

Enriched Experiences

(Interpretation, Education, Outreach, Volunteer Stewardship)



Learning about and appreciating the local environment, as well as connecting people with nature and with each other.

Priority Action Goals:

Increase Diversity and Remove Access Barriers

- Creatively reach more people, including those with disabilities, and increase the cultural diversity of our visitors
- Expand youth programming and outreach through partnerships

Improved Visitor Experiences

- Provide opportunities where families can engage safely with nature
- Emphasize a variety of natural learning environments
- Increase use of technology to introduce people to nature

Volunteer Stewardship

- Increase support for volunteer stewardship and open space conservation
- Increase use of technology to promote volunteer stewardship
- Encourage hands-on volunteer stewardship and citizen science activities on District lands

Knowledge, Understanding, and Appreciation

- Remember and honor community heritage and past ways of life through activities, programming, and projects
- Interpret how natural and cultural resources relate to people's current lives
- Increase site-specific interpretation projects and programs that emphasize the protection of natural and cultural resources



Healthy Nature

(Plants, Animals, Air, Soils, and Water)

Taking care of the land, air, water, and soils so that plants and animals thrive and nature's benefits are provided to people.

Priority Action Goals:

Stewardship of Nature

- Restore the natural environment, control invasive plants and animals, and limit the spread of pathogens
- Promote natural ecosystem processes
- Prevent or address erosion and pollution
- Protect watersheds and restore stream flow to improve habitat for fish and wildlife

Biodiversity

- Protect large contiguous areas of intact habitat that represent the Peninsula and South Bay's full mosaic of natural communities
- Conserve sensitive species and special natural communities
- Increase adaptation to climate change and reduce carbon impacts
- Encourage scientific research, partnerships, and relationships with educational institutions and scientists

Habitat Connectivity

- Increase connectivity between protected areas to support natural wildlife movement patterns



Natural, Cultural, and Scenic Landscapes

Conserving the area's scenery and rich history, and providing places for escape and quiet enjoyment.

Priority Action Goals:

Quiet Enjoyment of Nature

- Provide opportunities for people to experience, enjoy, and interpret the beauty and tranquility of natural open space
- Increase access to quiet places to enjoy vistas, encourage connections with nature, and take refuge from urban life

Sense of Place

- Maintain a sense of place by protecting and increasing access to locally significant, iconic natural or cultural features
- Preserve the scenic backdrop and designated scenic corridors, emphasizing the view from major roadways and parklands
- Preserve the character and scenic qualities of coastal and rural areas

Stewarding Many Cultures

- Protect at-risk culturally significant resources and promote their responsible stewardship
- Cultivate partnerships that preserve and/or enhance cultural resources
- Increase interpretation of cultural resources



Outdoor Recreation and Healthy Living

Providing accessible open space lands for recreation and outdoor exercise in a natural setting.

Priority Action Goals:

Expand Appropriate Low Intensity Access

- Provide new public access or improve access with trails and staging area improvements
- Increase access close to where more people live, and encourage access that minimizes the use of cars
- Provide ecologically-sensitive access to exceptional natural features or vistas
- Provide regional, long distance trails that connect open space to communities

Ensure Compatibility

- Ensure access compatible with resource protection and regulatory constraints
- Distribute opportunities for low intensity recreation across District
- Reduce or eliminate safety hazards and promote safe use of the preserves
- Provide ongoing management and maintenance

Expand Opportunity and Variety

- Increase diversity of visitors
- Accommodate a wide variety of visitors of all abilities, ages, cultures, and interests



Viabale Working Lands

Protecting viable working lands that reflect our heritage, and provide food and jobs.

Priority Action Goals:

Support Agriculture and Local Food Producers

- Preserve farms and rangelands by working cooperatively with partners and the agricultural community
- Prioritize preservation of agricultural lands at the urban edge and currently in agricultural use
- Promote large contiguous blocks of land in agricultural use
- Support the region's agricultural economy
- Protect the economic viability of District working lands

Model Ecologically Sound Practices

- Use rangeland management to improve grassland health, reduce wildfire fuel loads, and protect water quality
- Promote wise water use and other ecologically sensitive farming practices

Educate about the Region's Agricultural Heritage

- Foster awareness of, and support public education programs about, the importance of agriculture to the region's heritage and future.