



Community Workshop #3

August 2nd, 2014

Agenda

9:30 am Welcome & Plan Review

10:30 am Breakout Design Groups

- Bay Trail (Blue Belt) to Wildcat Canyon (Green Belt) Connections
- Hillside Natural Area
- Fairmont Park
- Lower Fairmount Ave

12:00 pm Lunch

12:30 pm Report Back

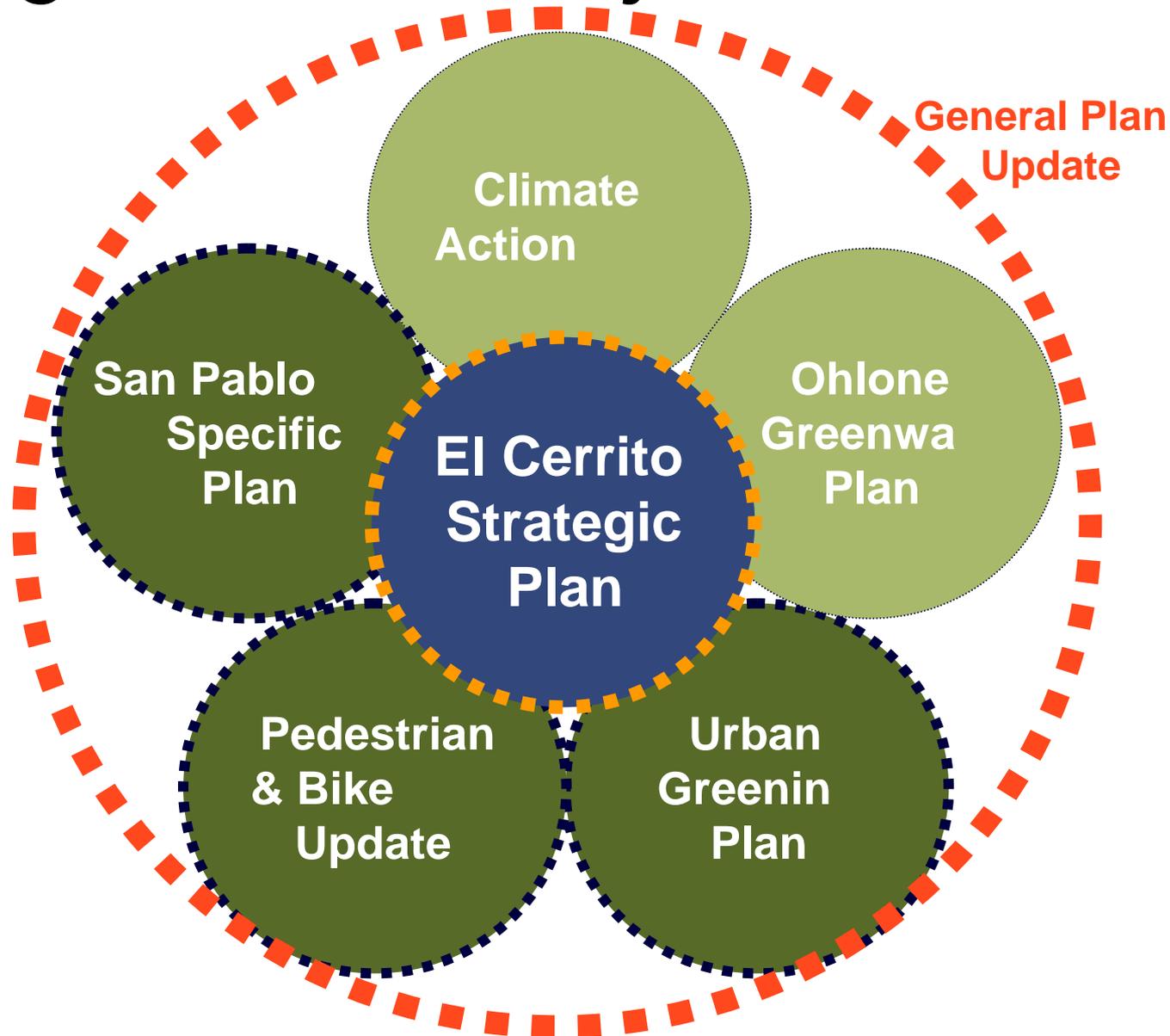
1:30 pm Close



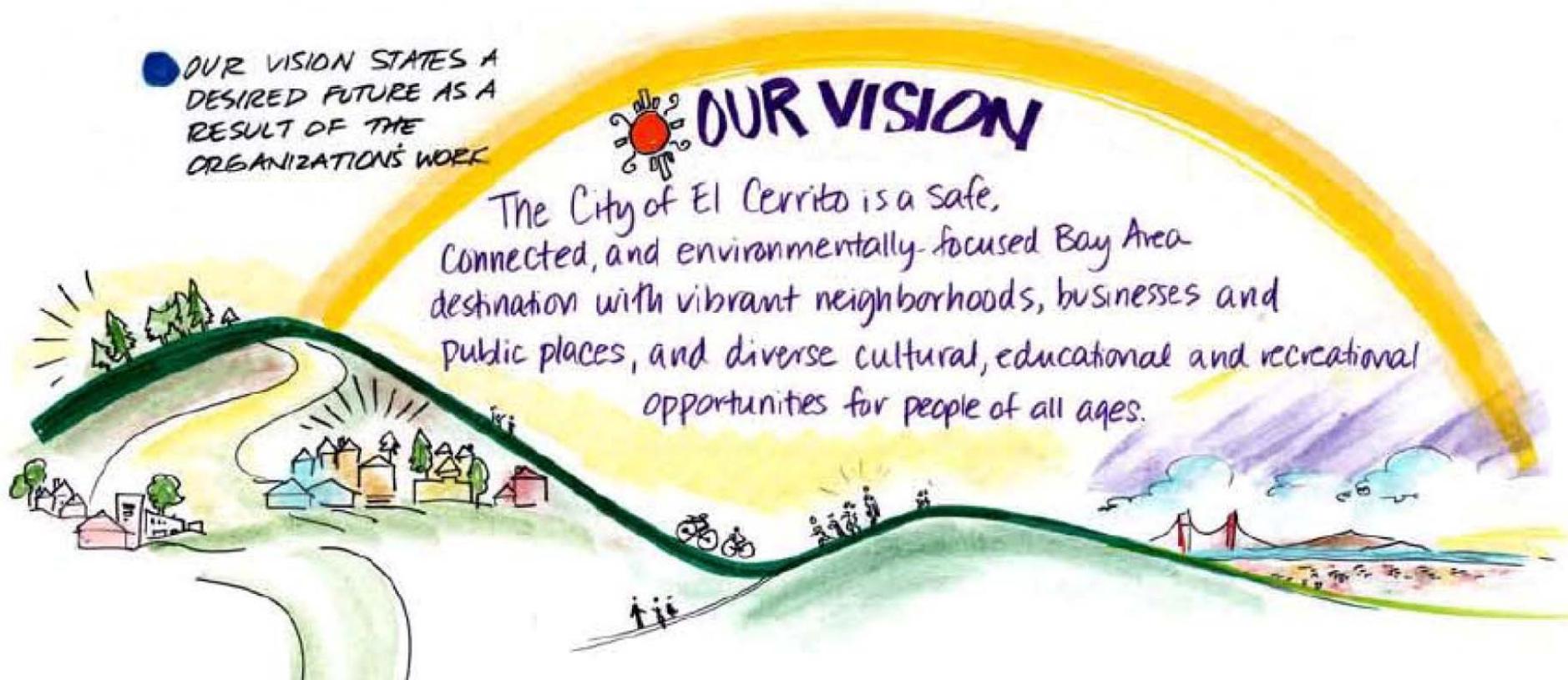
Related Planning Efforts



Integration With City-Wide Initiatives!



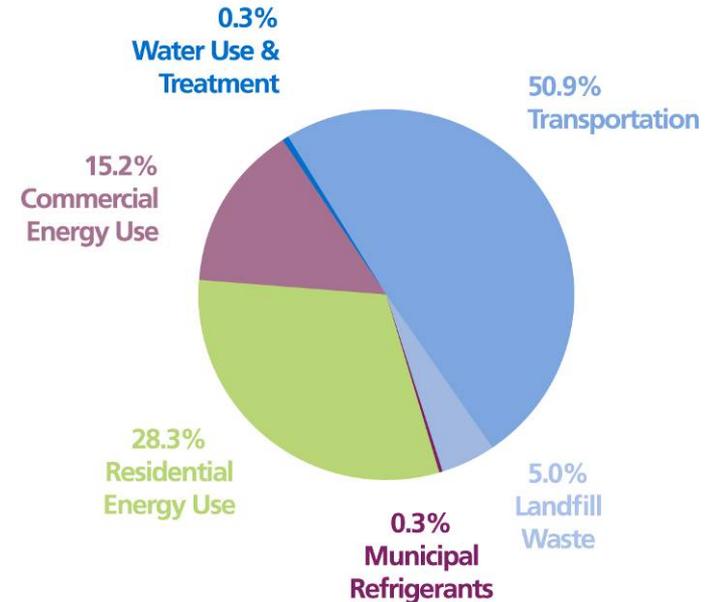
Strategic Action Plan



- Deepen a sense of place and community identity
- Foster environmental sustainability citywide

Climate Action Plan

- Increase economic base to create more jobs, encourage greater vitality and more pedestrian friendly economic activity
- Continue to invest in infrastructure that invites people to walk, bike and take transit in El Cerrito
- Increase and enhance urban green open space to protect biodiversity, conserve natural resources & water, foster walking and bicycling, and improve health & quality of life
- Develop alternative transportation outreach & incentive campaigns tailored to El Cerrito



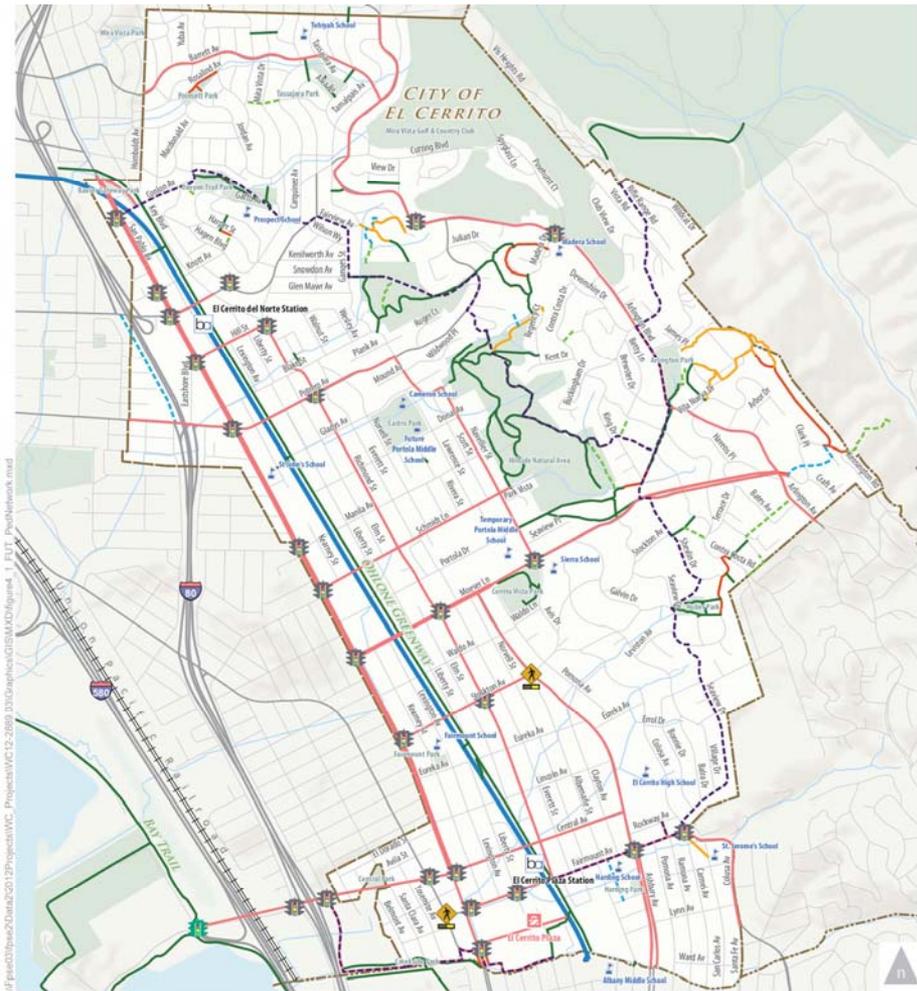
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General Plan

- Quality development with distinct destination areas, including commercial areas, civic center and community places
- New development in San Pablo Ave corridor take place in mixed use activity centers & select perpendicular streets to allow more pedestrian environment.
- Increased residential development to enhance existing neighborhoods
- Access to balance automobile use with improved transit, bike and pedestrian opportunities
- Preservation & enhancement of natural features, trees, creeks, natural open spaces - and historical features

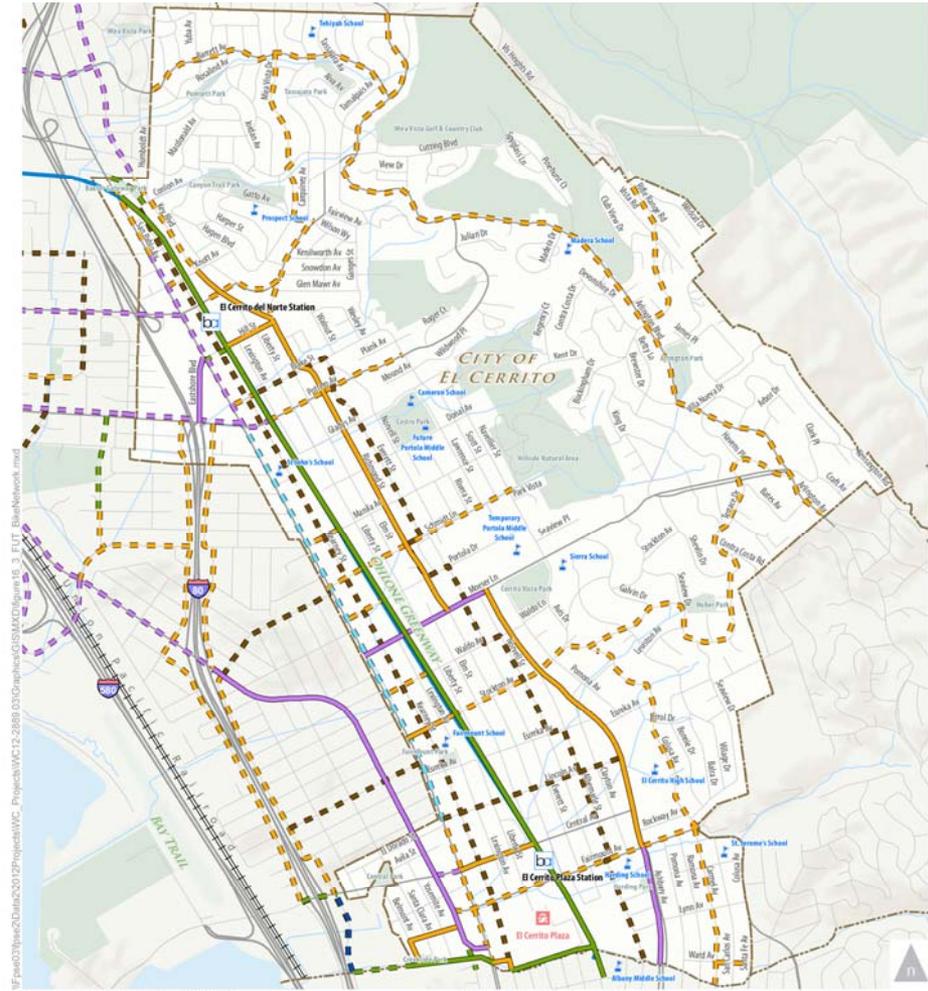


Active Transportation Plan



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| Proposed Pedestrian Network Facilities | | Existing Pedestrian Network Facilities | |
| Proposed Pedestrian Route | Existing Public Trail/Path | Existing Traffic Signal | |
| Proposed Park Trail Connector | City Sidewalk Trail Link | Future Traffic Signal | |
| Proposed Pedestrian Route and Park Trail Connector | Proposed Public Trail | Future Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon | |
| Proposed Trail Connection | Existing Private Trail | | |

Figure 4-1
Proposed Sidewalk and Pathways Network



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| Proposed Bicycle Network Facilities | | Existing Bicycle Network Facilities | |
| Class I Shared-Use Path | Bicycle Boulevard | Class I Shared-Use Path | |
| Class II Bicycle Lane | One-Way Cycle Tracks | Class II Bicycle Lane | |
| Class III with Sharrows | Two-Way Cycle Tracks | Class III with Sharrows | |

Figure 4-2
Proposed Bicycle Network

San Pablo Ave Specific Plan & EIR

- Respond to key community and City Council desires
- More implementation focused
 - Form-Based Code & Complete Street elements
 - Unique, pedestrian & transit-oriented character/sense of place
 - Public-realm and private-realm standards
 - More flexible to market feasibility
 - EIR



Process Overview



Community Engagement Process



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Urban Greening



What is Urban Greening?

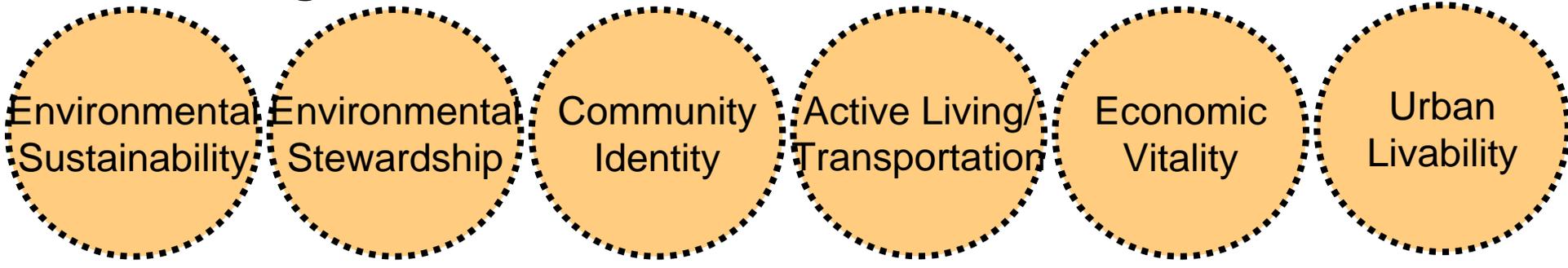
Funded through a Prop 84 grant, the El Cerrito Urban Greening project aims to identify **projects, policies & strategies** to create an **interconnected network of green spaces**, accommodate **infill growth** and improve **quality of life and environment** for existing and future El Cerrito residents...



