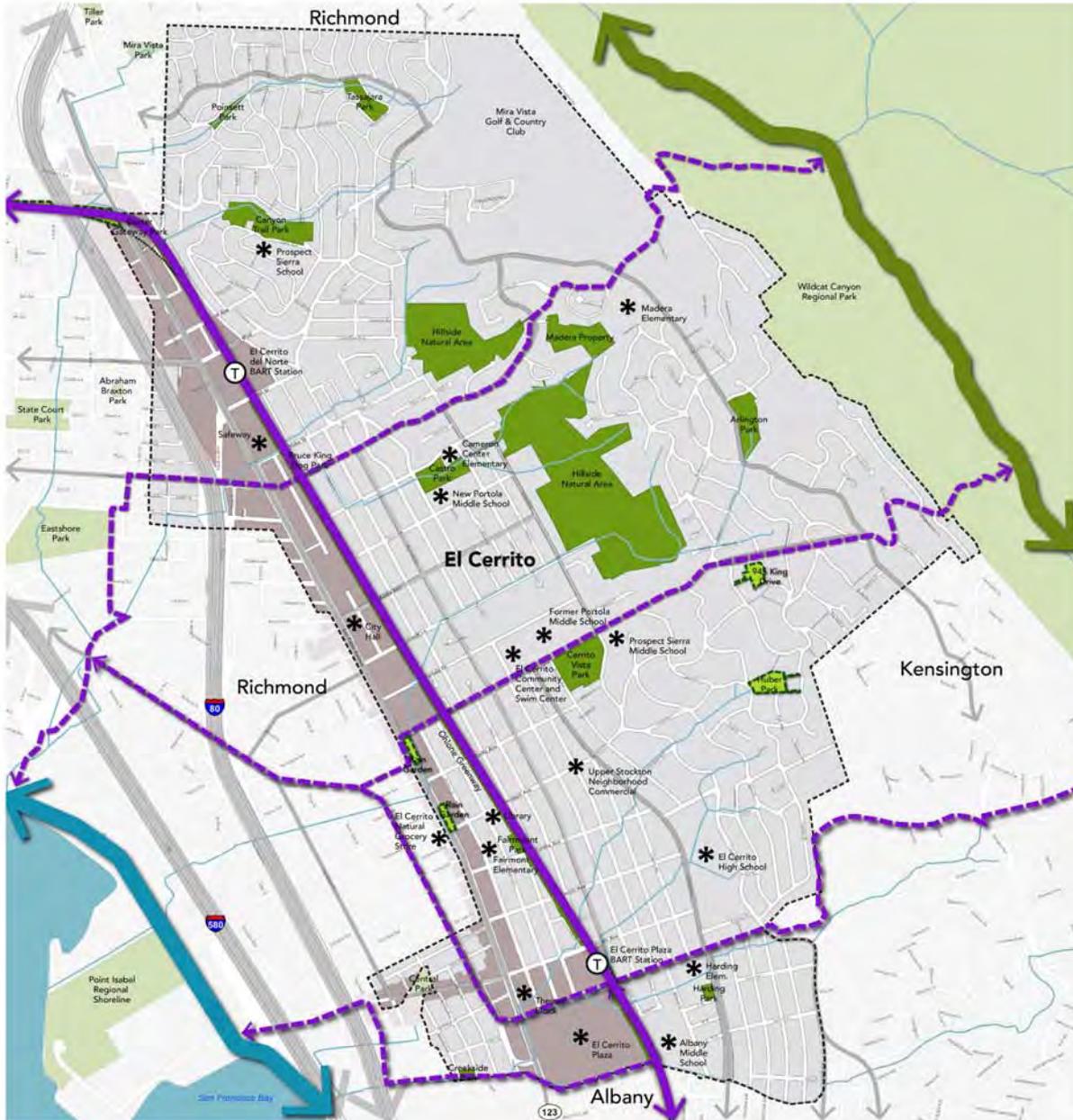


1. Blue to Green Connections



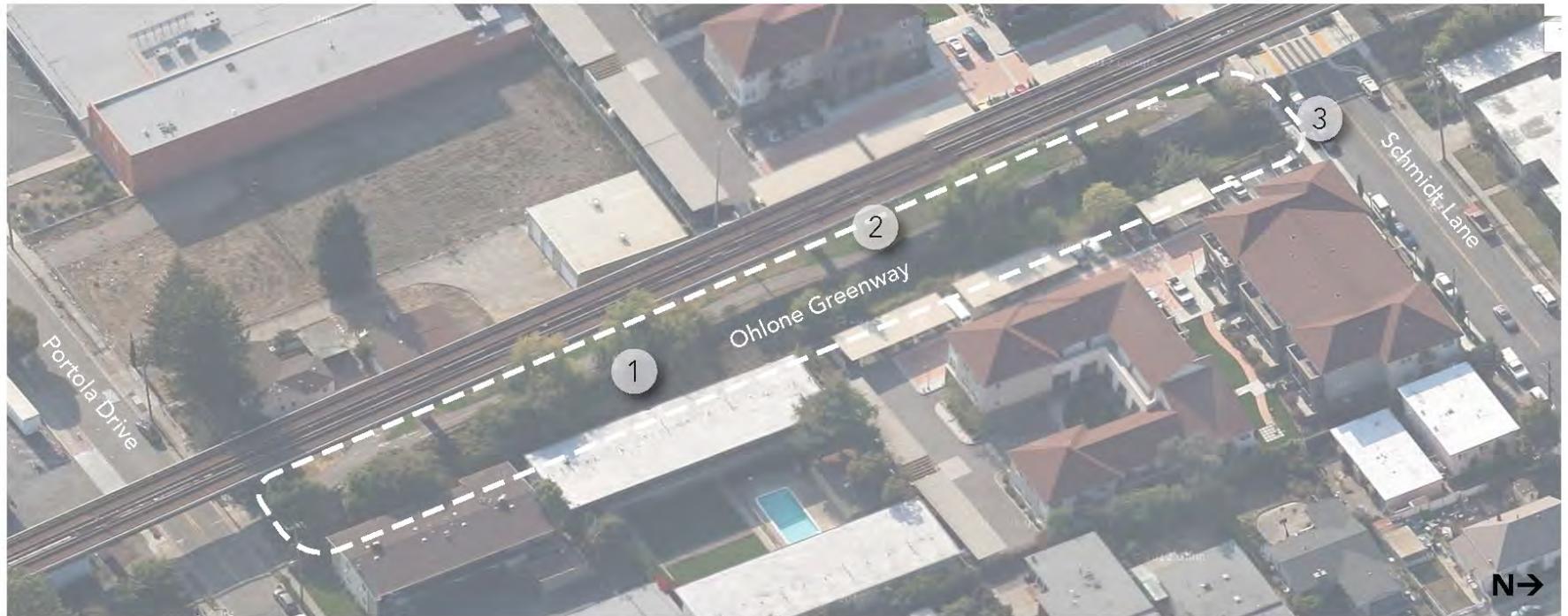
Urban Greening Opportunities

1. **Connectivity:** Improve pedestrian and bicycle connectivity between the area's major natural assets--the Bay Trail and Wildcat Canyon Trail. Enhance access to major trailheads
2. **Wayfinding and Signage:** Provide wayfinding and education signage along the blue/green connections.
3. **Street Trees:** Implement a consistent palette of street trees and other coordinated landscaping along blue/green connections to create identifiable routes.

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2. Ohlone Greenway - Portola to Schmidt

Ownership: Public - City of El Cerrito



Urban Greening Opportunities

1. **Creek Daylighting:** Continue creek restoration efforts to improve habitat and water quality benefits, and improve maintainability. Include a forebay to retain and make creek a visible amenity in this area. (see *Fluvius Innominatus Restoration Channel Design Memorandum*)
2. **Activity Node:** Create social gathering and play opportunities near repurposed creek. (see *Ohlone Greenway Master Plan*)
3. **Connectivity:** Improve connectivity along Schmidt Lane between the Hillside Natural Area and San Pablo Avenue.

Annual Runoff Treated (gal/yr): 3,740
Pollutants Removed (lb/yr):
TSS: 2.010
TP: 0.003
Nitrate + Nitrite: 0.008
Lead: 0.002
Zinc: 0.002

Improved Connectivity
Strengthened Ohlone Greenway
Enhanced Creeks

3. Ohlone Greenway - Gladys to Blake

Ownership: Public - City of El Cerrito



Urban Greening Opportunities

1. **Green Gateway:** Create a gateway experience along Potrero Avenue.
2. **Biofiltration Gardens:** Repurpose small portions of the grassed greenway for water quality management. Focus on areas adjacent to existing inlets to minimize area of disturbance and costs.
3. **Connection to Greenway:** Create a mid-block connection to the Greenway from Kearney Street and San Pablo Avenue.
4. **Activity Node:** Create social gathering and play opportunities near Potrero Avenue to create an activity node and enhance the existing Bruce King Dog Park.
5. **Creek Crossing:** Highlight the creek that runs under Potrero Avenue through landscape, paving, and/or signage.

