**PILOT PROJECTS 1 + 2**

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. Close any trail gaps and develop trail into Tilden Park (in cooperation with EBRPD).
     2. **Wayfinding and Signage**: Provide wayfinding and education signage along the blue/green connections.
     3. **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**
     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 San Pablo 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)
   
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3. **Hillside Natural Area and Madera Property**  
Ownership: Private* and Public - City of El Cerrito  
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**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.

*Private property highlighted in purple.

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4. **Lower Fairmount Corner**  
Ownership: Public - City of El Cerrito (Roads and Public right of way)*

**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 or 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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