Estuary Park Master Plan

Adoption of Master Plan, CEQA & Major CUP

Public Works & Transportation Committee
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# Approval of the proposed resolution:

- 1) Adopts The Estuary Park Master Plan (Master Plan)
- 2) Approves A Major Conditional Use Permit (CUP) That Allows For Implementation Of The Master Plan Improvements
- 3) Adopts Appropriate California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Findings



#### **ESTUARY / LAKE MERRITT CONTEXT**



#### **ADJACENT LAND USE**



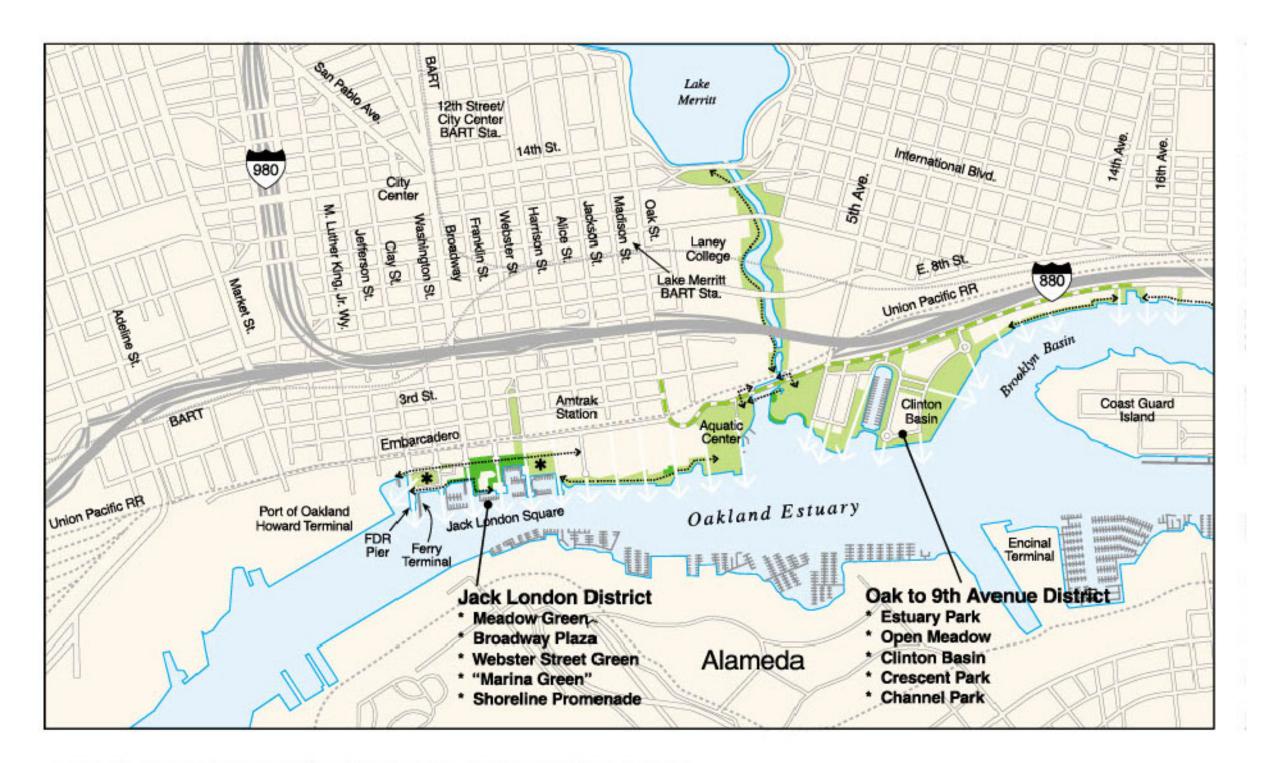
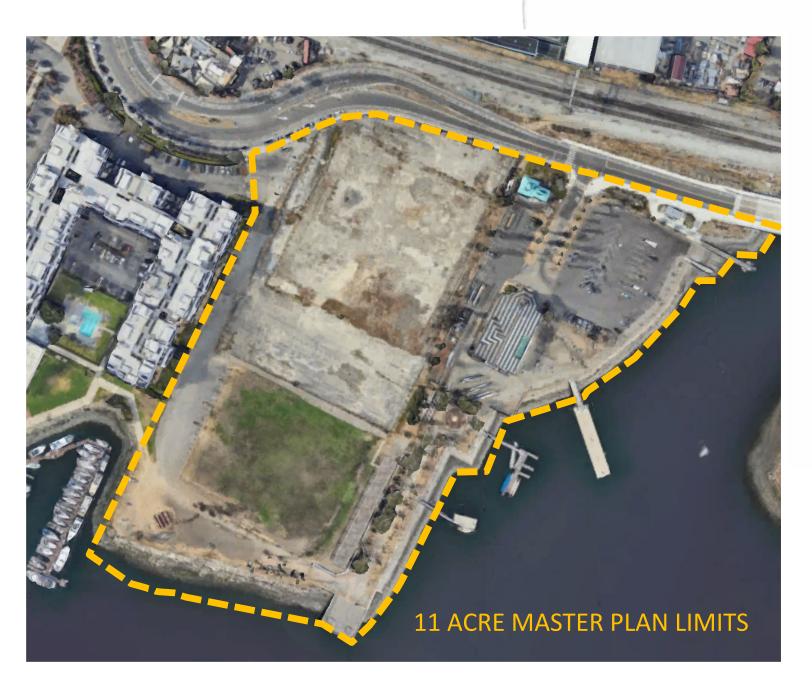