Annual Runoff Treated (gal/yr): 194,161
Pollutants Removed (lb/yr):
TSS: 5.07
TKN: 0.05
Nitrate + Nitrite: 0.01
Zinc: 0.01

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4. Fairmont Park and Adjacent Ohlone Greenway Segment

Ownership: Public - WCCUSD and City of El Cerrito



Urban Greening Opportunities

- 1. Urban Agriculture:** Build on Earth Day pilot project to create permanent community gardens and orchards.
- 2. Urban Wilderness Classroom:** Connect to Fairmont Elementary School and bring nature closer to students.
- 3. Improved Play Structures and Gathering Spaces:** Enhance the existing park and attract multi-generational use.
- 4. Connection to Greenway:** Create a defined entry from Liberty Street to the Greenway and park. (see *Ohlone Greenway Master Plan*)
- 5. Connection to Park:** Create a mid-block connection between the park and Lexington Avenue and Stockton Avenue.
- 6. Pacific Chorus Frog Habitat:** Protect habitat and connect to wilderness classroom activities. (see *Ohlone Greenway Master Plan*)
- 7. Oak Grove:** Create an oak grove adjacent to the schoolyard. (per *Ohlone Greenway Master Plan*)

Improved Connectivity

Strengthened Ohlone Greenway

Enhanced/Expanded Parks

5. Central Park and Adjacent Parcel at Central and Belmont

Ownership: Private* and Public - City of Richmond** and City of El Cerrito

* Any opportunities on a private parcel will be dependent on property owner's interest and consent

** Will require joint partnership with the City of Richmond



* Private property highlighted in purple.

Annual Runoff Treated (Gal/yr): 27,429

Pollutants Removed (lb/yr):

TSS: 5.72

Nitrate + Nitrite: 0.02

TP: 0.02

Lead: 0.01

TKN: 0.04

Zinc: 0.01

Urban Greening Opportunities

- 1. Creek Naturalization:** Naturalize existing concrete channel to provide riparian edge and extend notion of creek to Central Park. Realign creek to provide appropriate space on both sides for channel naturalization. (Within City of Richmond)
- 2. Improved Play Structures and Gathering Spaces:** Enhance the existing park furniture and gathering spaces to create a neighborhood destination.
- 3. Multi-functional Park Space:** Consider programming park as multi-use space, with flexible recreation uses at different times to allow the park to serve more neighborhood residents (for example times when baseball diamond is not in peak use).
- 4. Green Gateway:** Create a gateway experience and improve connectivity along Central Avenue.
- 5. Connectivity:** Create a pedestrian and bicycle pathway connecting Central Park and Creekside Park

