

N Richmond Community Vision for the Shoreline

Project Background

In Fall 2016, the San Francisco Estuary Partnership completed a revision of the [Estuary Blueprint](#), a 5-year plan for the health of the Estuary. This multi-partner effort includes 32 Actions ranging from water quality, restoration, resilience and stewardship-related tasks.

The San Francisco Estuary Partnership received funding from EPA Climate-Ready Estuaries to complete a task focused on identifying, protecting and creating transition zones around the Estuary. The funding was directed toward support for disadvantaged communities living along the shoreline. We identified North Richmond as a project site after consultation with community partners.

Overall Goal: Develop a community-based Vision Plan for the North Richmond shoreline with a particular focus on the upland transition zone, environmental justice and climate resiliency

Objectives

1. Improve understanding of human uses of the shoreline and primary issues affecting it such as trash, flooding.
2. Through a community-based process, identify opportunities for urban greening along with shoreline that provides environmental justice benefits.
3. Conduct outreach and collect feedback from community members.

Key Elements in the Stakeholder Process

1. Community mapping
 - a. Bring base map and begin looking at existing human uses (landfill, auto wrecking and salvage yards, recreation areas, etc) and potential use areas (exercise areas, trails, fence placement, restoration, etc).
 - b. Discuss areas of greatest concern for flooding, pump, resilience & adaptation strategies (building off the Adapting to Rising Tides project).
 - c. Discuss existing parcels/possibilities for acquisition and expanding access to the shoreline.
 - d. Identify areas for potential future urban greening or multi-benefit projects that provide environmental justice benefits to N. Richmond residents
2. Education/Outreach
 - a. Community tours along the shoreline. Target Audience: community members, MAC attendees, local organizations, county employees, project scientists.
 - b. Classroom engagement with local high school students.

- c. Door to door canvassing, visits to community centers, youth groups and churches.
- d. Presentations to local organizations and potential project partners
- e. Municipal Advisory Council meetings
- f. Community events & tabling opportunities:
 - January: MLK Day @ North Richmond Farm
 - Feb/March: 1st St. Garden Event (in North Richmond)
 - April: Earth Day @ Wildcat Creek
 - July: Hood Day
 - August: North Richmond Missionary Baptist Church Block Party
 - September: Coastal Cleanup Day
 - October: North Richmond Shoreline Festival

Resources to develop/share

- Birds Eye View of the N. Richmond Shoreline
- Handouts, flyers, videos
- Maps to feed into the community process with scientific questions
 - What are the existing human uses on the shoreline?
 - What does the community hope to see for the future of the shoreline?
 - Final map showing the landward edge of the upland transition zone
- Vision plan visual elements including maps with community uses and potential multi-benefit projects

Rough Timeline

Dec - July	Community outreach (ongoing throughout the entire project)
January 12, 2017	Tour #1 -- What's the Future of the North Richmond Shoreline? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Project Introduction ● Collect input from partners ● Community mapping activity
February	Partner Follow-up Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Share findings from tour in January ● Develop goals statements ● Community Mapping & Environmental Justice Components
February - September	Ongoing community outreach
February - September	Ongoing meetings and shoreline visits as needed

September 2017	Completed Vision Plan
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Project Partners: Urban Tilth, The Watershed Project, San Francisco Estuary Institute, San Francisco Estuary Partnership, East Bay Regional Parks District, North Richmond Shoreline Open Space Alliance, Contra Costa County Public Works, Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors, The North Richmond Neighborhood House, West County Toxics Coalition, Trails for Richmond Action Committee, Golden Gate Audubon

What is the upland transition zone?

From the Baylands Goals Update: The estuarine-terrestrial transition zone, or T-zone, is the area of existing and predicted future interactions among tidal and terrestrial or fluvial processes that result in mosaics of habitat types, assemblages of plant and animal species, and sets of ecosystem services that are distinct from those of adjoining estuarine, riverine, or terrestrial ecosystems. More info: <http://baylandsgoals.org/science-update-2016/>.

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