

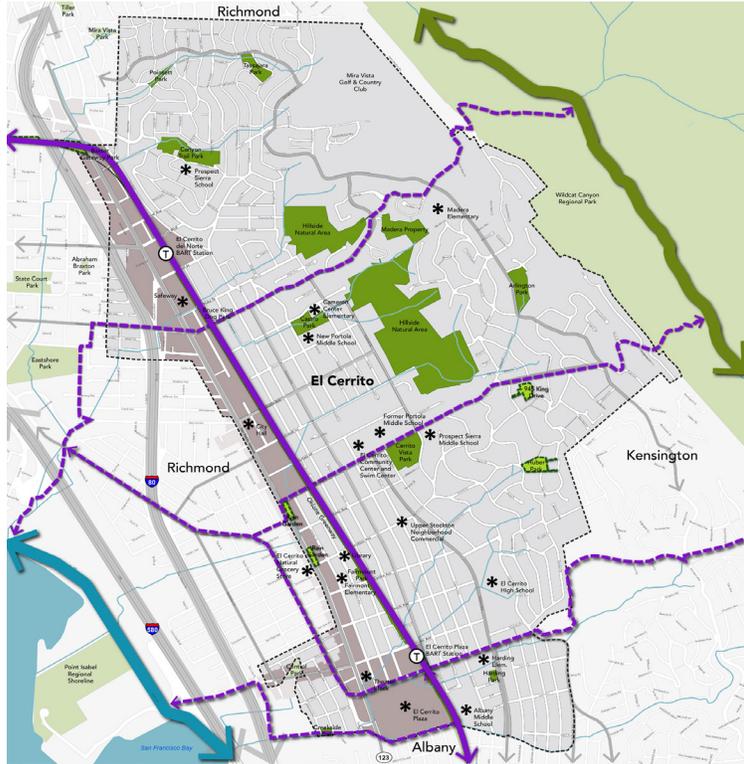


# City of El Cerrito Urban Greening Pilot Projects

Design Charrette  
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# PILOT PROJECTS 1 + 2

## 1. Blue to Green Connections



### Urban Greening Opportunities

- Connectivity:** Improve pedestrian and bicycle connectivity between the area's major natural assets--the Bay Trail and Wildcat Canyon Trail. Close any trail gaps and develop trail into Tilden Park (in cooperation with EBRPD)
- Wayfinding and Signage:** Provide wayfinding and education signage along the blue/green connections.
- Street Trees:** Implement a consistent palette of street trees along blue/green connections to create identifiable routes.



## 2. Fairmont Park and Adjacent Ohlone Greenway Segment

Ownership: Public - WCCUSD and City of El Cerrito \*



### Urban Greening Opportunities

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



\*Any opportunities on WCCUSD parcels will be dependent on District's interest and consent

Please note these diagrams are drafts and for illustration purposes only.

# PILOT PROJECTS 3+4

## 3. 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 any 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 energy 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.



## 4. Lower Fairmount Corner

Ownership: Public - City of El Cerrito (Roads and Public right of way)\*



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### Urban Greening Opportunities

- 1. Pocket Parks:** Explore opportunity to vacate 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 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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