Greener Gateways

Improved Connectivity

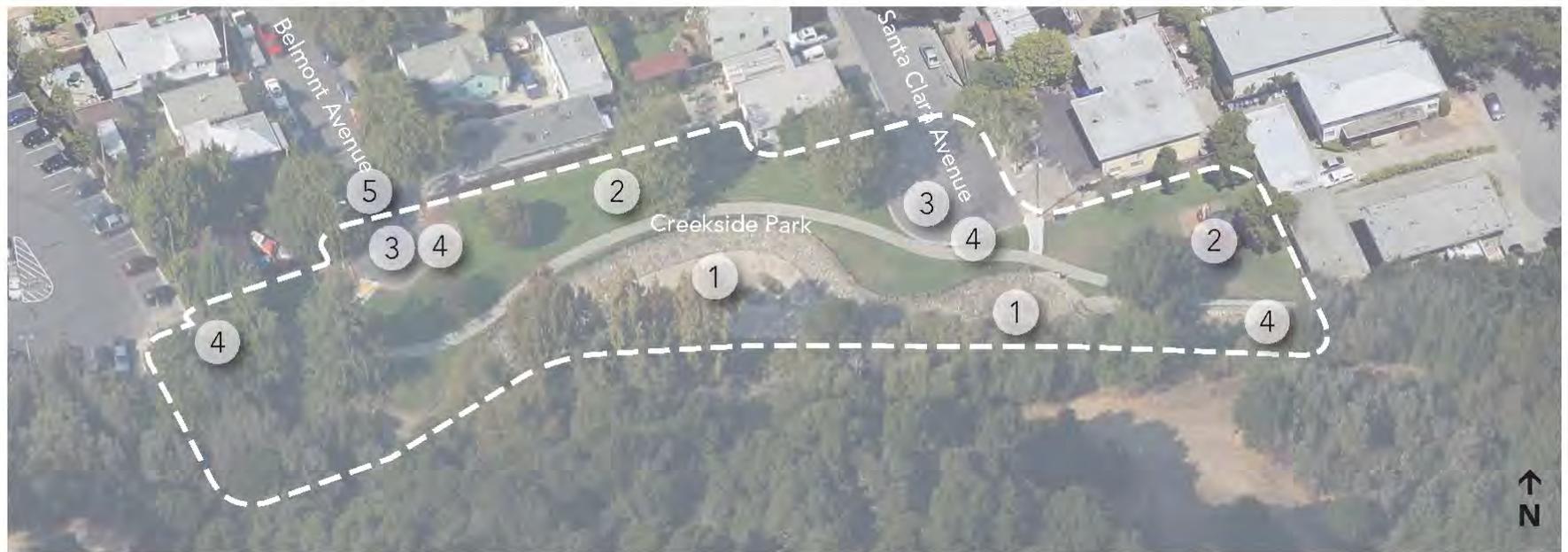
Enhanced/Expanded Parks

Stronger Higher Density Areas

Enhanced Creeks

6. Creekside Park

Ownership: Public - City of El Cerrito



Urban Greening Opportunities

1. **Wetland:** Re-purpose existing shallow concrete pools to be functioning wetlands or other flow based treatment measure. Keep overall form of the existing feature to recognize its history. Lower bottom of feature to be consistent with adjacent creek bed and plant with water tolerant species of reeds/rushes. Confirm design will be consistent with C.3 requirements to allow for potential future LID credits. Study opportunities to provide climate change resilience through flooding relief.
2. **Enhanced Gathering Spaces:** Provide additional seating and furniture for social gathering near the play structure and repurposed wetlands.
3. **Temporary Park Expansion:** Expand park into cul-de-sacs for temporary events and play to increase park visibility and connection to surrounding neighborhoods.
4. **Connectivity and Wayfinding:** Improve wayfinding to park and build upon existing sidewalk recycled glass treatments with additional urban design and landscape improvements to lead visitors from surrounding neighborhoods and San Pablo Avenue to the park.
5. **Connectivity:** Create a pedestrian and bicycle pathway connecting Central Park and Creekside Park, and complete bridges connecting to Albany Hill

Annual Runoff Treated (gal/yr): 8,443,925
Pollutants Removed (lb/yr):
 TSS: 2,624.51 Nitrate + Nitrite: 26.21
 TP: 7.13 Lead: 3.24
 Copper: 0.69 Zinc: 5.88

- Improved Connectivity
- Stronger Higher Density Areas
- Enhanced/Expanded Parks
- Enhanced Creeks
- Enriched Natural Areas

7. Hillside Natural Area and Madera Property

Ownership: Private* and Public - City of El Cerrito

**Any opportunities on a private parcel will be dependent on property owner's interest and consent*



**Private property highlighted in purple.*

Urban Greening Opportunities

1. **Connectivity:** Improve trail connections between natural areas, and close gaps.
2. **Park Enhancement:** Continue to expand natural area to create connected park system into areas such as the Madera property and PG&E right-of-way.
3. **Green Infrastructure:** Integrate green infrastructure to lower park resource usage and use low-maintenance plantings, furnishings and materials.
4. **Creeks:** Enhance and highlight riparian corridors that run through the natural area.
5. **Green Gateways/Staging Areas:** Create an gateway experience at key park entryways.
6. **Trails:** Consider formalizing desire lines into a pedestrian trail system through the PG&E right-of-way to enhance connections to Hillside Natural Area.
7. **Green Infrastructure:** Repurpose portions of the right-of-way for water quality management.
8. **Active Recreation:** Provide opportunities for active recreation, such as bicycle trails, parks or other amenities