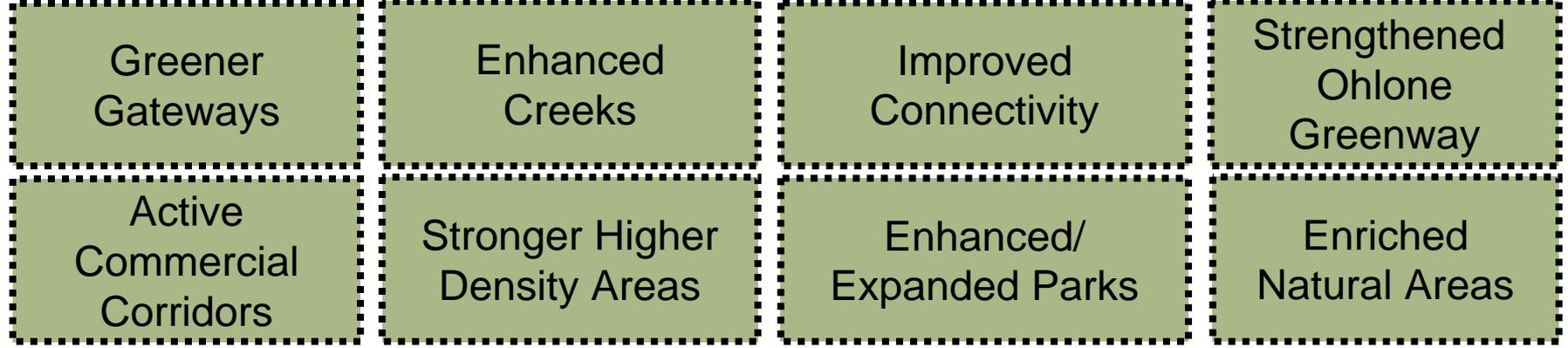
Urban Greening Overarching Framework



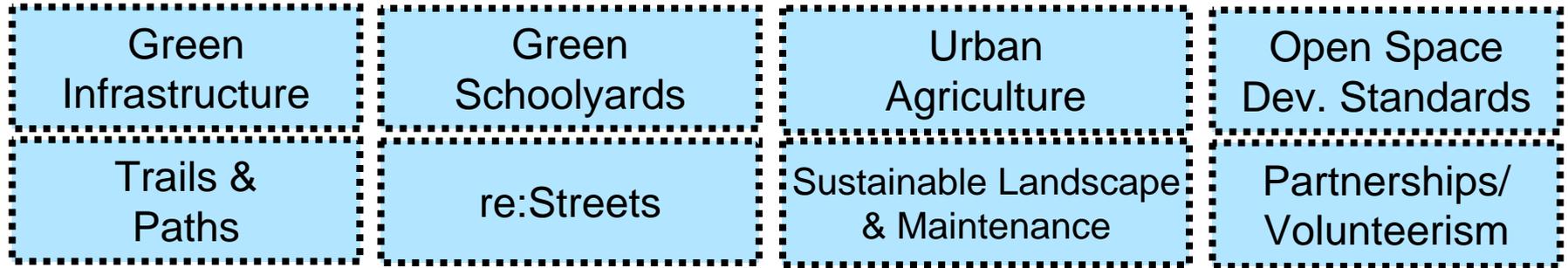
Overarching Goals



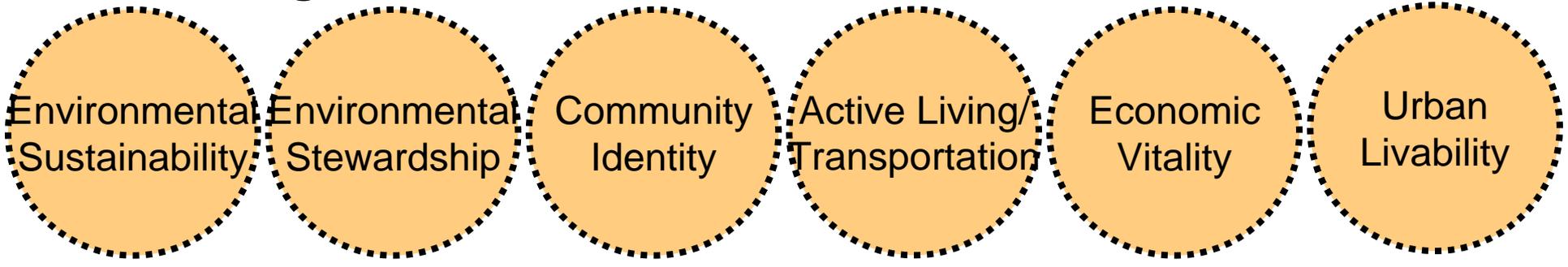
Objectives



Supporting Strategies



Overarching Goals



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Supporting Strategies



Environmental Sustainability



Environmental Stewardship



Community Identity / Urban Form



Community Identity / Sense of Place



Active Living / Active Transportation



Economic Vitality

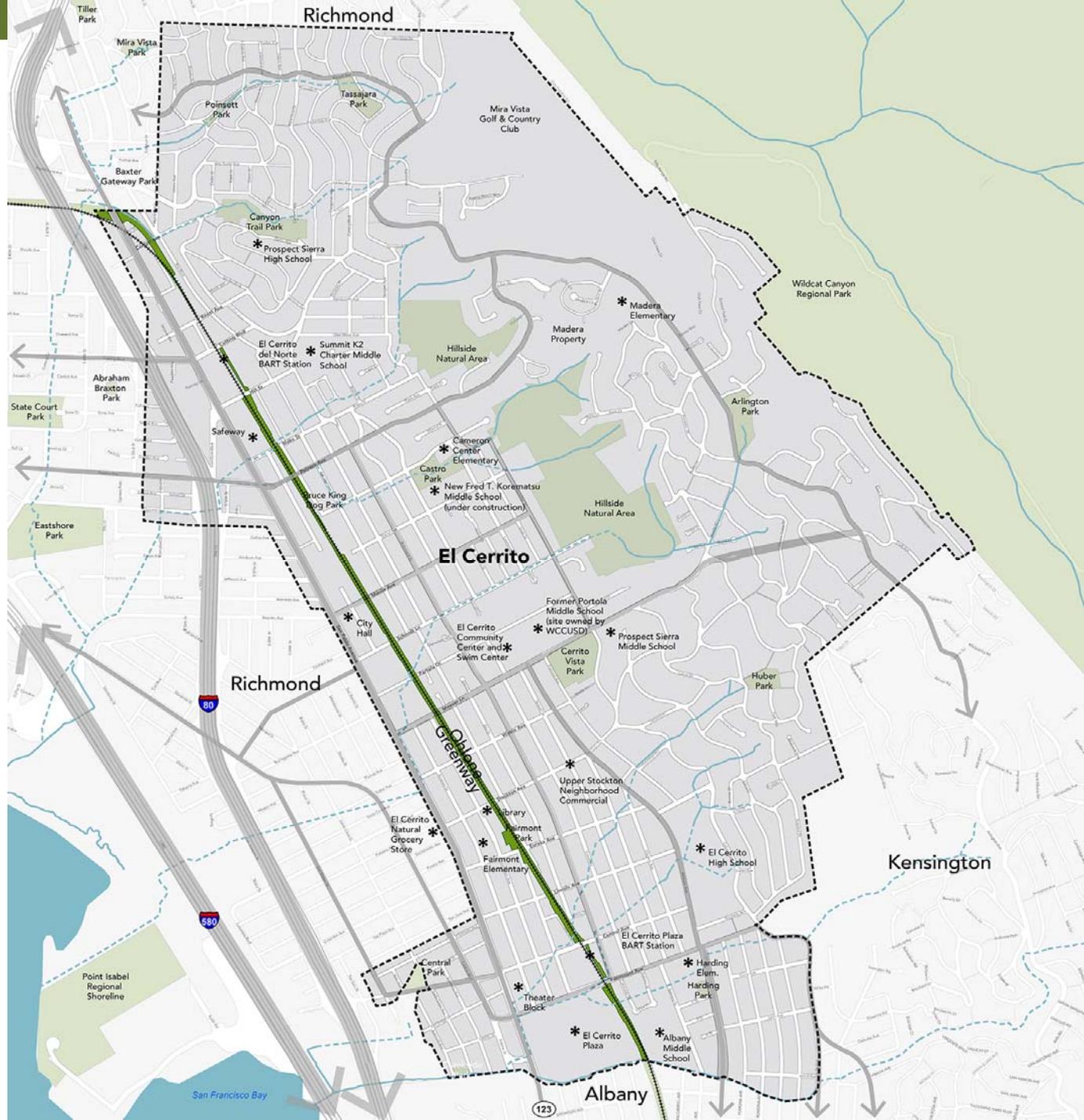


Urban Livability



El Cerrito Urban Greening Vision Map

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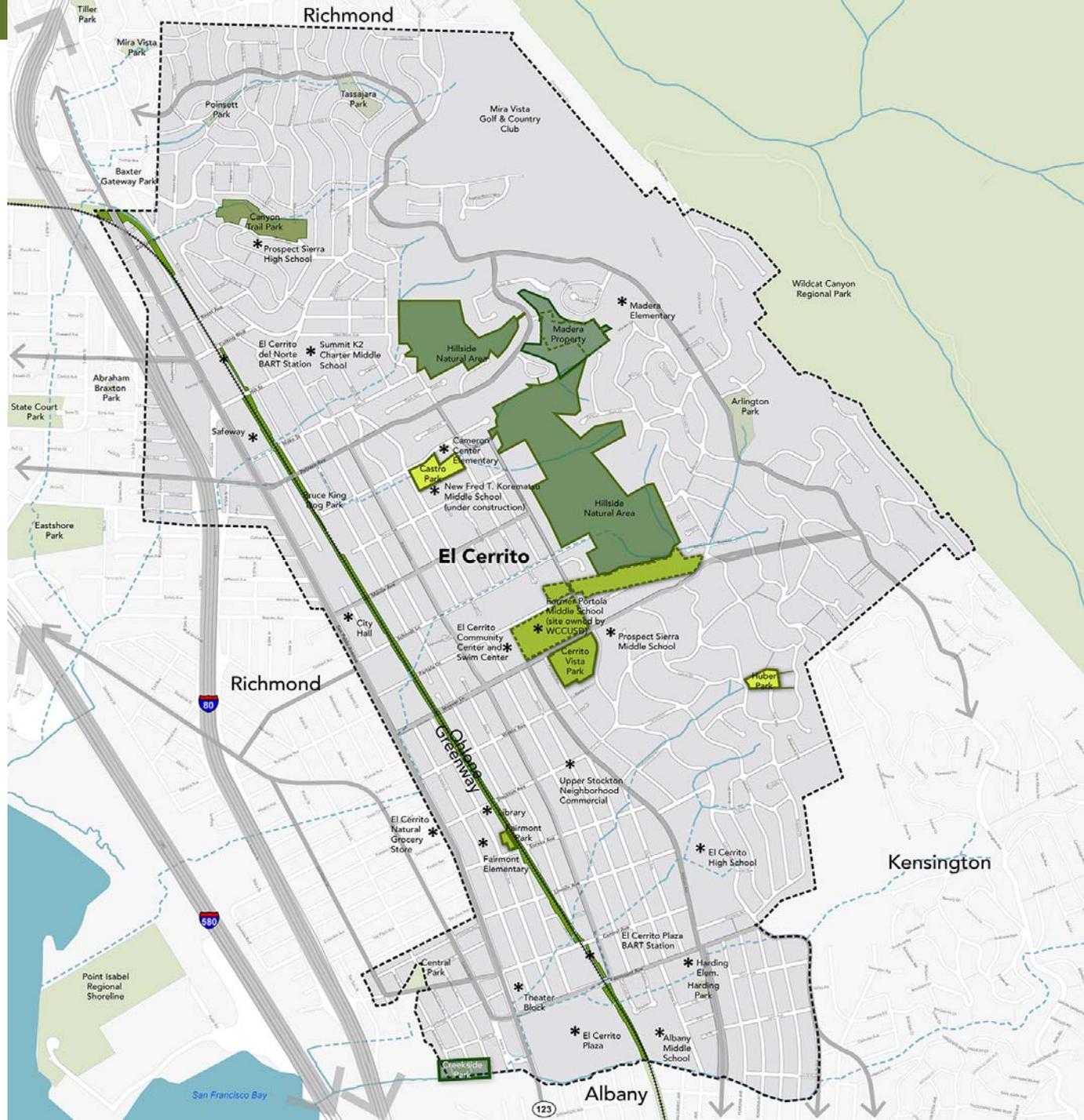


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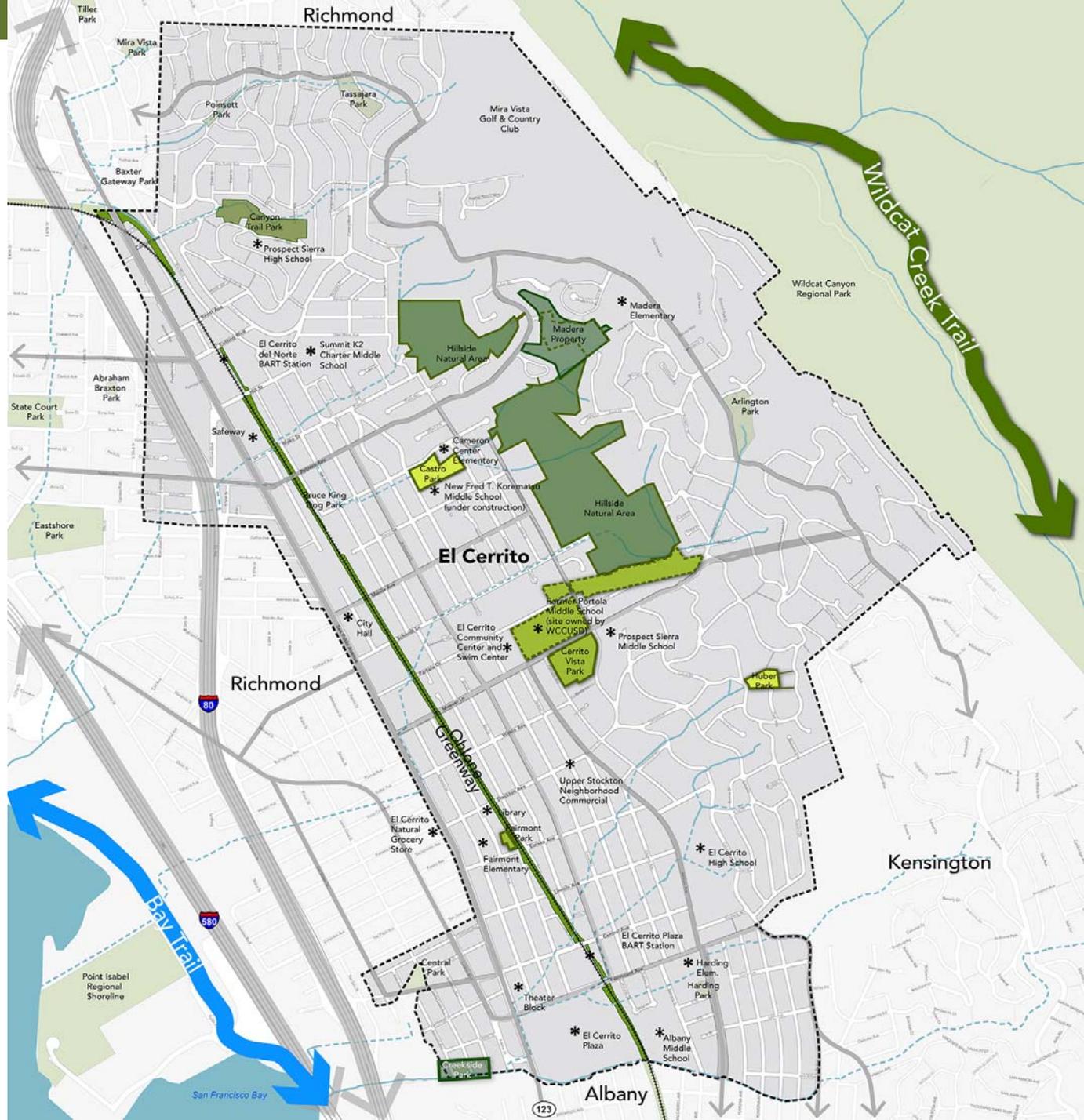
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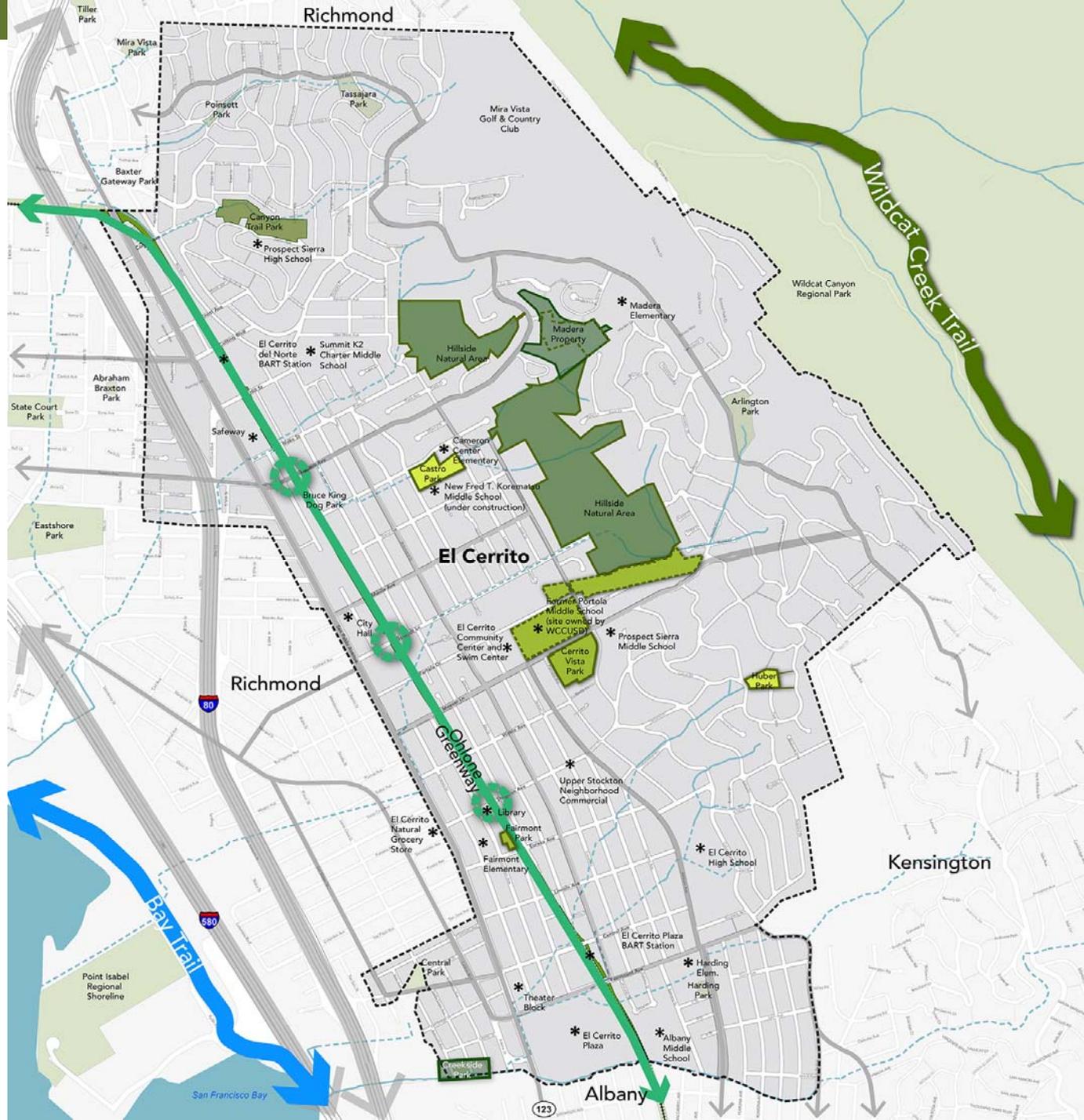