FIGURE II-3: Illustrative Shoreline Access & Public Space Plan



# Background



- Estuary Park Renovation and Expansion Project was incorporated into several local and regional plans, including the General Plan Open Space, Conservation and Recreation (OSCAR) in 1996, and the Estuary Policy Plan in 1999.
- The Estuary Park site is part of the greater 'Oak to Ninth' (currently known as 'Brooklyn Basin') Project.
- The Brooklyn Basin Development Agreement stated that the 4-acre "Cash and Carry" site would be transferred to the City, expanding the total site area from seven to eleven acres, upon completion and acceptance of the Developer's site remediation by the State DTSC.
- A development application was recently submitted seeking approval to develop Parcel N with residential townhomes. This application is currently under review through a separate process being led by the Planning Department.
- Should the development application be approved, the current Park Master Plan would be amended.



## **Public Outreach**

## **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**

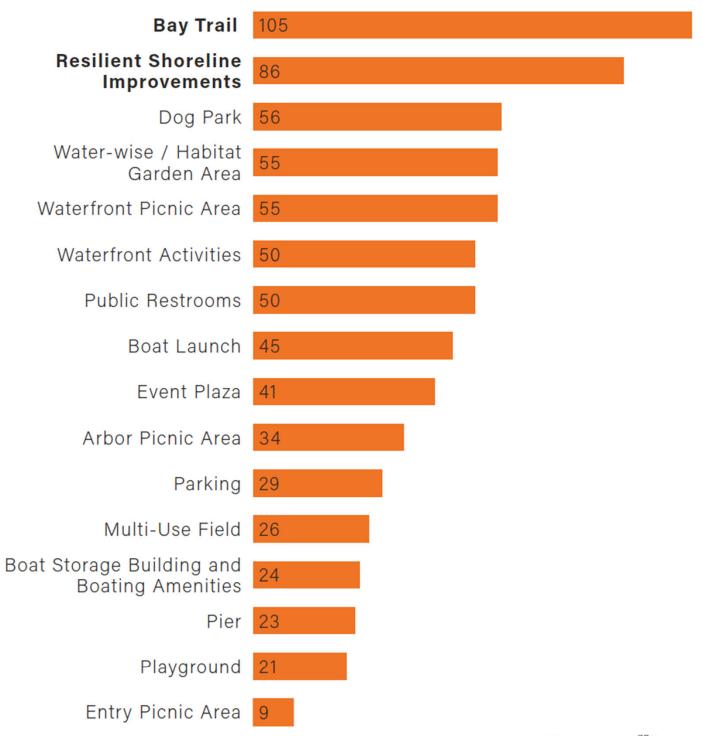
Survey #1: November, 2018

Survey #2: November, 2021

### **COMMUNITY PRIORITIES**

#### ONLINE SURVEY AND COMMUNITY MEETING #4











East waterfront



Halprin trellis and Bay Trail

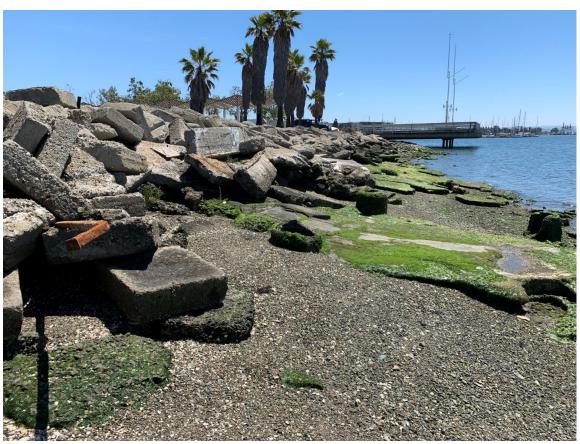


Bay Trail and southern shoreline









# **Existing Conditions**

# Formal hearings

October 12, 2022 - Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC): unanimous recommendation

September 16, 2024 - Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board (LPAB): recommended approval of the Master Plan, the CEQA determination, and the Major Conditional Use Permit

September 18, 2024 - Planning Commission: recommendation for approval of the Master Plan, the Major CUP, and certification of Addendum #2 to the 2009 EIR that was certified when the Oak to Ninth Street (now "Brooklyn Basin") Project was approved.

## LEARN MORE

An updated draft of the Master Plan, project timeline, and design renderings have been posted to the Estuary Park Project Webpage:

https://www.oaklandca.gov/projects/estuary-park