Improved Connectivity

Enriched Natural Areas

Enhanced Creeks

Enhanced/Expanded Parks

8. El Cerrito Plaza

Ownership: Private* and Public - City of El Cerrito

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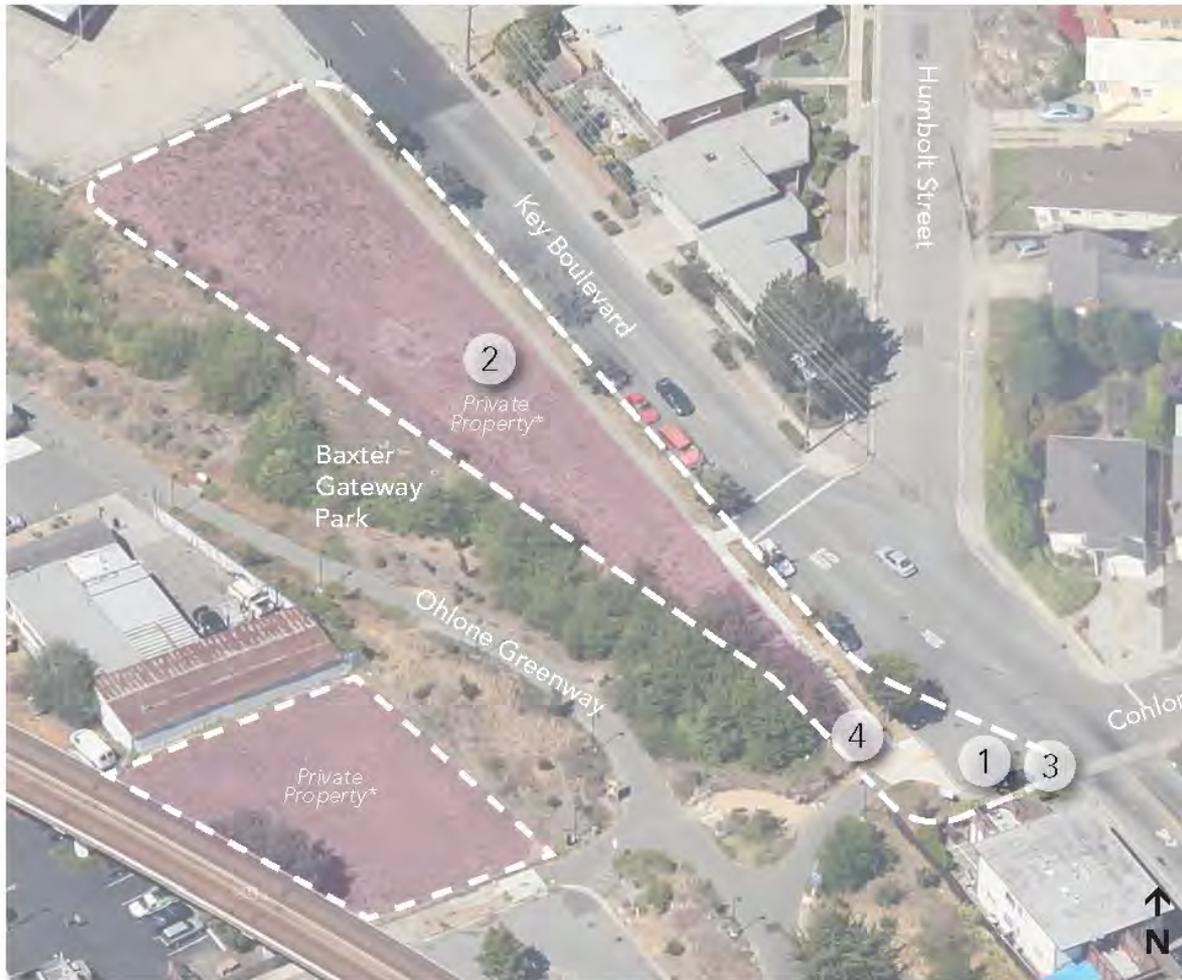
Urban Greening Opportunities

- Green Gateway:** Create an identifiable gateway experience at the southern entry to the City along San Pablo Avenue.
- Creekside Trail:** Improve connectivity of creekside trail east and west of San Pablo Avenue through a mid-block crossing.
- Neighborhood Park:** Consider incorporating a neighborhood park to serve this higher density neighborhood in underutilized spaces adjacent to the greenway.
- Biofiltration Gardens:** Repurpose small portions of the street right-of-way for water quality management. Focus on areas adjacent to existing inlets to minimize area of disturbance and costs.
- Commercial Corridors:** Activate the corridors along San Pablo Avenue and Fairmount Avenue.
- Enhance Creeks:** Establish or enhance riparian corridors along edges where creeks exist building on previous work and proposed creek daylighting with Creekside Walk development.
- Connectivity:** Improve Connections to the Ohlone Greenway from Albany Middle School and planned Creekside Walk project.