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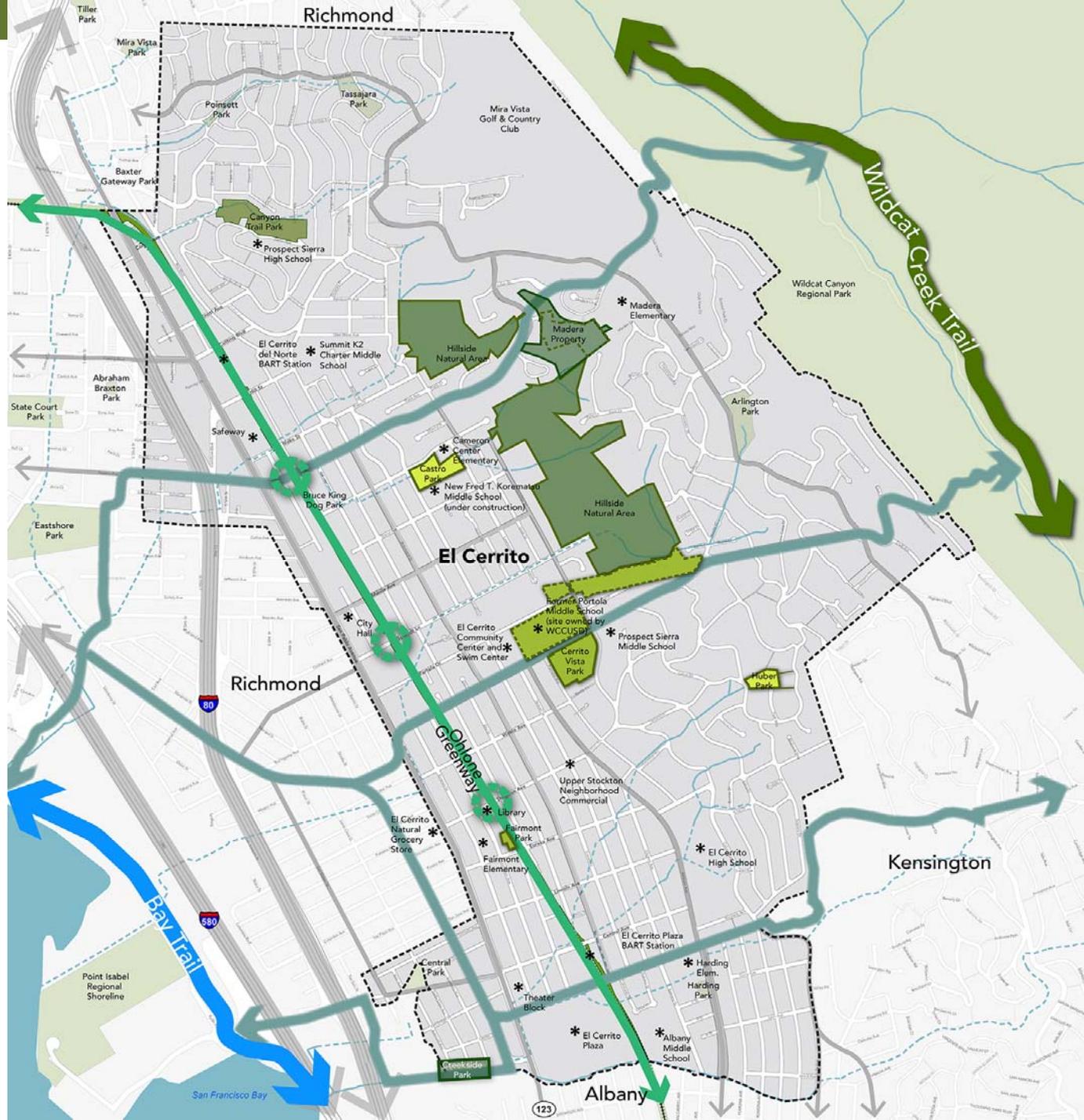


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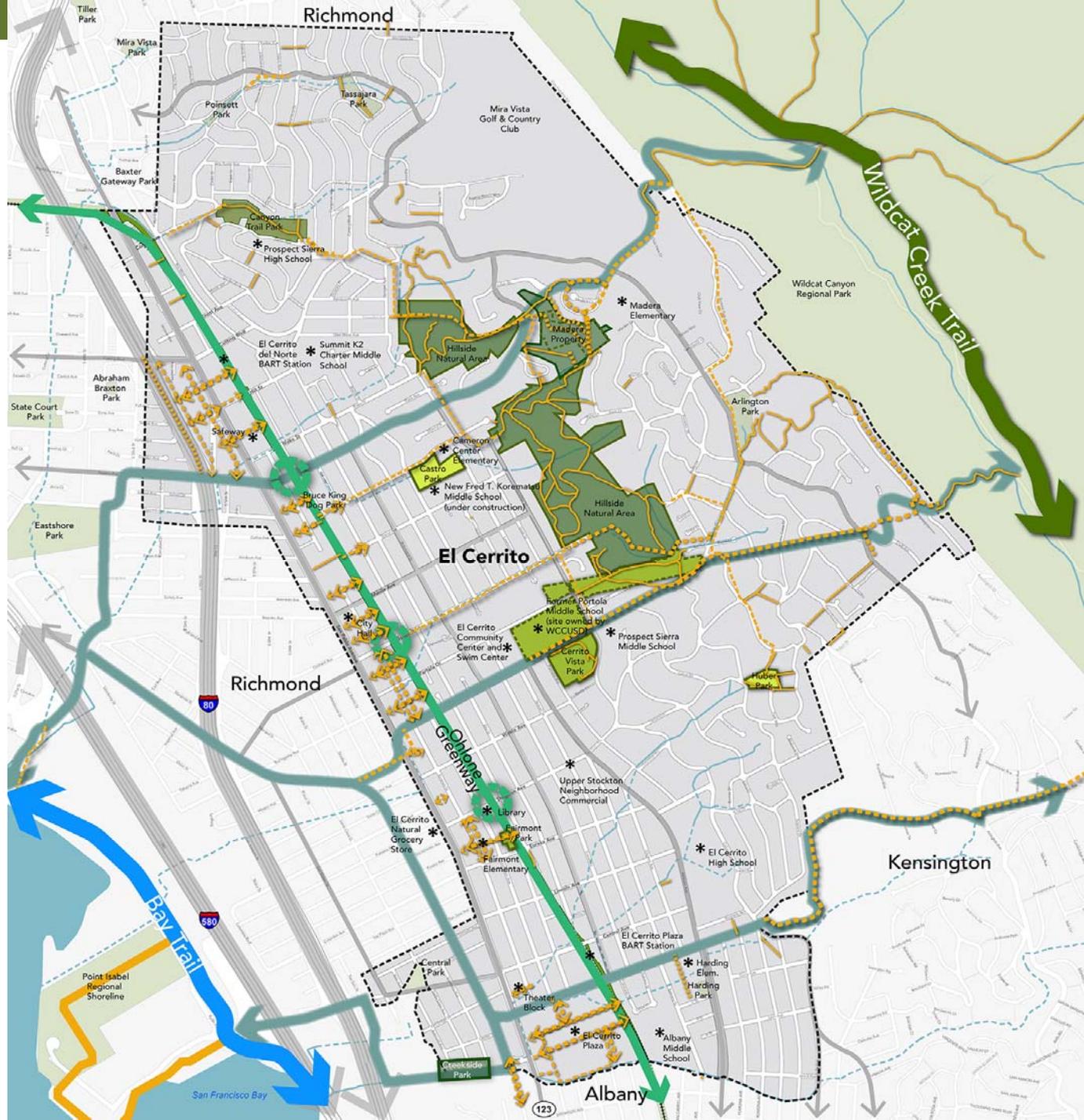


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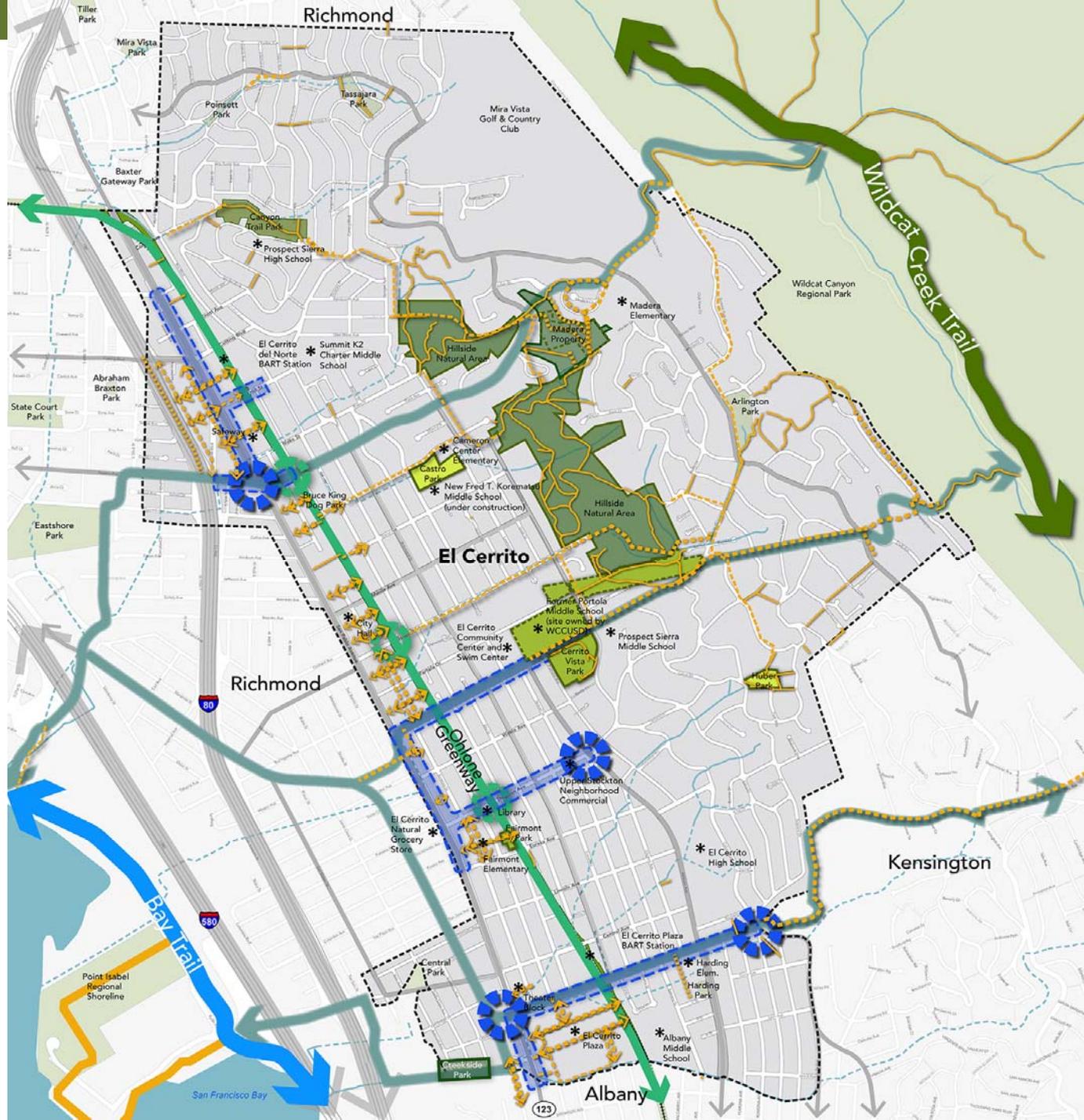
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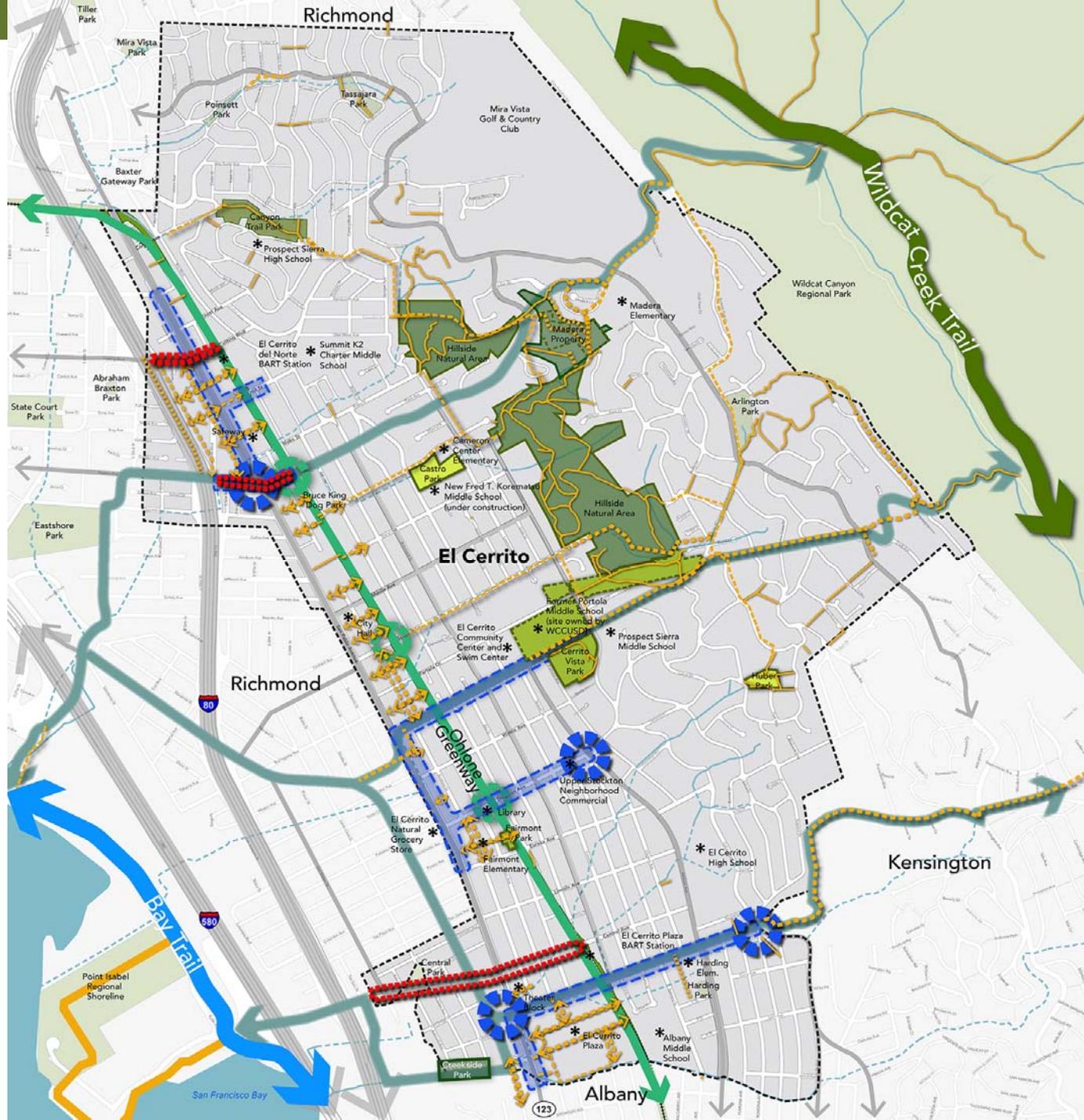


