with uniform type
- Relocate dedication plaques onto new benches
- Provide new bike racks, waste receptacles, and bottle filler



3. PUBLIC AMENITIES

NEW PUBLIC RESTROOM

- Provide a new public restroom facility to replace the Sunset Circle porta-potty
- JCDecaux Public Restroom Program
- Project will provide electrical, water, and sewer service to the restroom

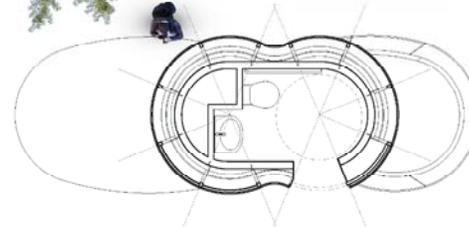
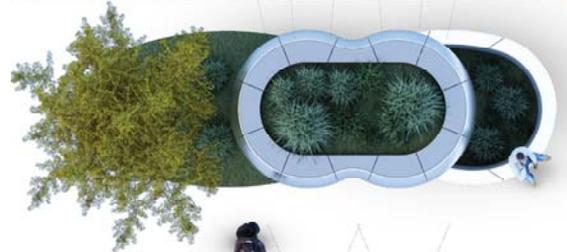
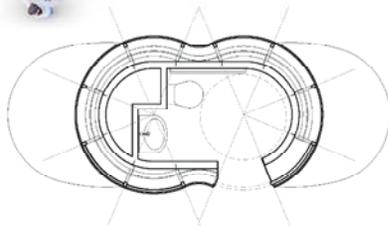


- Meet accessibility code requirements from the parking lot to the restroom, including a new accessible parking space
- Points of connection to be determined by SFPUC & PG&E
- Maintenance provided by JCDecaux



3. PUBLIC AMENITIES

NEW PUBLIC RESTROOM CONCEPTS – JCDECAUX



PART 4

FEEDBACK



FEEDBACK

What are your thoughts on the program elements?

- Priority of the presented options

What are your concerns, how could the design improve?

- Facility improvements
- Programming improvements
- Site deficiencies/opportunities

Next Steps

- Please complete a comment card
- Join the mailing list
- Project updates: <http://bit.ly/lakemerced2012>



THANK YOU!

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