9. Conlon Avenue/Key Boulevard ROW and Lot

Ownership: Private* and Public - City of El Cerrito

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*Private property highlighted in purple.

Urban Greening Opportunities

1. **Pocket Park:** Repurpose the excess street right-of-way to create a pocket park with furnishings and space for social gathering and as a gateway to the Ohlone Greenway.
2. **Neighborhood Park:** Consider converting vacant lot to a neighborhood park with social gathering spaces, play spaces and other recreation opportunities.
3. **Pollinator Pathway:** Establish a pollinator pathway up Conlon Ave. Between the Ohlone Greenway and Canyon Trail Park.
4. **Creeks:** Highlight the creek that runs under Conlon Avenue through landscape, paving, and/or signage.

Additional notes: Greening opportunities could be considered in aggregate or as separate projects pending site and funding availability. Traffic calming measures at Conlon and Key should be considered along with urban greening improvements.

- Improved Connectivity
- Strengthened Ohlone Greenway
- Stronger Higher Density Areas
- Enhanced/Expanded Parks

10. Cutting/San Pablo Avenue Lot

Ownership: Private** and Public - City of El Cerrito

*Any opportunities on a private parcel will be dependent on property owner's interest and consent



*Private property highlighted in purple. Improvements likely as part of future development

Urban Greening Opportunities

- 1. Pocket Park:** Create increased activity and open space along San Pablo Avenue and near the BART station to encourage social gathering and economic development.
- 2. Temporary Pop-up Park:** Encourage short-term activities such as community events, food vendors, and seasonal commercial to activate the vacant lot until a permanent pocket park can be planned and constructed as part of future development.
- 3. Green Infrastructure:** Repurpose small portions of the street right-of-way on San Pablo Avenue for water quality management. Focus on areas adjacent to existing inlets to minimize area of disturbance and costs. Dependent on property owner's interest and consent
- 4. Green Gateway:** Create a gateway experience along Cutting Boulevard towards the El Cerrito del Norte BART Station. Consider planting large trees to enhance the gateway as part of future development.

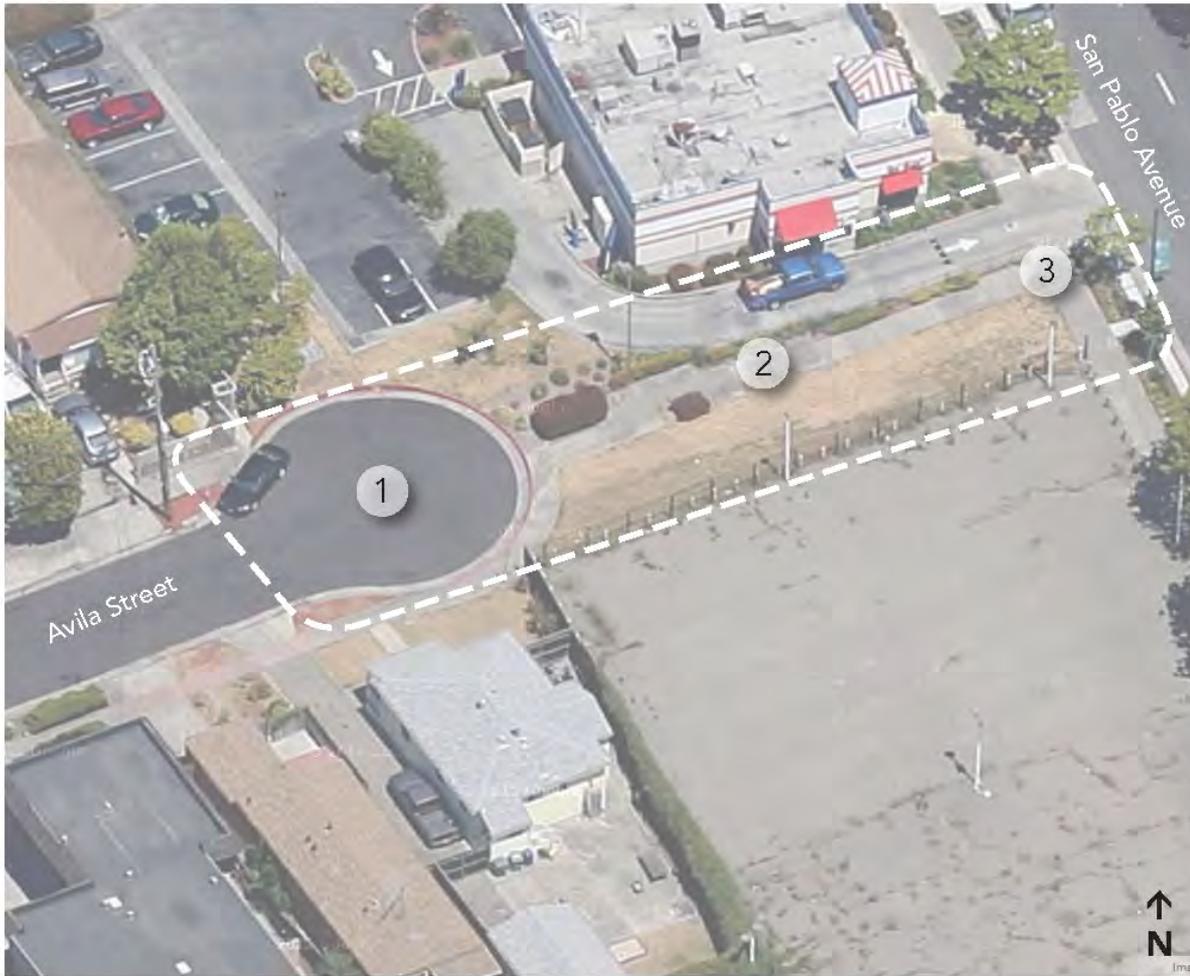
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11. Avila Street/San Pablo Avenue Cul-de-sac