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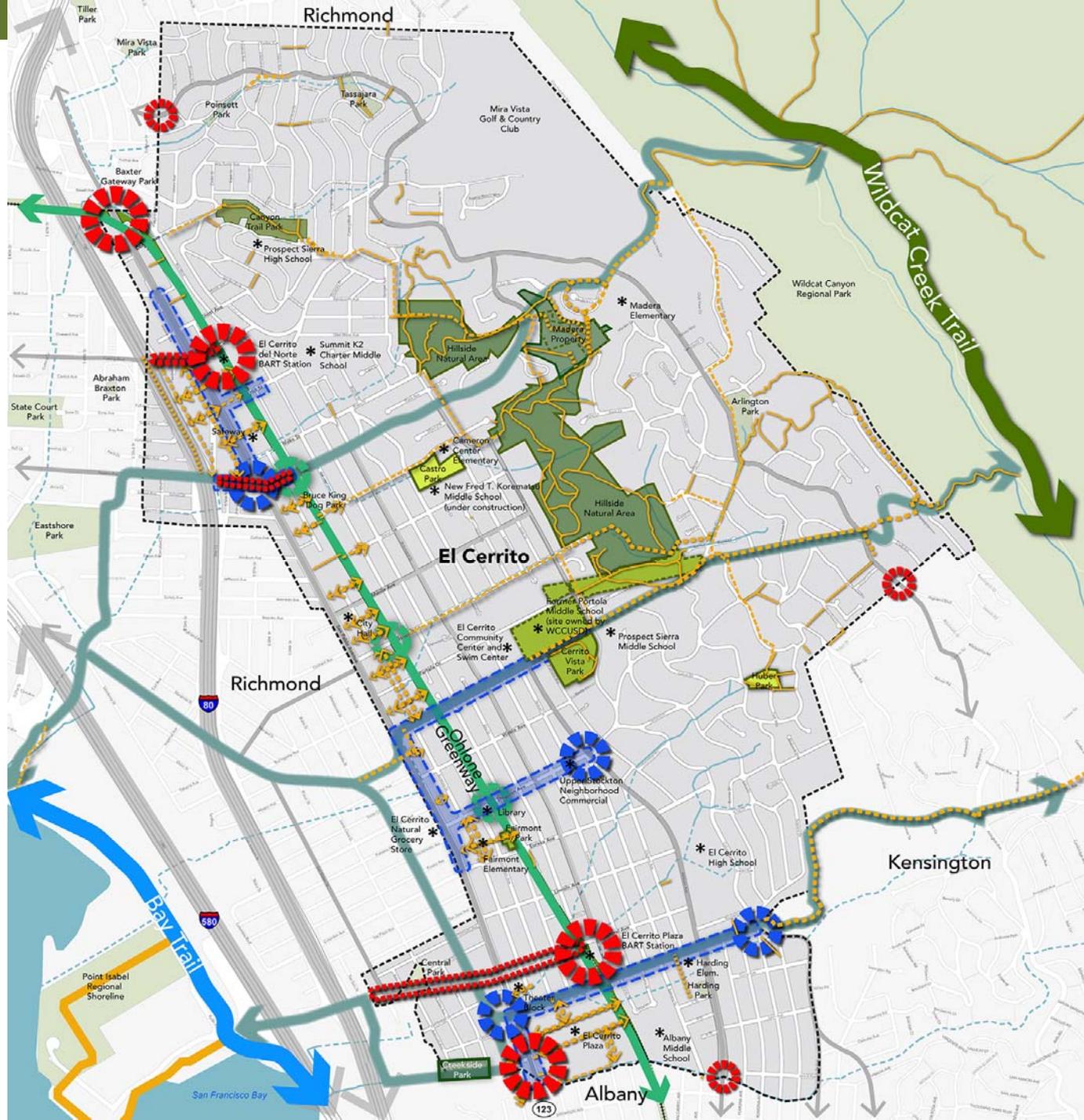


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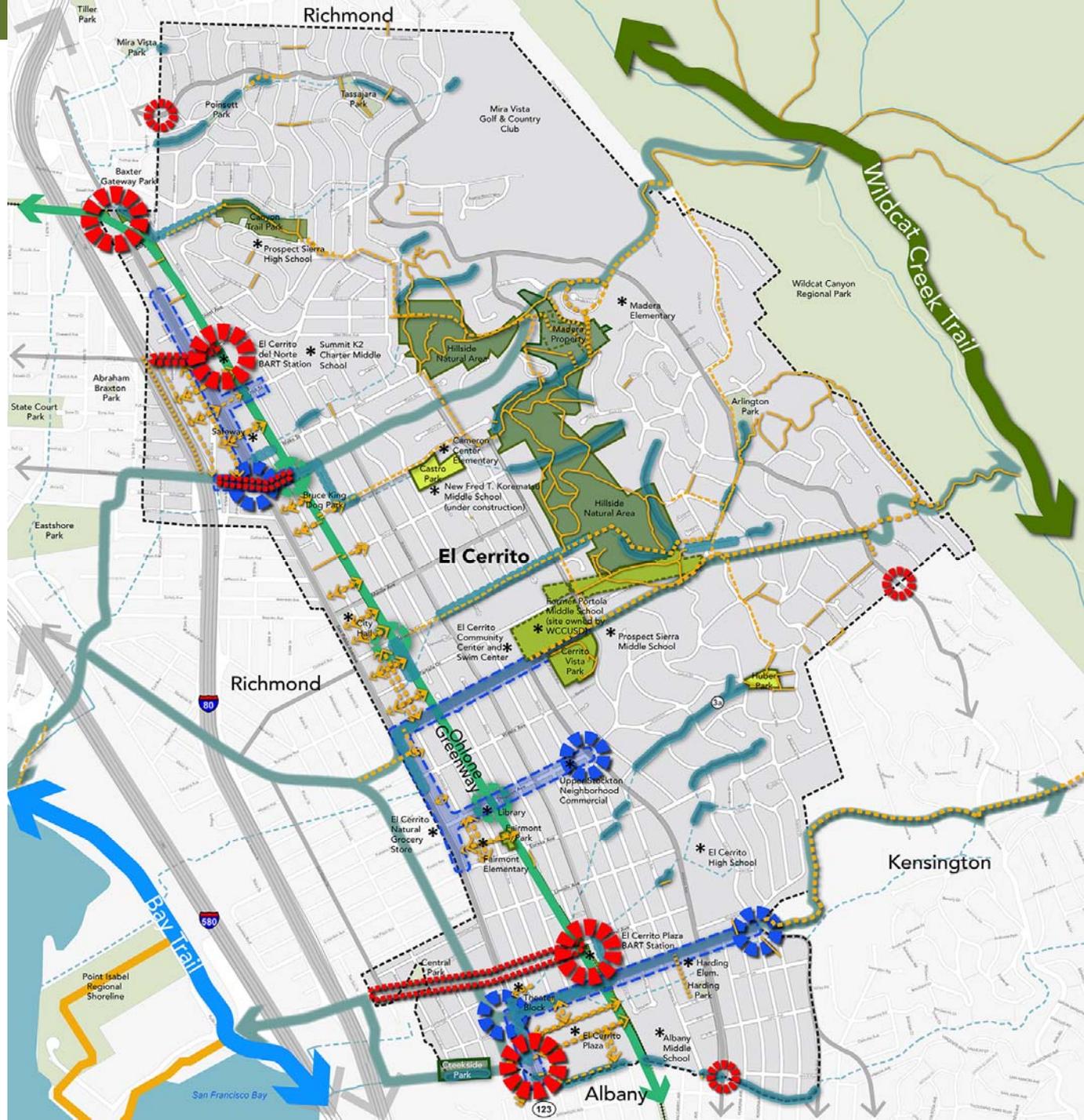
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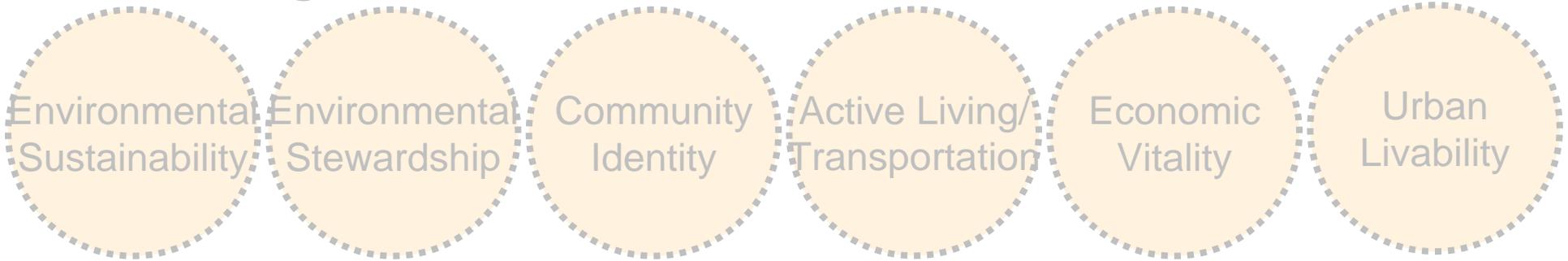




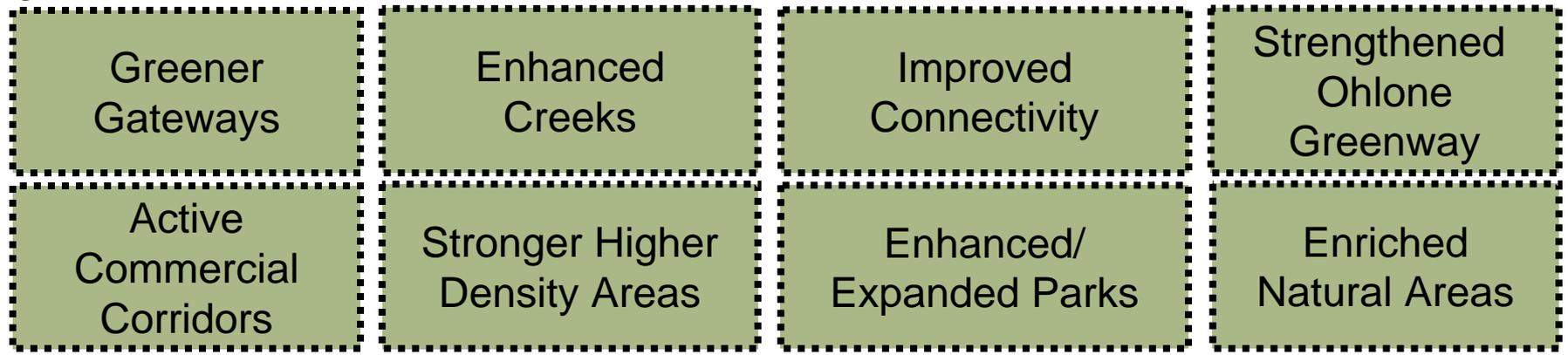
Primary Strategies



Overarching Goals



Objectives



Supporting Strategies



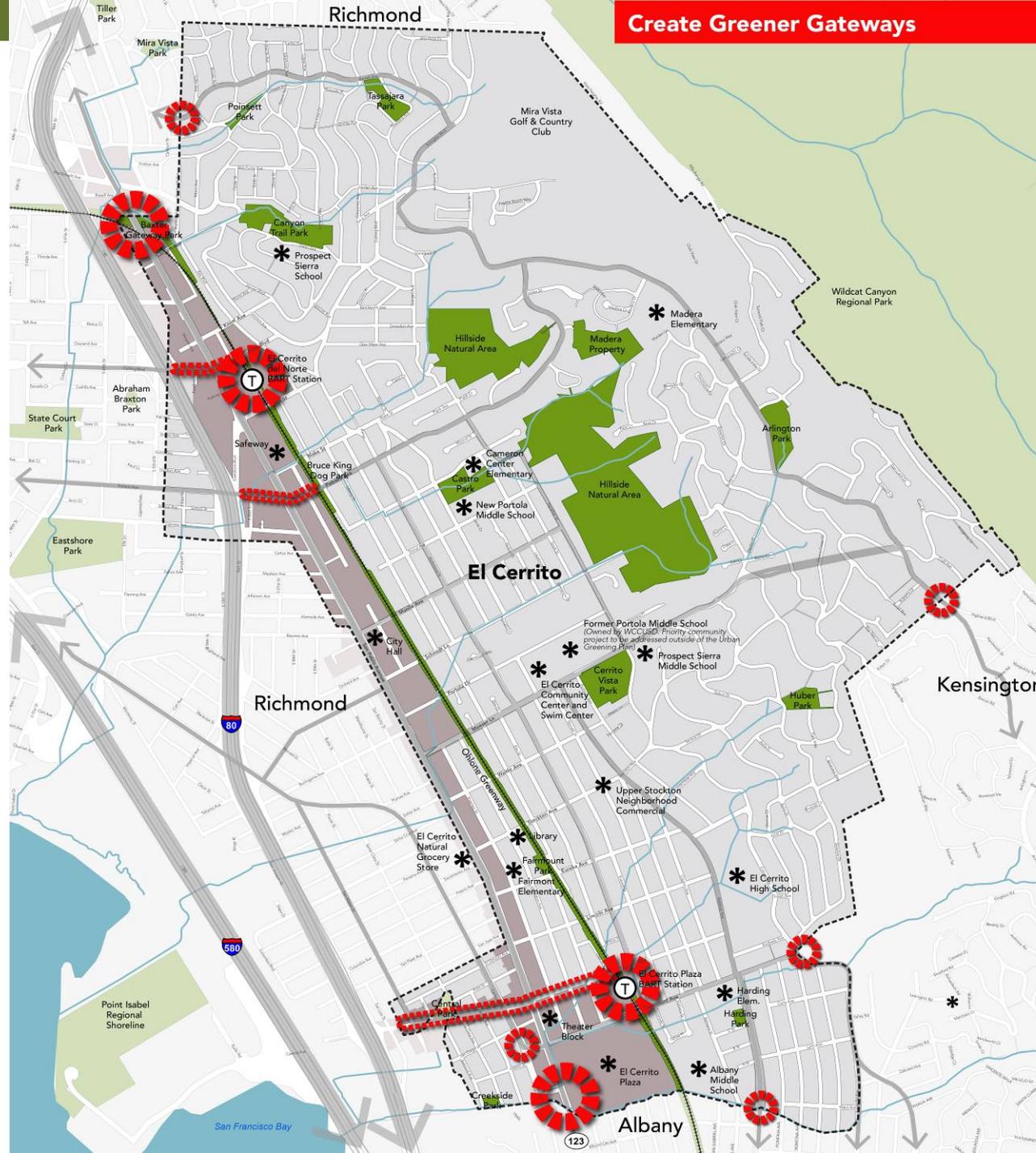
Greener Gateways

- Reinforce community identity and sense of place



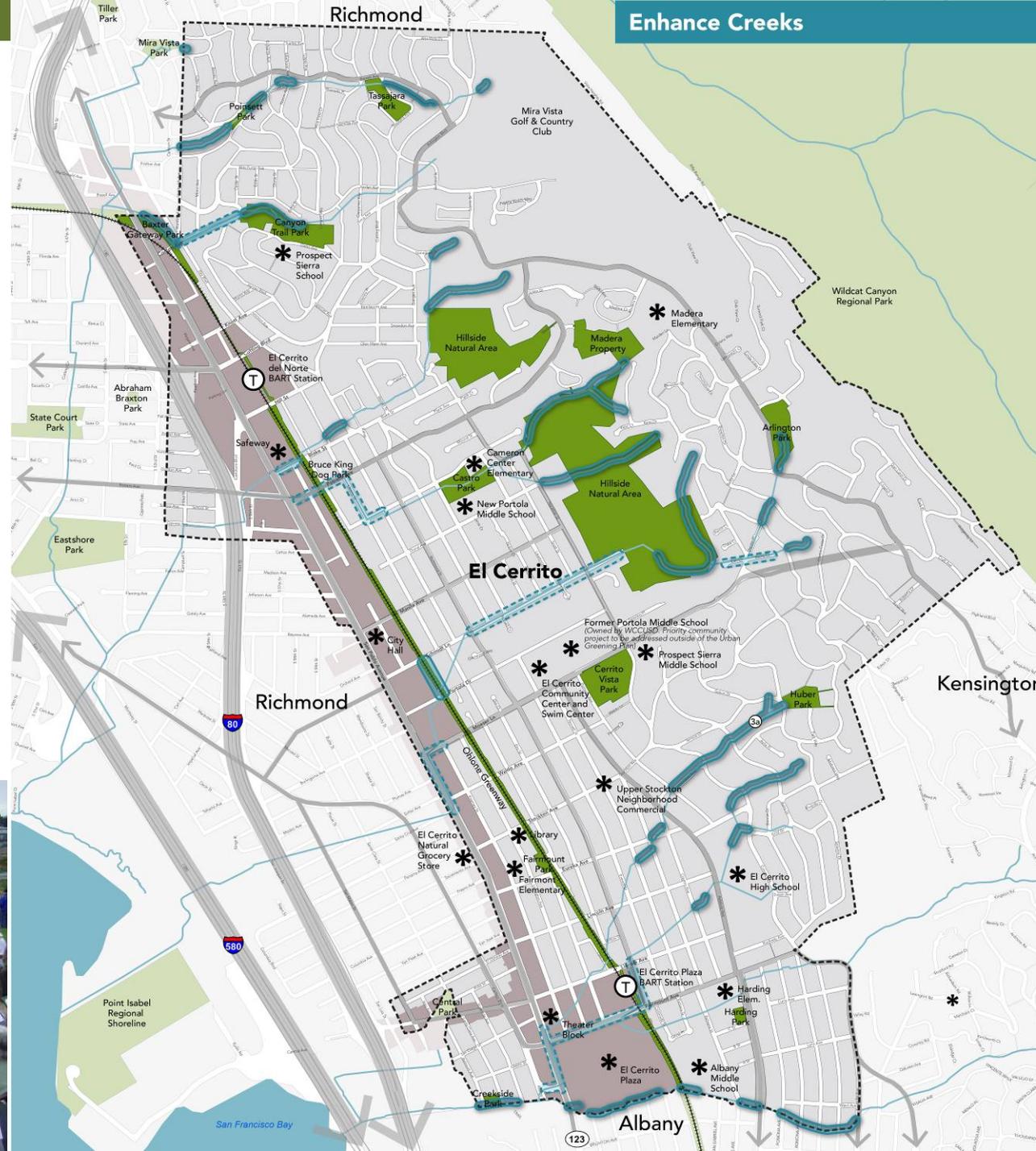
Greener Gateways

- Improve and highlight natural elements such as creeks and urban forests at major City entrances and gateways



