



Public Hearing
September, 2024

City of Oakland, Department of Public Works,
Project & Grant Management Division

OAKLAND ESTUARY PARK RENOVATION + EXPANSION PROJECT

Estuary Park Master Plan



PROJECT OVERVIEW

ESTUARY / LAKE MERRITT CONTEXT



ADJACENT LAND USE



ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

CLIENT:

Oakland Public Works, Project & Grant Management Division (OPW, PGM)

Project Managers:

Allison Schwarz (2018 – 2021)

Christine Reed (2021 – present)

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Dana Riley, Assistant Director, Oakland Parks, Recreation, & Youth Development (OPRYD)

Justice Bolton, OPRYD Aquatics and Boating

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Daniel Hamilton, OPW, Sustainability and Resilience Director, City Administrator's Office

Brian Carthan, OPW Parks and Tree Services Division, Division Manager

Catherine Payne, Planning Department, Development Manager

Edward Manasse, Planning Department

STAKEHOLDERS:

Boating Community:

East Bay Rowing Club (EBRC): Ken Crowley, Denise Martini

East Bay Rowing Club (EBRC) Oakland Tech Rowing: Patti Buck

Berkeley High Crew: Marie Jones

Oakland Renegades: Brian Lavelle

PROJECT DESIGN TEAM FOR SITE INVENTORY AND MASTER PLAN:

WRT, Landscape Architecture and Prime Consultant

RBA, Community Engagement

ESA, Coastal Engineering and Environmental Documentation

Murakami/Nelson, Architecture

BKF, Civil Engineering

COWI, Marine Engineering

Terraphase, Geotechnical Engineering

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

August 2018 – November 2021



Community Meetings

Community Meeting #1: October 17, 2018

Community Meeting #2: December 5, 2018

Community Meeting #3: January 31, 2019

Community Meeting #4: October 23, 2021

Stakeholder Meetings

Stakeholder Meeting #1: August 30, 2018

Stakeholder Meeting #2: April 22, 2021

Stakeholder Meeting #3: September 14, 2021

Stakeholder Meeting #4: September 30, 2021

On-Line Surveys

Survey #1: November, 2018

Survey #2: November, 2021

Project Web Site: <https://www.oaklandca.gov/projects/estuary-park>

Mailing List: 830 residents and stakeholders.

Communications:

E-mail blasts: Emails were sent to the residents and stakeholders on other project mailing list to publicize the community meetings.

Mailers: Postcards were sent to all addresses in the postal routes surrounding the park site to publicize the community meetings.

Additional Meetings Attended:

Measure DD Coalition: September 20, 2021

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC)

Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council (NCPC), Beat1x

PROJECT GOALS

1. FOSTER CIVIC LIFE

- Create a major open space of citywide and regional significance
- Provide places to observe major civic celebrations and water related festivals
- Create a welcoming, inclusive, and accessible space to increase civic collaboration, participation and mutual accountability among diverse users
- Activate the park with new recreational opportunities, responding to the needs of the community
- Provide opportunities for engaging public art
- Prioritize long-term efforts to manage the park in ways to make it public, safe, and clean

2. IMPROVE PUBLIC HEALTH

- Improve public health through access to high-quality open space and recreational programs
- Provide inclusive and accessible amenities and a comfortable outdoor environment to encourage regular use of the park and a variety of activities and uses
- Create a park that serves all of Oakland's people equitably
- Foster connection to nature
- Provide safe and accessible circulation throughout the park and along the shoreline, including improvements to the San Francisco Bay Trail, to encourage walkability and exercise

- Provide clear way-finding and site lines, and provide a sense of safety and security for park users
- Ensure the park is well-maintained over time
- Maintain and improve operation of the Jack London Aquatic Center for its recreational boating programs
- Improve service & emergency vehicle access

3. CELEBRATE SITE HISTORY AND INCREASE ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

- Connect park visitors with the Estuary and maritime uses, in keeping with the requirements of the State Lands Trust and Bay Conservation and Development Commission (entities with jurisdiction over shoreline development)
- Preserve and enhance existing cultural resources suitable for reuse
- Improve environmental awareness through enhanced views to the estuary, low water-use habitat planting, improved shoreline access, and informational signage

4. ENHANCE RESILIENCY AND ADAPTATION

- Create a resilient and adaptive shoreline that responds to sea-level rise and improves opportunities for wildlife habitat.
- Create a sustainable and resilient park that responds to its regional climate, can be sustainability operated and maintained, and is adaptive to future change

MASTER PLAN

- 1 ENTRY PLAZA / FOOD TRUCK PLAZA
- 2 PICNIC PLAZA
- 3 MULTI-PURPOSE LAWN
- 4 DOG PARK
- 5 BOAT STORAGE BUILDING W/ PUBLIC RESTROOMS
- 6 FESTIVAL / GATHERING PLAZA
- 7 PLAYGROUND WITH PLAY FEATURES
- 8 RE-PURPOSED EXISTING TRELLIS
- 9 WATERFRONT PROMENADE W/ RESTING NODES
- 10 RESILIENT SHORELINE IMPROVEMENTS
- 11 PICNIC GROVE
- 12 WATER-WISE / HABITAT GARDEN
- 13 RIP-RAP EDGE W/ ROCK RETENTION STRUCTURE
- 14 WOOD PIER (E)
- 15 RECREATIONAL BOAT TRAILER PARKING
- 16 60' ROWING SHELL TRAILER PARKING
- 17 SHORELINE PATH AND PASSIVE RECREATION NODES
- 18 PUBLIC BOAT LAUNCH FACILITIES TO REMAIN
- 19 EXISTING RESTROOM BUILDING
- 20 PROPOSED RESTROOM BUILDING
- 21 STORM WATER INFILTRATION AREAS
- 22 POTENTIAL TO MAINTAIN SECOND VEHICULAR ENTRANCE



BIRD'S EYE VIEW LOOKING NORTHEAST



12,500 SQUARE
FOOT FENCED
DOG PARK



PLAYGROUND FOR
DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS



RESTING DECK



FLEX LAWN



NATURAL GARDEN



LANDFORM AMPHITHEATER
SEATING/ ART NATURAL
GARDEN



RE-PURPOSED TRELLIS



RESILIENT SHORELINE
IMPROVEMENTS

BIRD'S EYE VIEW LOOKING NORTHWEST



STORMWATER
BIO-RETENTION



SLOPED VEGETATED STORM
WATER RETAINING AREA



VEGETATED / GRASS SWALES

LEARN MORE

The Park Master Plan and design renderings have been posted to the Estuary Park Project Webpage:

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