Ownership: Private** and Public - City of El Cerrito



Urban Greening Opportunities

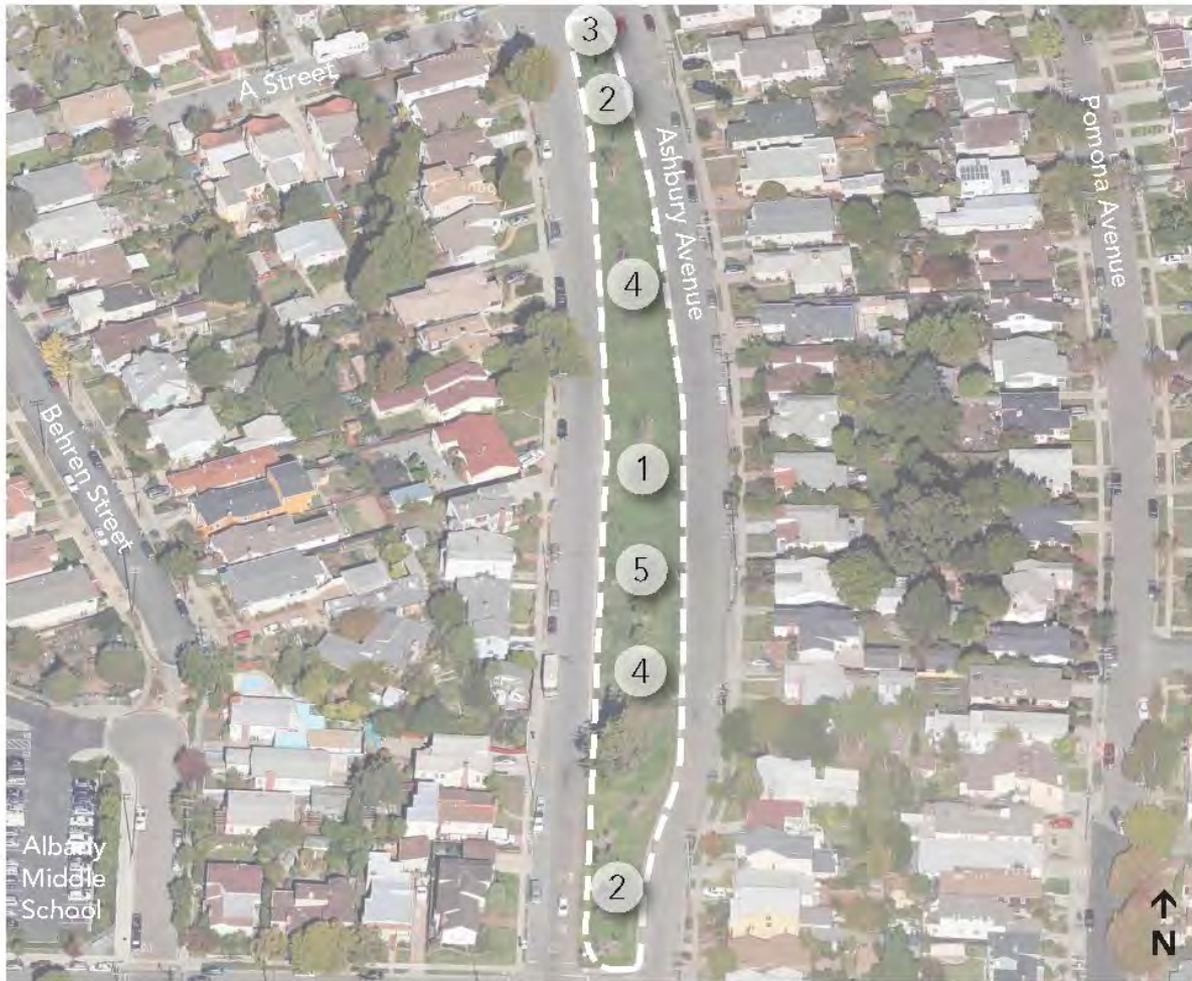
1. **Pocket Park:** In partnership with private development, repurpose the the cul-de-sac to create a pocket park with furnishings and space for social gathering.
2. **Connectivity:** Enhance mid-block pedestrian and bicycle connection to san pablo avenue.
3. **Activity Node:** Plant shade trees and install seating and tables to encourage active use along San Pablo Avenue.