Enhanced Creeks

- Celebrate creeks/riparian areas through enhanced landscaping, art, signage, etc
- Foster continued environmental stewardship



Enhanced Creeks

- Create design guidelines for private projects that celebrate creeks as amenities
- Incentivize private development to daylight creeks
- Explore strategic acquisition of parcels to daylight & enhance access



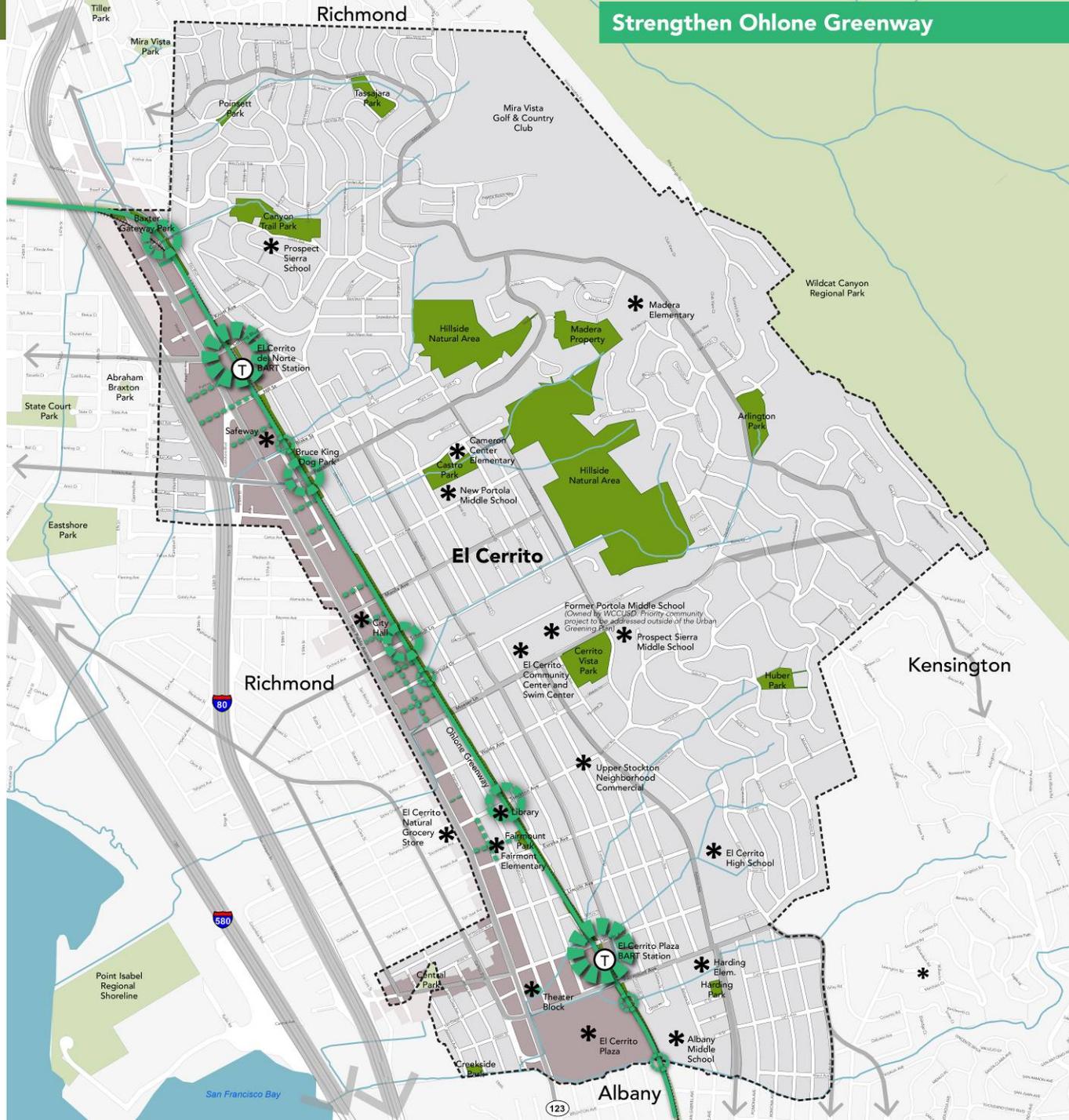
Improved Connectivity

- Connect Green Belt to Blue Belt by creating strong ped-bike access to regional amenities & destinations
- Provide improved pedestrian and bike access throughout City with on-street & mid-block paths such as mews, alleys, etc
- Improve & build upon trail and pathway network



Strengthened Ohlone Greenway

- Implement Master Plan
- Focus on connectivity to San Pablo Ave, BART stations & commercial & residential areas
- Develop nodes of activity along & adjacent to Greenway to enhance its use, character and safety



Strengthened Ohlone Greenway

- Enhance overall ecological features (e.g. native landscaping, bird and pollinator friendly plantings) and connections to creeks
- Develop specific projects and Greenway improvements that implement Urban Greening goals



Active Commercial Corridors

- Create active social gathering spaces and streetscape amenities to increase walkability & attract high quality private development
- Ensure new development enhances ped & bike connectivity & provides high-quality open spaces



Active Commercial Corridors

- Complement streetscape improvements with variety of green multi-purpose open spaces (pocket parks & plazas)
- Program existing & proposed open spaces with various reStreet opportunities eg. commerce, play, pop-up gathering, etc



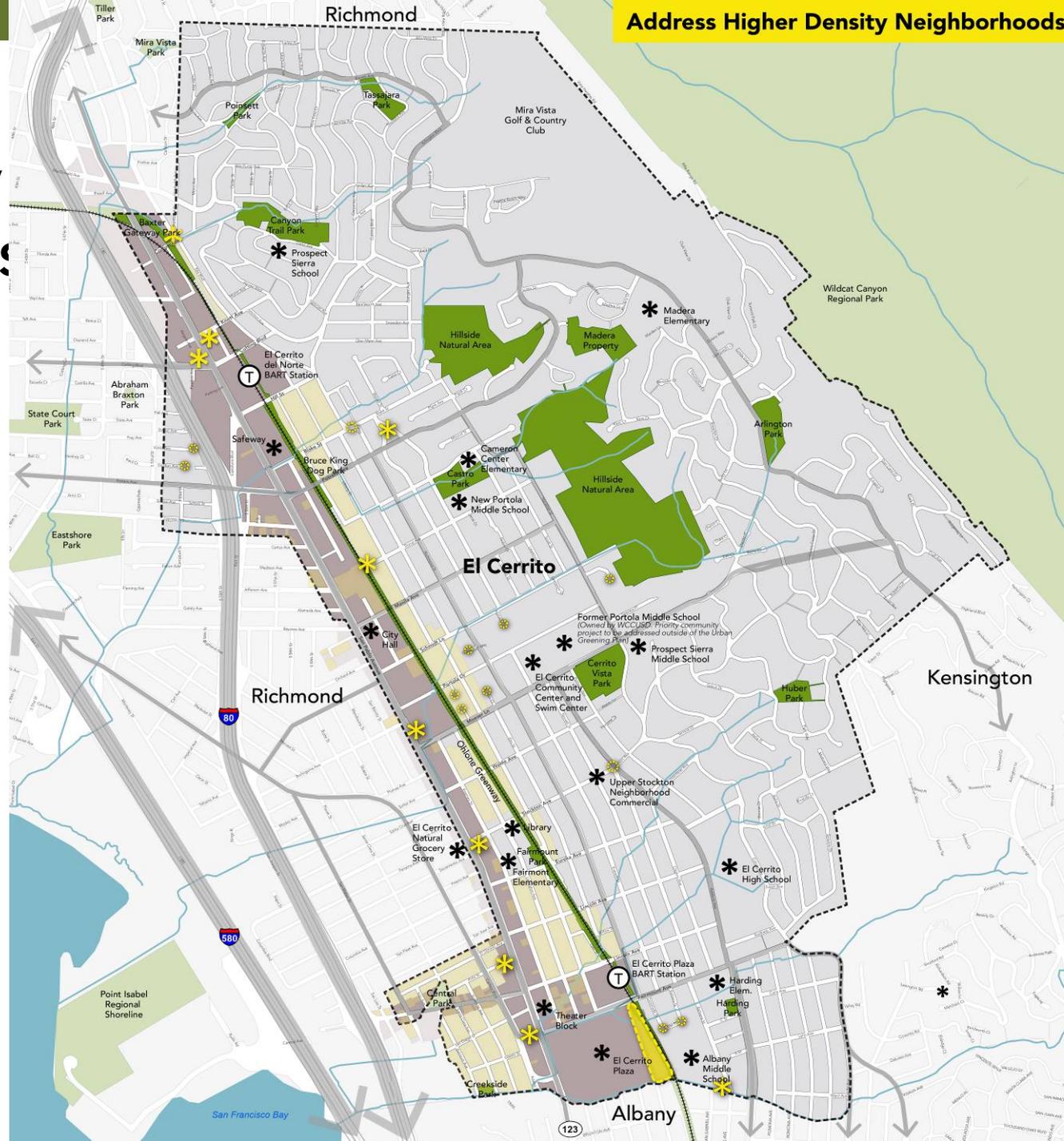
Stronger Higher Density Neighborhoods

- Enhance existing parks in higher density areas to be more multipurpose and higher quality (such as Central Park, Fairmont Park)



Stronger Higher Density Neighborhoods

- Consider the need for new parks, plazas and open space in multi-family and higher density neighborhoods



Enhanced/ Expanded Existing Parks

- Enhance existing amenities and where possible add new facilities
- Integrate environmental benefits through restorative, resource-conserving landscaping
- Explore opportunities to diversify use & make parks more multipurpose



Enriched Natural Areas

- Strengthen and where needed, restore natural habitat areas in existing open spaces such as Hillside Natural Area, Canyon Trail Park.
- Build on community efforts to program and enhance natural areas (outdoor classrooms, bike parks, etc)
- Work with Trail Trekkers, Green Team, Friends of Five Creeks and others to develop and implement a sustainable maintenance plan for these natural areas

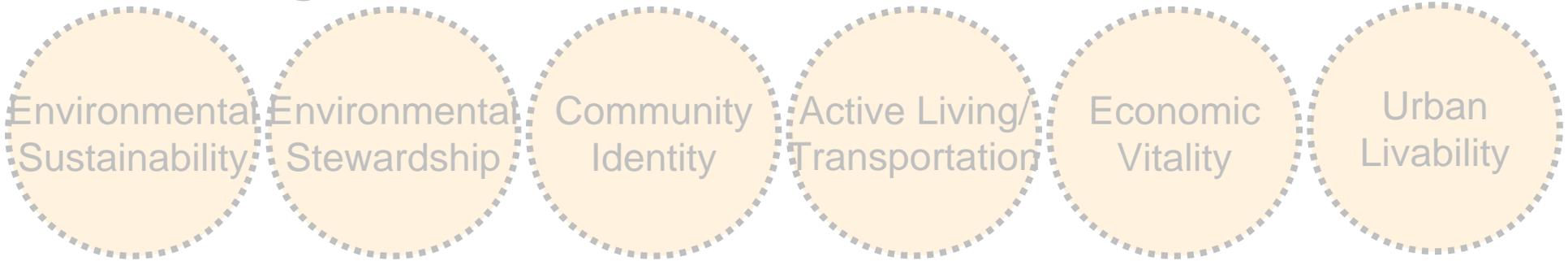




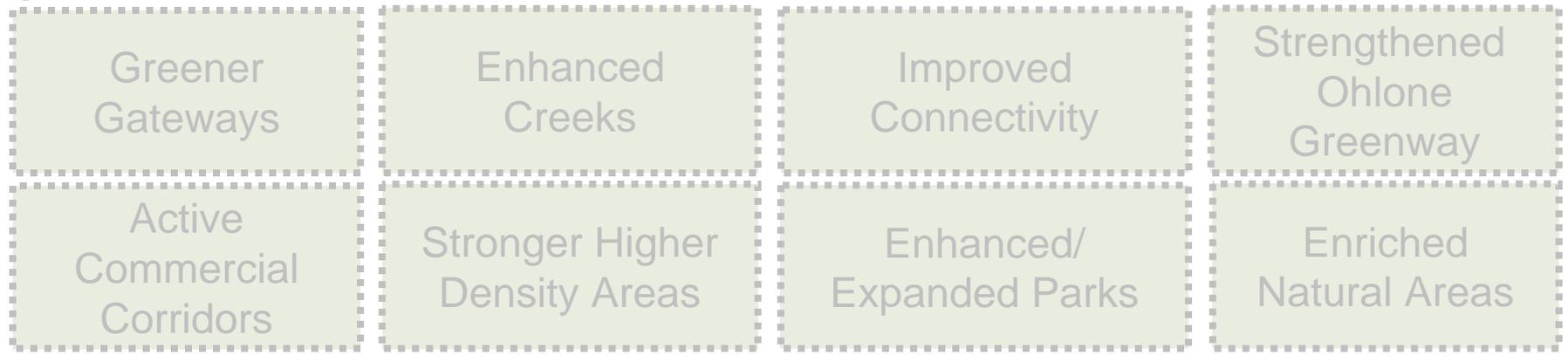
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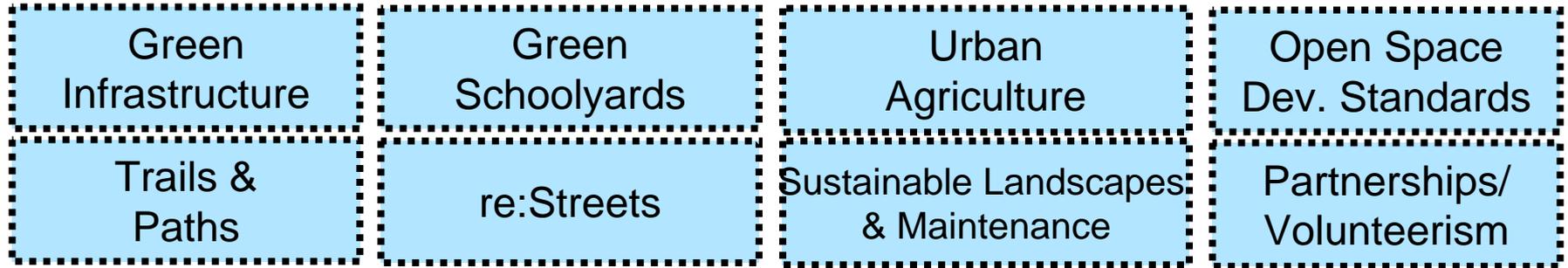
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Green Infrastructure

- Retrofit resource intensive landscapes to be more resource conserving where appropriate
- Explore energy generation
- Foster environmental stewardship



Green Schoolyards

- Work with WCCUSD on design guidelines & policies that encourage school-design and programming to better integrate facilities into neighborhoods, i.e. access connectivity, neighborhood cohesion and multipurpose/ public use
- Provide children with opportunities to explore, interact with and observe nature



Urban Agriculture

- Encourage small-scale food production through adoption of new policies and design guidelines
- Create edible landscaping such as community orchards
- Encourage community gardens with new multifamily dwellings
- Build upon pilot community garden at Fairmont Park



Open Space Development Standards

- Develop new public open spaces as development occurs
- Explore variety of open spaces to meet the diverse needs of the community
- Coordinate with other planning efforts such as San Pablo Ave Specific Plan
- Ensure that existing and future community members continue to have access to adequate green and open space as development occurs



Trails and Paths

- Create and enhance a network of multi-use pathways throughout the City that connect to local and regional destinations
- Build the vitality of commercial corridors by providing access and facilities for bicyclists and pedestrians
- Coordinate with neighboring cities (Kensington, Richmond, etc) and regional organizations (EBRPD, etc)
- Build on work of local community groups to build, maintain, and map the paths, and to encourage the local community to use and appreciate the paths



re:Streets

- Strengthen sense of place and identity by creating flexible and context sensitive 'livable' streets
- Maximize placemaking opportunities by programming streets, sidewalks & parking lots with temporary & permanent events
- Invigorate key commercial corridors such as San Pablo Ave & Fairmount Ave by strengthening multi-modal connectivity
- Repurpose underutilized spaces in street rights of way to allow for additional uses such as play, commerce, etc



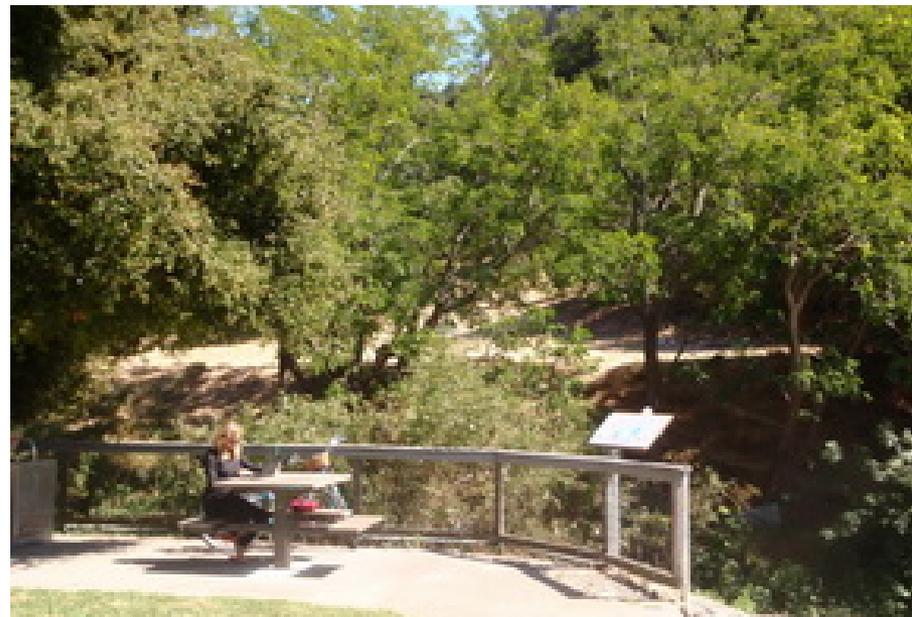
Sustainable Landscapes & Maintenance

- Develop a planting palette and maintenance framework that contributes to a healthy ecosystem while establishing a sustainable maintenance workload
- Follow Bay-Friendly guidelines for planting palette and maintenance that encourage native, pollinator-friendly, drought-tolerant plants
- Emphasize sense of place, water conservation and soil health in landscape design
- Transition high-maintenance, low-ROI landscapes to diverse, low-maintenance landscapes



Partnerships /Volunteerism

- Engage the community in stewarding public lands in partnerships with the City to increase community ownership and expand City's limited maintenance resources
- Work with Trail Trekkers, Friends of Five Creeks and others to steward creeks and Hillside Natural Area
- Work with Green Team, Friends of Five Creeks and others to reduce trash and litter



Partnerships / Volunteerism

- Work with Community Garden Network, Garden Club to expand native plant & edible landscaping in neighborhoods
- Identify & cultivate partnerships with NGOs to steward community responsive urban greening projects
- Partner with private property & business owners etc. to provide urban greening amenities





Focus Areas



Key Criteria for Focus Areas

- Address Multiple Urban Greening Strategies
- Result in Implementable and Funding-Eligible Projects
- Fulfill City Planning Goals and Policy Priorities
- Build off Previous Investments and Create Synergy Across Departments to Maximize Return on Investment

CITYWIDE

1. Blue to Green Connections

EXISTING PARKS

2. Ohlone Greenway – Portola to Schmidt

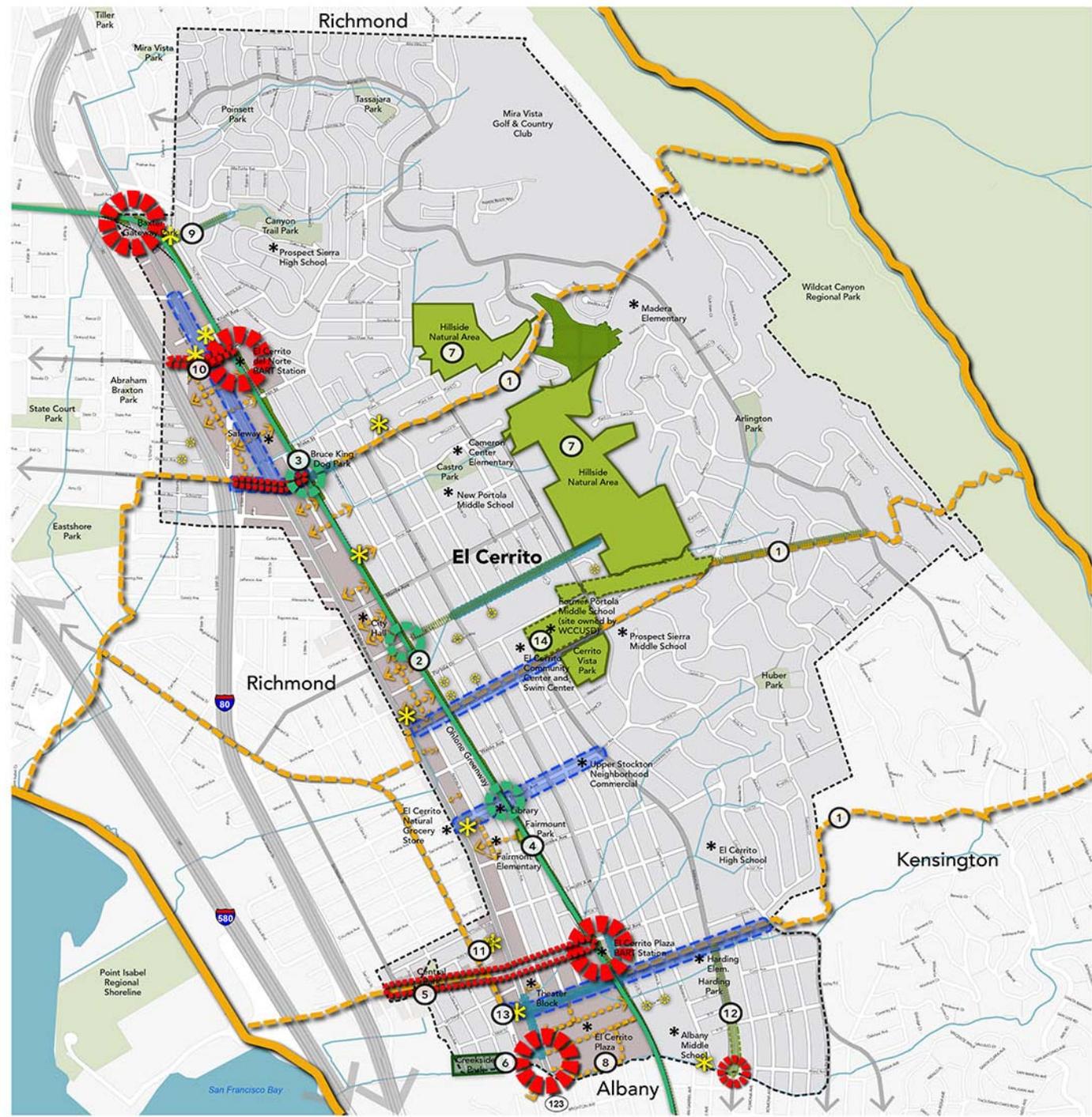
3. Ohlone Greenway – Gladys to Blake

4. Fairmont Park

5. Central Park

6. Creekside Park

7. Hillside Natural Area



El Cerrito Urban Greening Focus Areas

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- Arterial Roads

Create Greener Gateways

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Improve Connectivity

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- Mid-block Connection

Strengthen Ohlone Greenway

- BART Station Node
- Activity Node
- Hillside Crossing
- Ohlone Greenway
- Midblock Connection

Create Active Commercial Corridors

- Strolling Street
- Midblock Connection
- Pocket Park
- Gateway

Enhance or Expand Existing Parks

- Enhance Existing Park
- Potential Park Expansion
- Existing Park w/Planned Enhancements

Address Higher Density Neighborhoods

- Potential Neighborhood Park
- Intersection/Cul-de-sac
- Potential Pocket Park

Steward Open Space

- Open Space

Foster Urban Agriculture

- Midblock Connection
- Existing Park
- Undertilled ROW/Open Space
- Intersection/Cul-de-sac

Integrate Green Infrastructure

- Midblock Connection
- Existing Park
- Undertilled ROW/Open Space/ Freeway/Buffer
- Intersection/Cul-de-sac
- Potential Pollinator Pathway

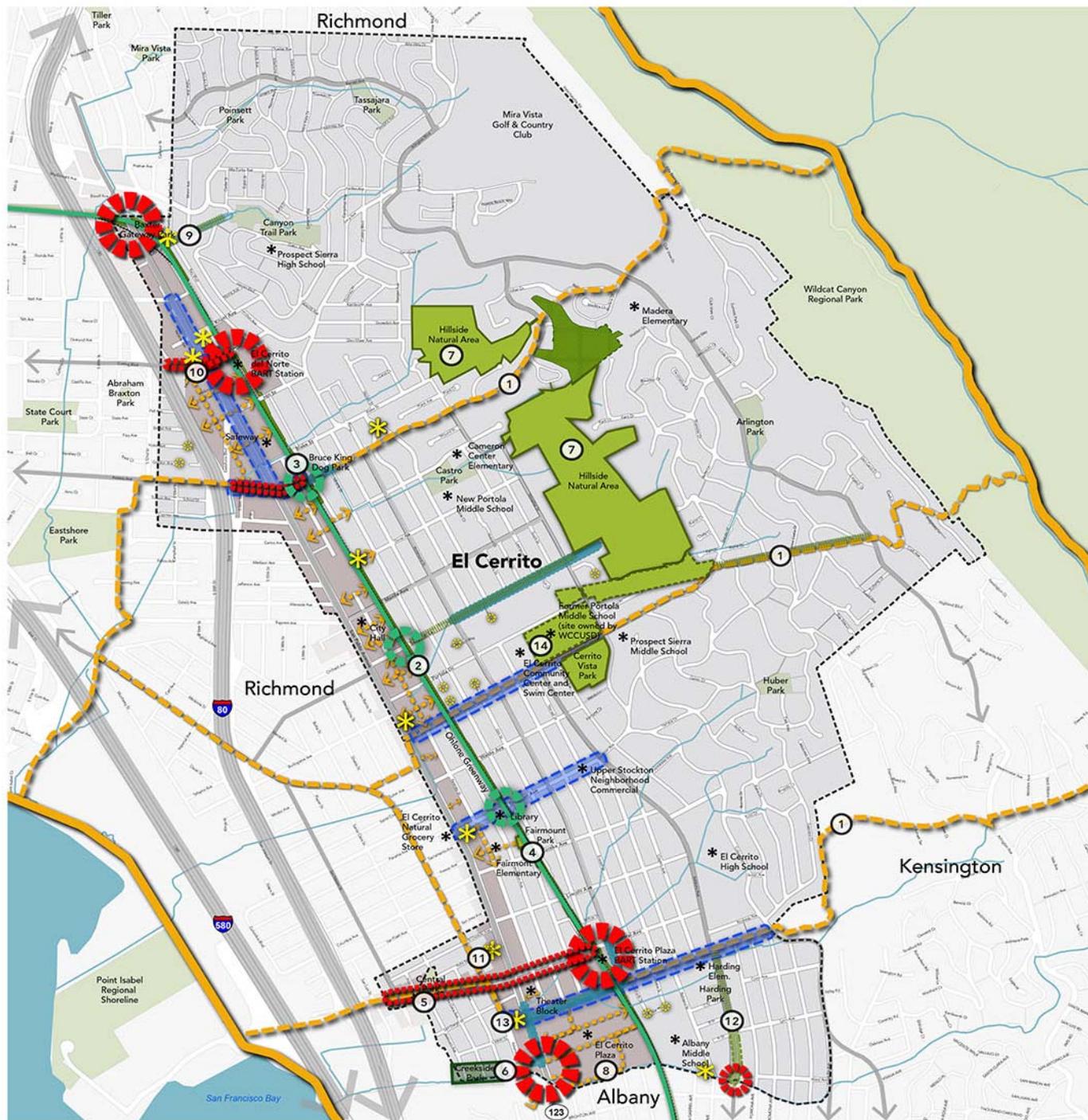
Steward Creeks

- Open Creek
- Creeks Under Street ROW

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PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

- 8. El Cerrito Plaza Southern Gateway
- 9. Conlon Ave/ Key Blvd - Baxter Creek
- 10. San Pablo Ave and Cutting Blvd
- 11. Avila St / San Pablo Ave
- 12. Former Portola Middle School Site



El Cerrito Urban Greening Focus Areas

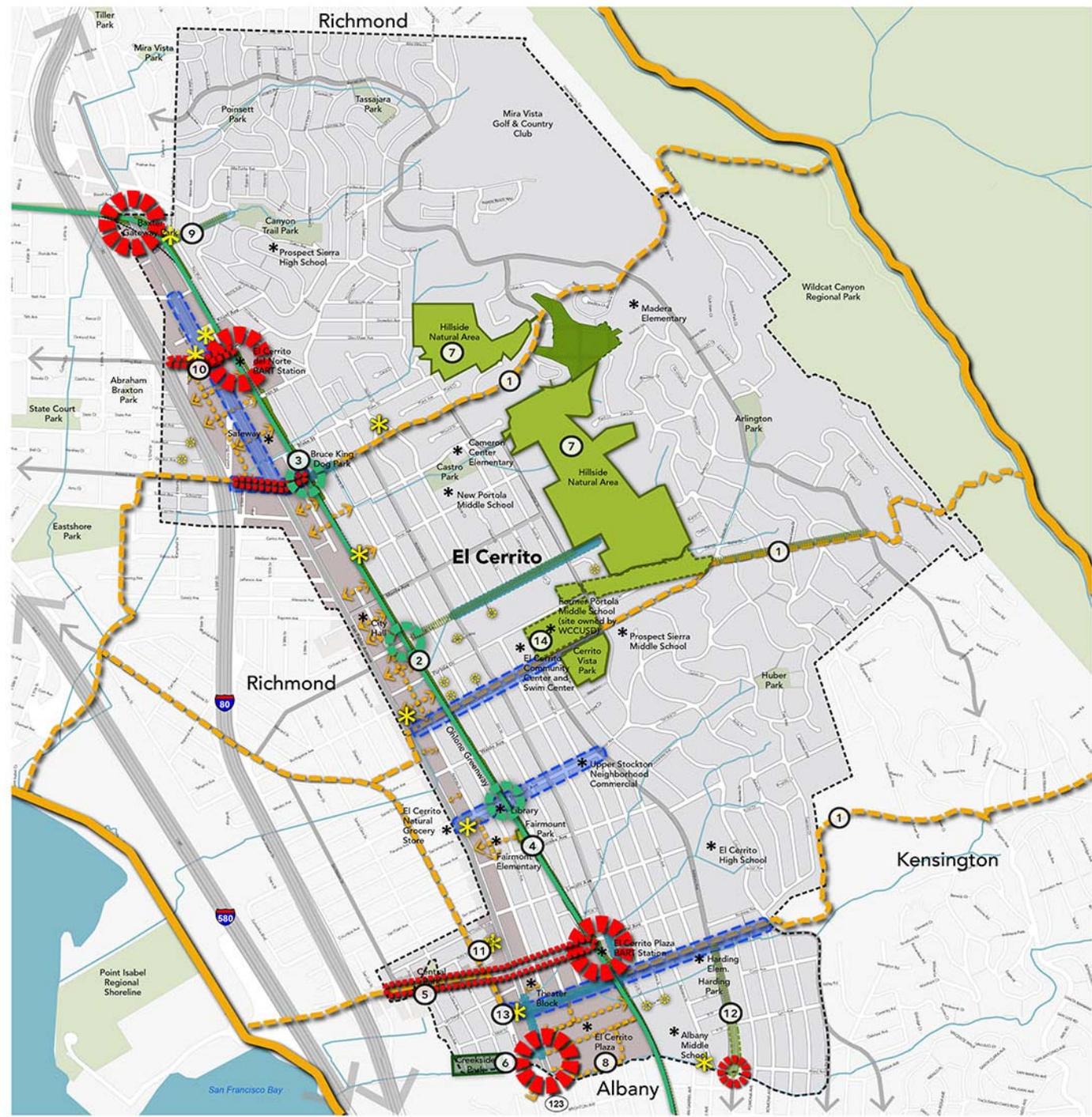
- City Limit**
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- Water**
- Creek**
- BART Line**
- Arterial Roads**
- Create Greener Gateways**
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 - Secondary Gateway
 - Gateway Corridor
- Improve Connectivity**
 - Existing Trail/Connection
 - Potential Trail/Connection
 - Mid-block Connection
- Strengthen Ohio Greenway**
 - BART Station Node
 - Activity Node
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STREET ROW

13. Ashbury Ave

14. Lower Fairmount Ave

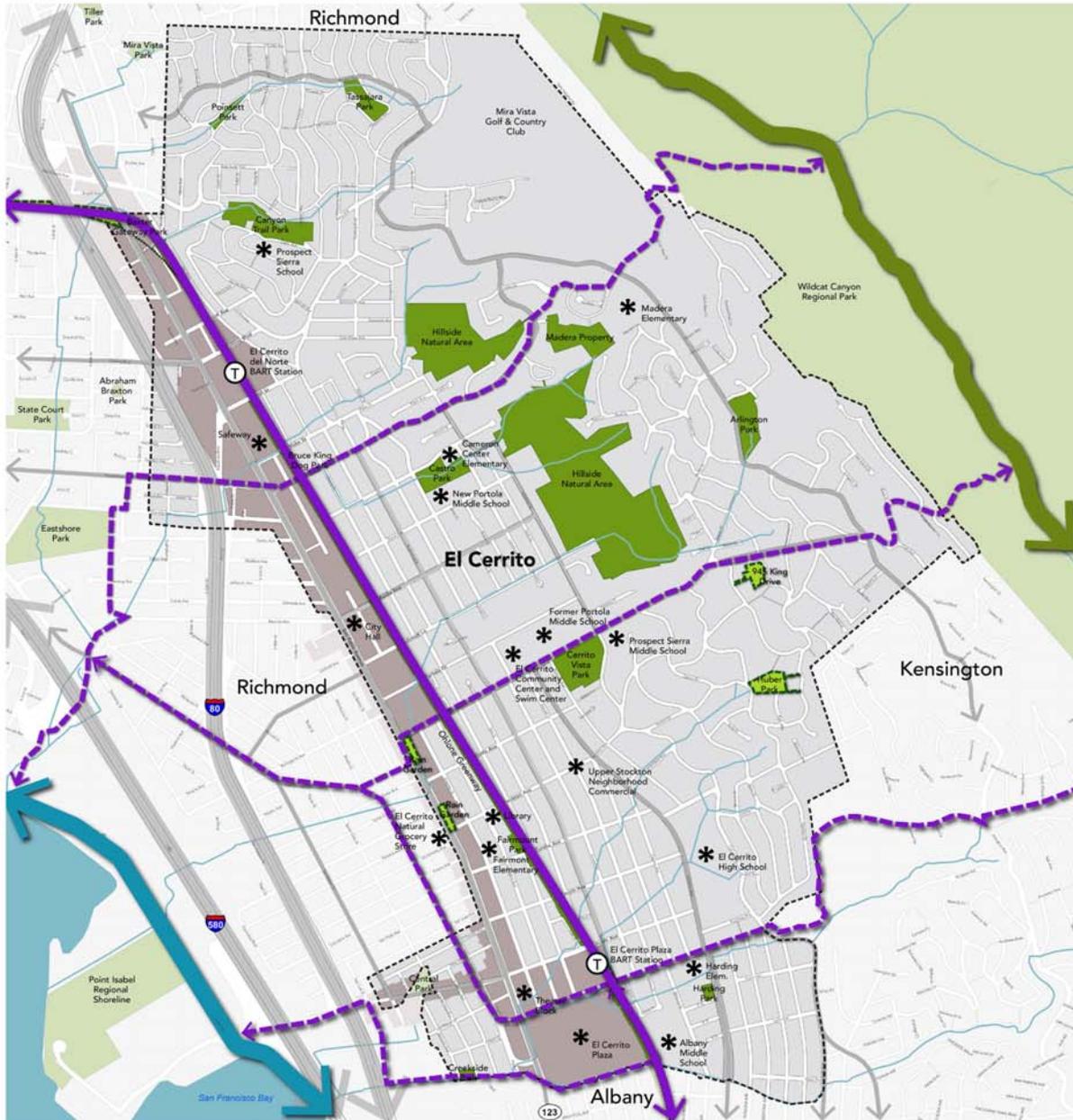


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1. Blue to Green Connections