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- Improved Connectivity
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12. Ashbury Avenue - Brighton to Lynn

Ownership: Public - City of El Cerrito



Urban Greening Opportunities

- 1. Edible Orchard:** Create an edible orchard within the existing large median to attract public use of the street right-of-way and provide an urban agriculture opportunity. *(Will require a strong community organization to steward the orchard).*
- 2. Biofiltration Gardens:** Repurpose a small portion of the grassed median for water quality management. Focus areas adjacent to existing inlets to minimize area of disturbance and costs.
- 3. Pollinator Pathway:** Establish a pollinator pathway along Ashbury Avenue.
- 4. Social Gathering:** Create areas for seating and social gathering. Also encourage use of median and street right-of-way for community events.
- 5. Improved Maintenance:** Replace water-intensive grass with native and drought-tolerant landscaping to reduce resource use and improve maintainability.

Annual Runoff Treated (gal/yr): 117,774

Pollutants Removed (lb/yr):

TSS: 77.30

Nitrate + Nitrite: 0.11

TP: 0.07

Lead: 0.05

TKN: 0.68

Copper: 0.02

Zinc: 0.10

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Enhanced/Expanded Parks

13. Lower Fairmount Corner

Ownership: Public - City of El Cerrito



Urban Greening Opportunities

- 1. Pocket Parks:** Explore opportunity to vacate, partially vacate, or reconfigure street and convert to downtown plaza/park space for social gathering, pop-up uses, and play.
- 2. Connectivity:** Enhance pedestrian and bicycle connections to San Pablo Avenue by providing additional facilities and on-street amenities that encourage strolling and community gathering.
- 3. Activity Node:** Plant shade trees and install seating and tables to encourage active use along San Pablo Avenue.
- 4. reStreets:** Consider opportunities for green infrastructure, small-scale urban agriculture, and events and programs, and use wayfinding and signage for distinctive image and identity

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14. Former Portola Middle School

Ownership: Public - WCCUSD, and subject to negotiations between the City of El Cerrito and WCCUSD



Urban Greening Opportunities

- 1. New Park:** Create multifunctional community park which connects to and enhances the use of the Community Center and Cerrito Vista
- 2. Biofiltration Gardens:** Repurpose a small portion of the grassed median on Moeser Avenue for water quality management. Focus areas adjacent to existing inlets to minimize area of disturbance and costs.
- 3. Social Gathering:** Create areas for seating and social gathering. Also encourage use of median and street right-of-way for community events.
- 4. Recreation:** Provide space for active and passive recreation
- 5. Urban Agriculture:** Develop a community garden program to provide urban agriculture

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