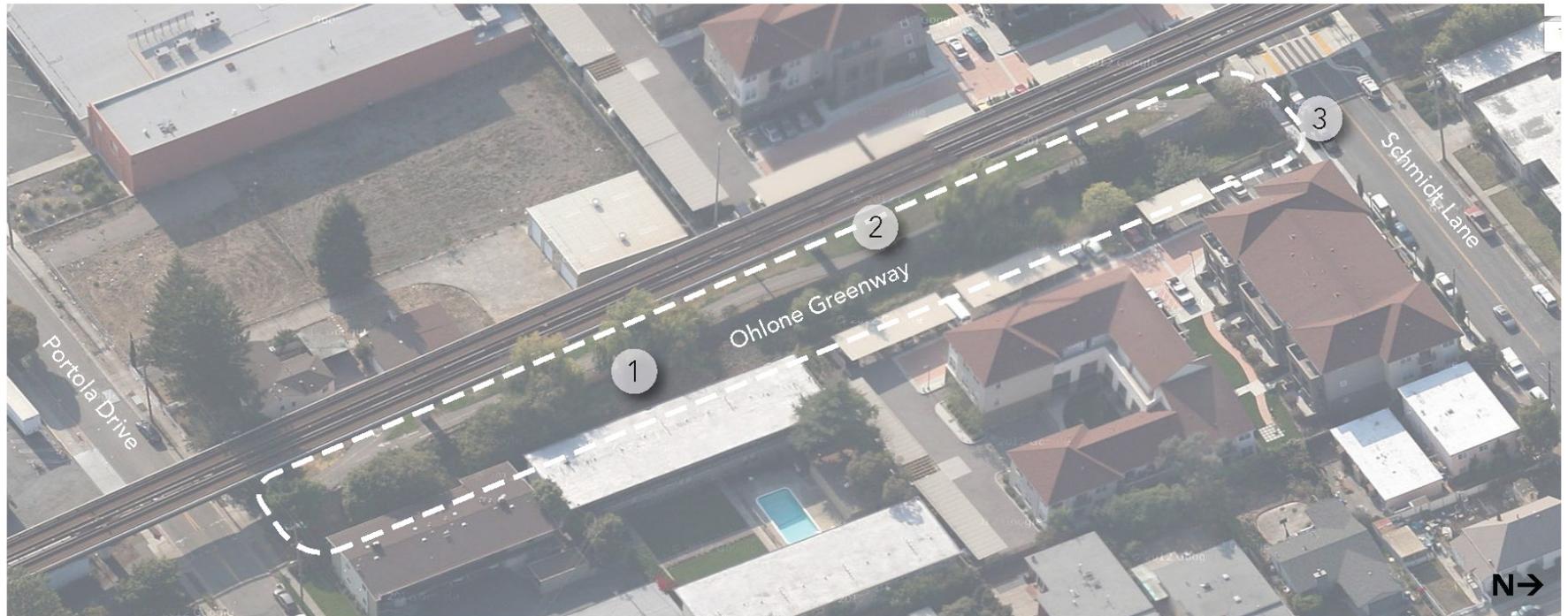
Urban Greening Opportunities

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.

Greener Gateways
Improved Connectivity
Active Commercial Corridors

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

Greener Gateways

Improved Connectivity

Strengthened Ohlone Greenway

Enhanced Creeks

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

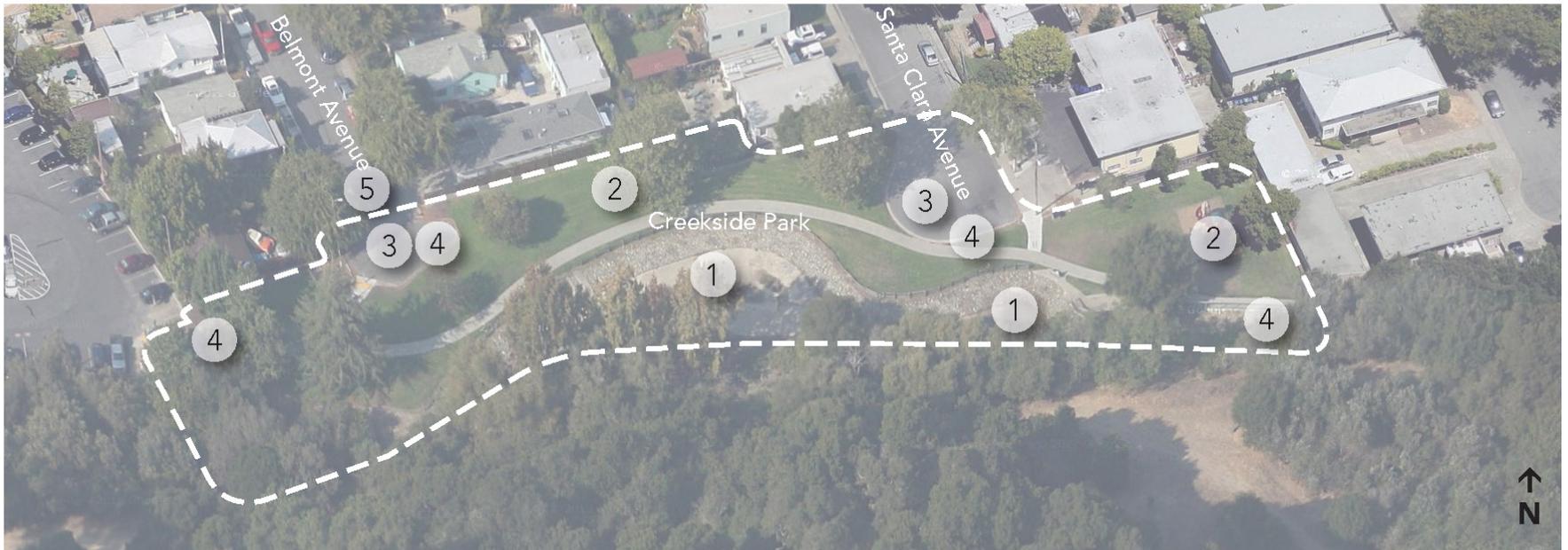
Enhanced/Expanded Parks

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



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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Greener Gateways
Improved Connectivity
Strengthened Ohlone Greenway
Active Commercial Corridors
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Enhanced Creeks

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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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

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*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.

Greener Gateways

Active Commercial Corridors

Stronger Higher Density Areas

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

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



Urban Greening Opportunities

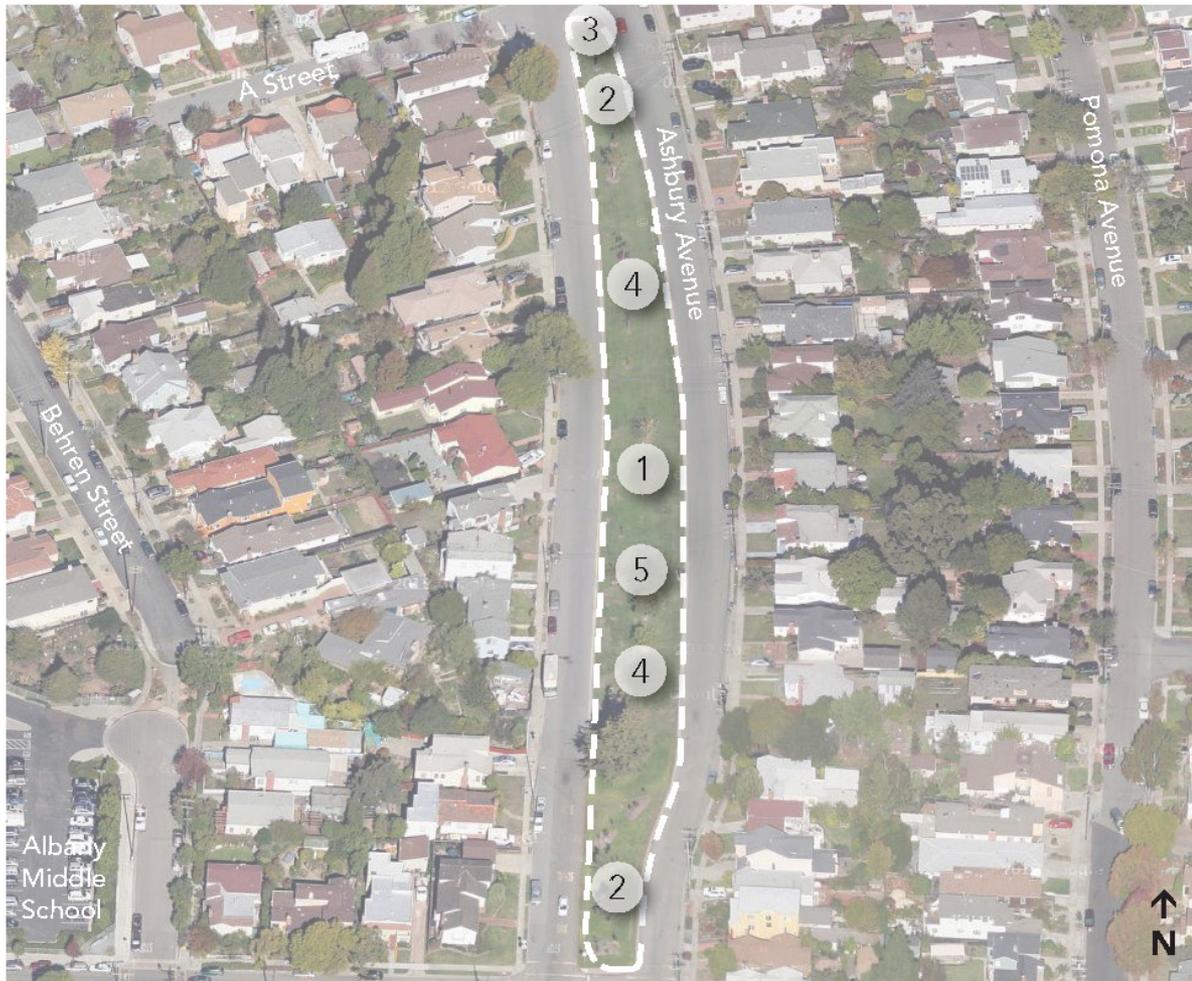
1. **Pocket Park:** In partnership with private development, repurpose the the cul-de-sac to create a pocket park with furnishings and space for social gathering.
2. **Connectivity:** Enhance mid-block pedestrian and bicycle connection to san pablo avenue.
3. **Activity Node:** Plant shade trees and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

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

- Improved Connectivity
- Active Commercial Corridors
- Stronger Higher Density Areas

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

Improved Connectivity

Enriched Natural Areas

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

Greener Gateways

Improved Connectivity

Active Commercial Corridors

Stronger Higher Density Areas

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

Greener Gateways

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Charrette Opportunity Sites

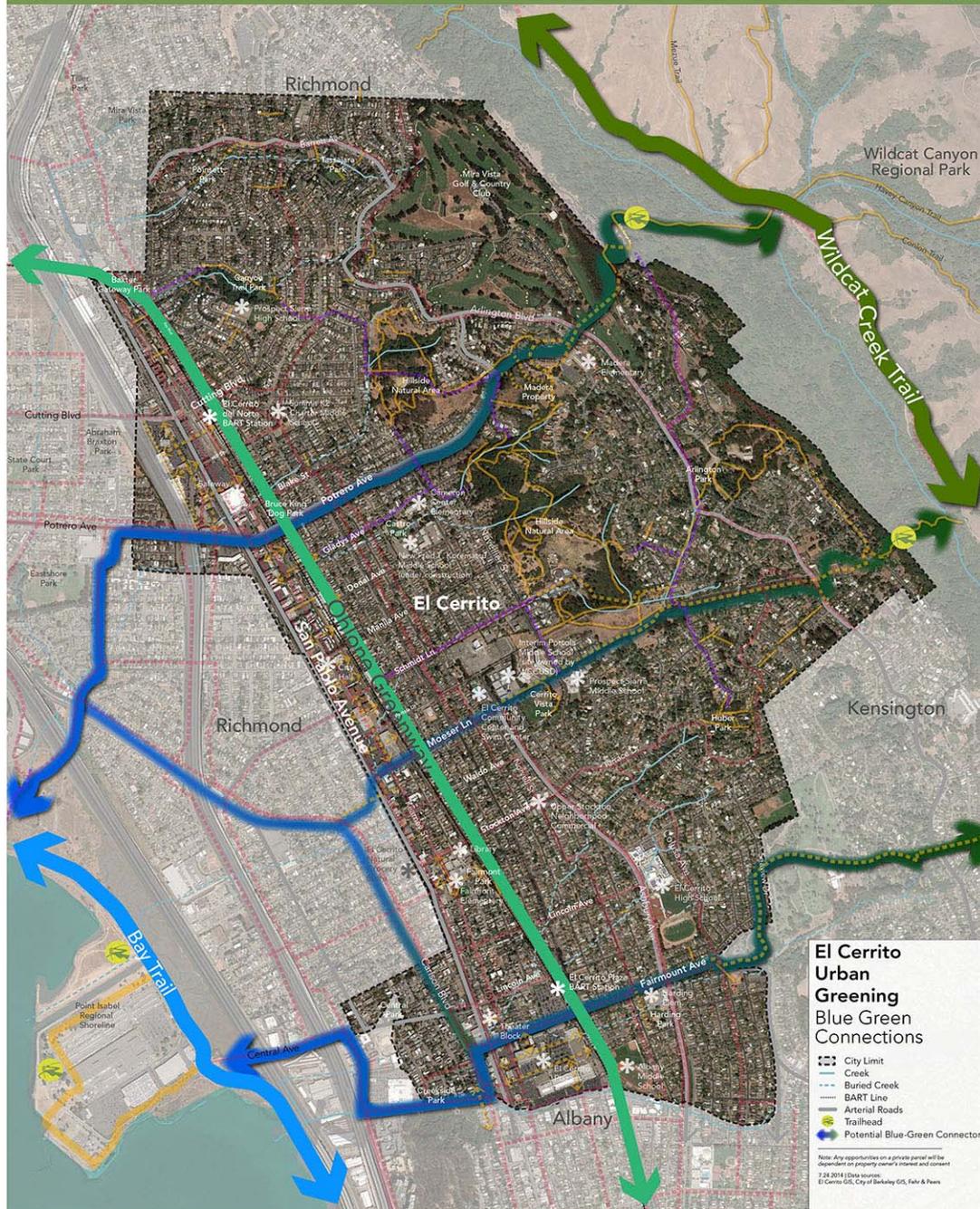


Breakout Design Groups Focus Areas

- Bay Trail (Blue Belt) to Wildcat Canyon (Green Belt) Connections
- Hillside Natural Area
- Fairmont Park
- Lower Fairmount Ave

Breakout Design Groups Focus Areas

- Overall Vision / Character, etc?
- Key Programming Elements, Activities, Settings, etc
- Location of Elements, Routes, etc
- Maintenance Strategies



El Cerrito Urban Greening Blue Green Connections

- City Limit
- Creek
- Buried Creek
- BART Line
- Arterial Roads
- Trailhead
- Potential Blue-Green Connector

Note: Any opportunities on a private parcel will be dependent on property owner's interest and consent.
7.28.2014 | Data sources: El Cerrito GIS, City of Berkeley GIS, Fair & Pains

BLUE GREEN CONNECTIONS | EXISTING CONDITIONS



existing site



Potrero Ave, looking east



Moeser Lane, looking northeast



Fairmount Ave, looking west

emerging opportunities



Bay Trail Connectivity



Wildcat Canyon Connectivity



Ohlone Greenway Connectivity

existing site



Potrero Ave, looking east



Moerer Lane, looking northeast



Fairmount Ave, looking west

emerging opportunities



Wayfinding and Signage

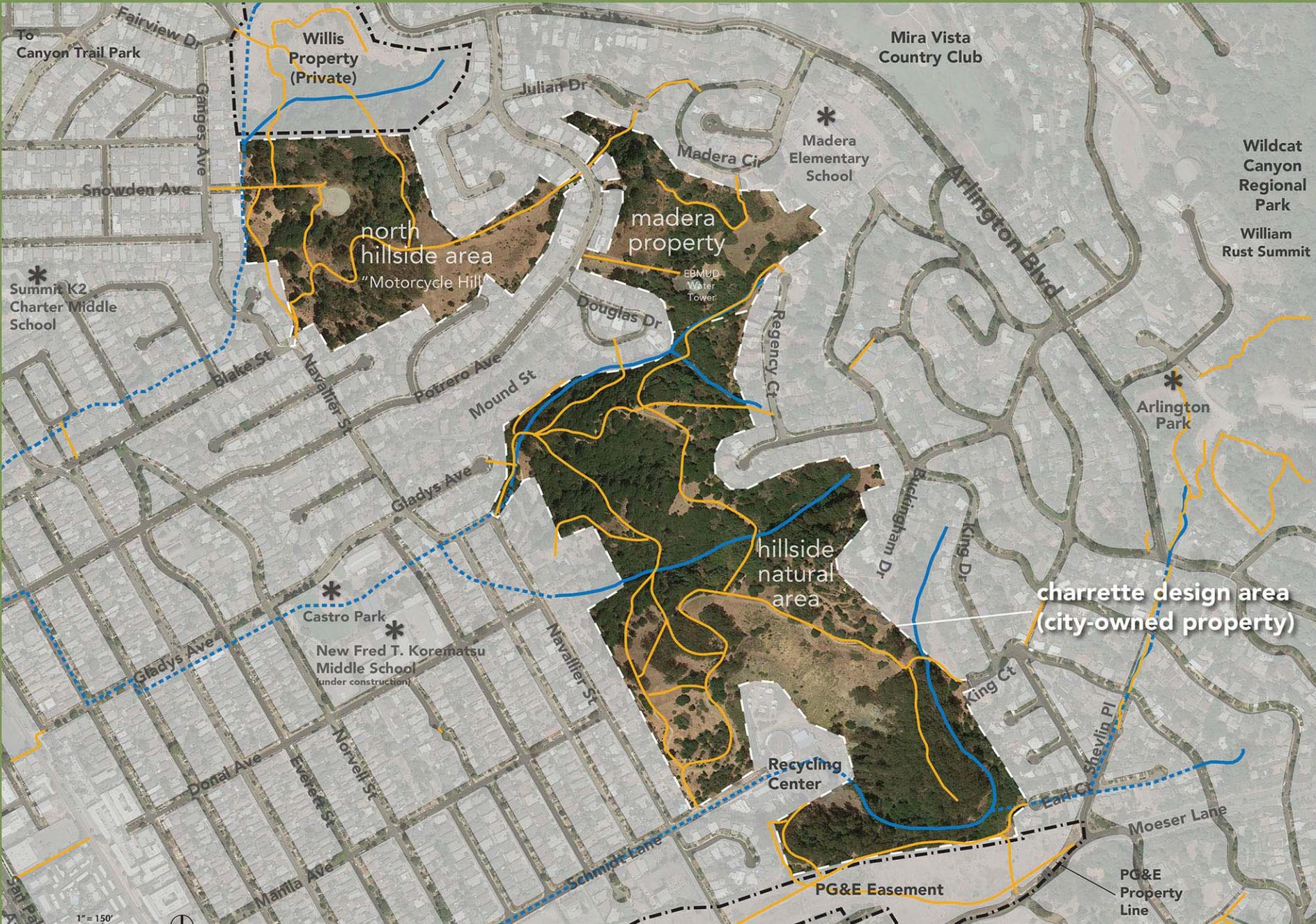


Street Trees and Landscaping



Distinctive Trailheads

HILLSIDE NATURAL AREA | AERIAL AND CHARRETTE WORK MAP



1" = 150'



PG&E Easement

PG&E Property Line

charrette design area
(city-owned property)

hillside natural area

madera property

north hillside area
"Motorcycle Hill"

Mira Vista Country Club

Wildcat Canyon Regional Park
William Rust Summit

Madera Elementary School

Summit K2 Charter Middle School

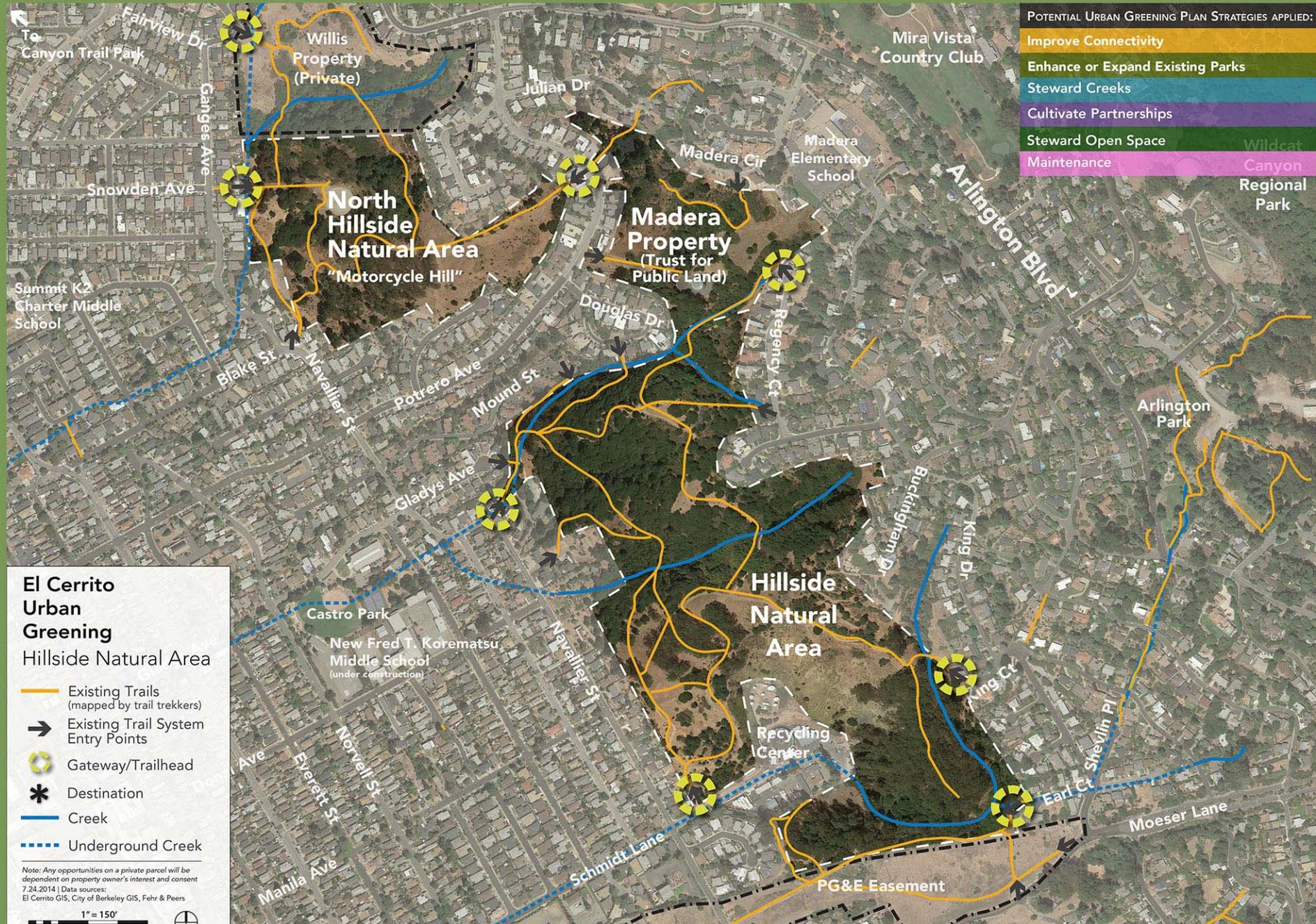
Castro Park
New Fred T. Korematsu Middle School
(under construction)

Recycling Center

Arlington Park

To Canyon Trail Park

HILLSIDE NATURAL AREA AND MADERA PROPERTY | EXISTING CONDITIONS



POTENTIAL URBAN GREENING PLAN STRATEGIES APPLIED:

Improve Connectivity	Wildcat Canyon Regional Park
Enhance or Expand Existing Parks	
Steward Creeks	
Cultivate Partnerships	
Steward Open Space	
Maintenance	

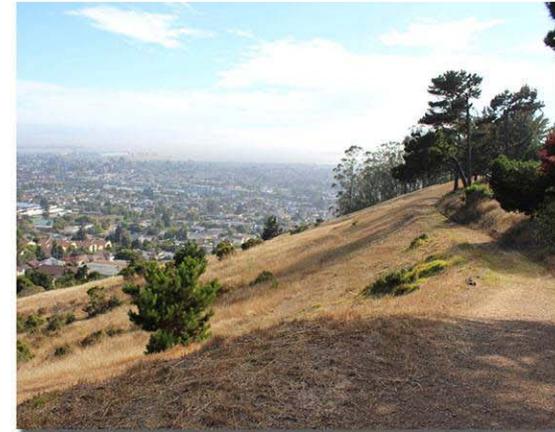
El Cerrito Urban Greening Hillside Natural Area

- Existing Trails (mapped by trail trekkers)
- Existing Trail System Entry Points
- Gateway/Trailhead
- Destination
- Creek
- Underground Creek

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7.24.2014 | Data sources:
El Cerrito GIS, City of Berkeley GIS, Fehr & Peers

HILLSIDE NATURAL AREA AND MADERA PROPERTY CONDITIONS + OPPORTUNITIES

existing site



HILLSIDE NATURAL AREA AND MADERA PROPERTY CONDITIONS + OPPORTUNITIES

emerging opportunities



Bike Park and Recreation



Trails



Accessible Trails



Amphitheater



Outdoor Classrooms



Day Camp

HILLSIDE NATURAL AREA AND MADERA PROPERTY CONDITIONS + OPPORTUNITIES

emerging opportunities



Natural Habitat Preservation



Creek Restoration



Oak Savanna



Interpretive Wayfinding



Green Gateways



Regulated Uses

HILLSIDE NATURAL AREA AND MADERA PROPERTY CONDITIONS + OPPORTUNITIES

emerging opportunities



Safe Routes to School



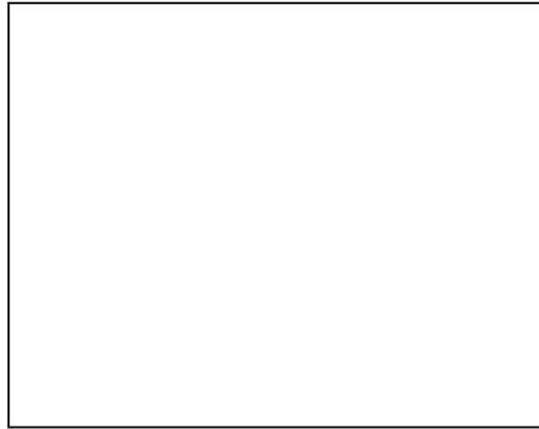
Fire Fuel Reduction



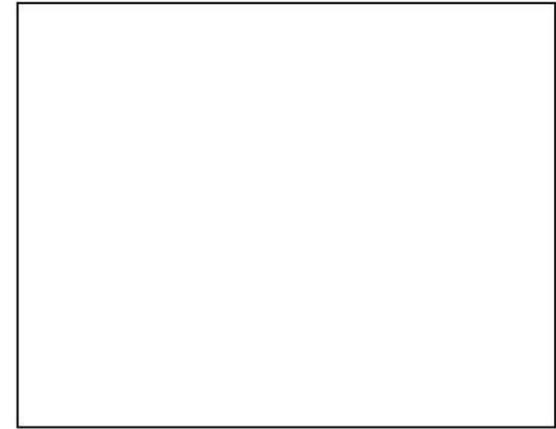
Vista Points



Outdoor Exploration



Other _____



Other _____

FAIRMONT PARK | AERIAL AND CHARRETTE WORK MAP



El Cerrito Urban Greening Fairmont Park

- City Property Limit
- Private Property Limit
- Destinations

Note: Any opportunities on a private parcel will be dependent on property owner's interest and consent.
7.24.2014 | Data sources: El Cerrito GIS, City of Berkeley GIS, Fahr & Peers

1" = 30'

0 15 30 60 90 120 feet

FAIRMONT PARK | EXISTING CONDITIONS

POTENTIAL URBAN GREENING PLAN STRATEGIES APPLIED:

- Improve Connectivity
- Strengthen Ohlone Greenway
- Enhance or Expand Existing Parks
- Cultivate Partnerships
- Provide Urban Agriculture



El Cerrito Urban Greening Fairmont Park

- City Property Limit
- Ohlone Greenway
- BART Richmond Line
- Potential Pathways/Connections
- Destinations
- Entrance

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existing site



emerging opportunities



Urban Agriculture



Urban Wilderness Classroom



Improved Play Area, Tot Lot, and Gathering Spaces



Connections to Greenway



Connections to Park



Pacific Chorus Frog Habitat

LOWER FAIRMOUNT | AERIAL AND CHARRETTE WORK MAP

Pastime Ace Hardware**

**State Route
123**

To
**El Cerrito
Plaza BART**

**Lower
Fairmount**

**Right of Way and
Charrette Design Area**

**Private
Property**

San Pablo Ave

Carlson Blvd

**El Cerrito
Urban
Greening
Lower
Fairmount**

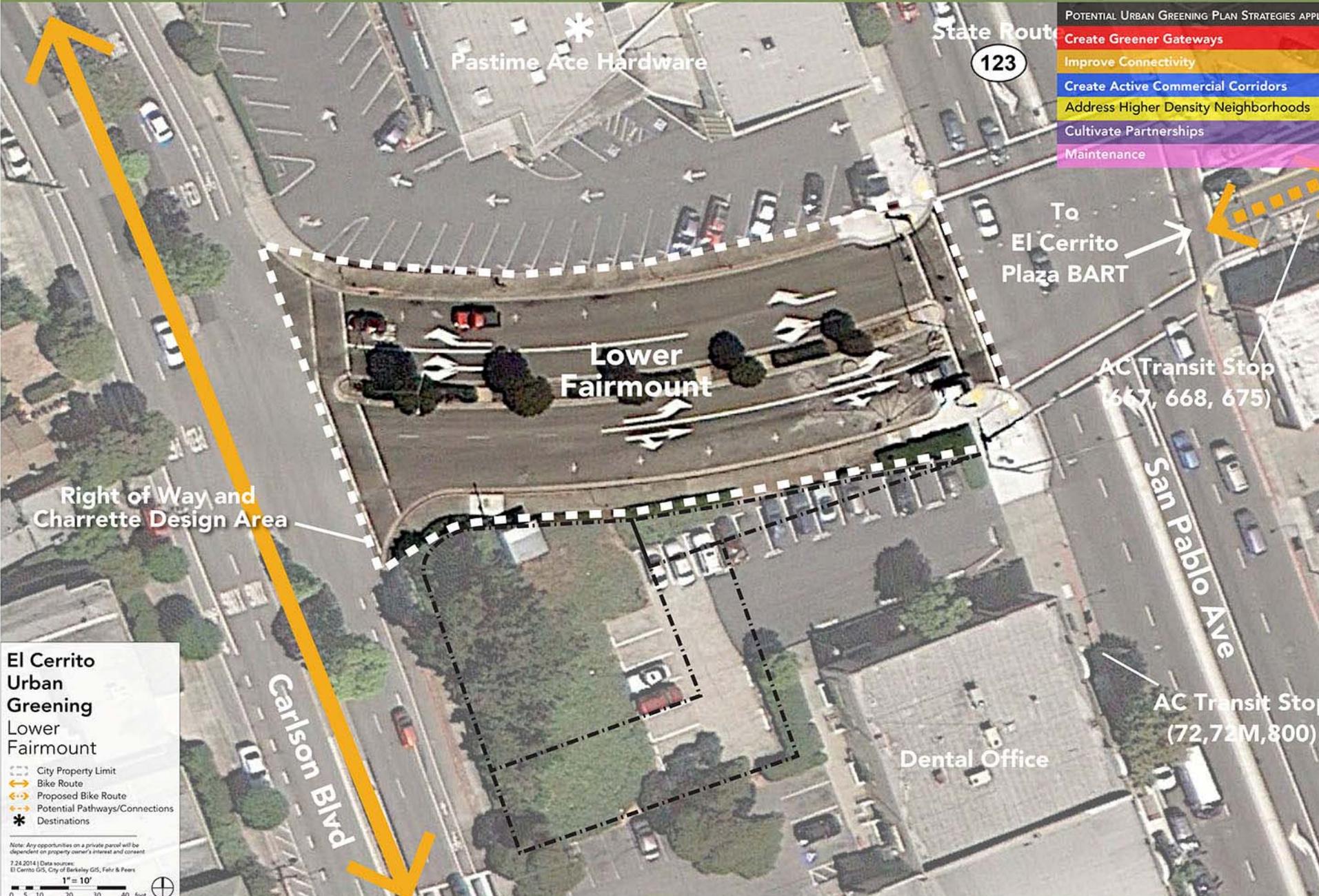
- City Property Limit
- Private Property Limit
- Destinations

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1" = 10'

LOWER FAIRMOUNT | EXISTING CONDITIONS

- POTENTIAL URBAN GREENING PLAN STRATEGIES APPLIED
- Create Greener Gateways
 - Improve Connectivity
 - Create Active Commercial Corridors
 - Address Higher Density Neighborhoods
 - Cultivate Partnerships
 - Maintenance



El Cerrito Urban Greening Lower Fairmount

- City Property Limit
- Bike Route
- Proposed Bike Route
- Potential Pathways/Connections
- Destinations

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

7.25.2014 | Data sources: El Cerrito GIS, City of Berkeley GIS, Fahr & Peers

1" = 10'

existing site



emerging opportunities



Enhanced Pedestrian Connectivity



Enhanced Bike Connectivity



Parklets

emerging opportunities



reStreets Temporal Spaces



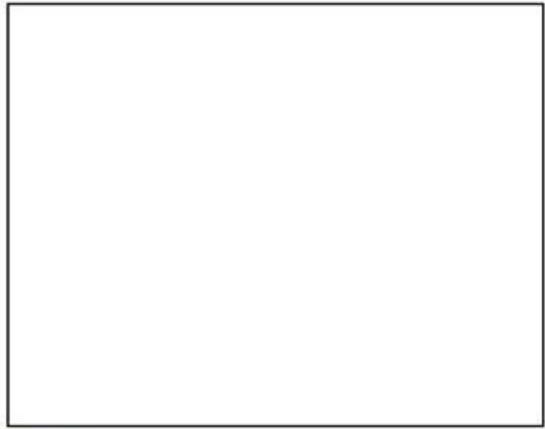
reStreets Gathering Spaces



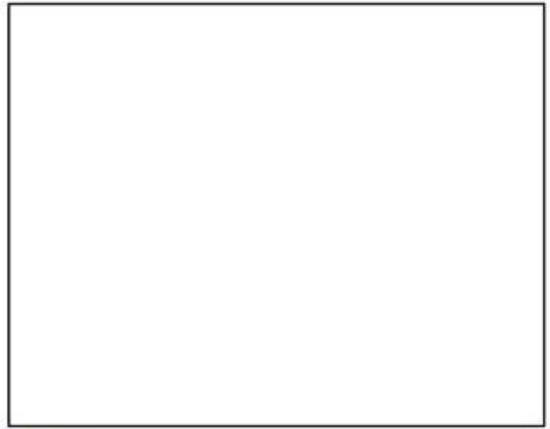
Median Plaza



Removable Bollards



Other _____



Other _____

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- Overall Vision / Character, etc?
- Key Programming Elements, Activities, Settings, etc
- Location of Elements, Routes, etc
- Maintenance Strategies



Community Workshop #3

August 2nd, 2014