Literacy for Environmental Justice Healthy Habitats and Lifestyles

A California Strategic Growth Council Urban Greening Grant Awarded to LEJ and California State Parks Fall 2014 – Summer 2017





LEJ, in partnership with California State Parks (CSP) has been awarded a \$1M grant from the California's Strategic Growth Council. This new project, entitled "Healthy Habitats and Lifestyles" will generate significant opportunity for our organization to continue to advance environmental health, ecological stewardship, and community development in Southeast San Francisco as part of the restoration of California's first urban state park, Candlestick Point State Recreation Area (CPSRA).

This packet provides additional information about the grant. Ultimately, we hope you will join us as we embark on this exciting project beginning in Fall 2014 and extending through Summer 2017!

Local Plants, Local People

The Healthy Habitats and Lifestyles grant includes an expansion of LEJ's Native Plant Nursery (pictured below). For nearly a decade, the nursery has supported individuals and agencies in realizing their goals of cultivating sustainable native plant habitats by providing contract grow and other restoration services. It is a valued educational site for local community and schools groups, as well as a work site for local teens seeking supportive first employment experiences. We are excited about the critical role that the nursery will play in the Healthy Habitats and Lifestyles grant implementation, as well as the additional capacity and opportunities that will be developed as a result!



San Francisco Bay

All areas, features, sizes and placement shown hereon for concept purposes only and subject to conceptual/schematic

design and funding.





State Recreation Area

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Site Plan Area A Community Gardens, Public Access/Education and Native Plant Nursery

Existing Fence

Proposed Fence

Entry Gates

Demonstration

Educational Signage

CPSRA 4-5

Candlestick Point State Recreation Area

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Site Plan Area B The Point Coastal Sage Scrub Restoration, Public Access/Education and Camping

LEGEND

existing fishing pier

existing restroom facility

area previously restored by LEJ

existing service road

• Interpretive Trail



Education Stations



Restoration Area



Campsite Area



Bike/Boat In

"Healthy Habitats and Lifestyles" will provide unique on-theground improvements at CPSRA. The diagrams to the left highlight where work will take place.

An expansion of the on-site native plant nursery, water conservation and rainwater harvesting, environmental education, new public access, coastal sage scrub habitat rehabilitation and the start of a new walk/boat-in only campground, are all part of making the CPSRA more resilient to climate change and offsetting greenhouse gas emissions city-wide.

Through both public input in planning, and public engagement in programming as part of implementation, the project will create numerous opportunities for Bayview Hunter's Point residents to assume ownership of this precious waterfront park by serving as stewards of the natural habitat, as well as advocates for the local community's interests in its restoration.

Moreover, in addition to supporting greater equity in open space, once completed, the planned restorations – such as new public access and the start of a walk/boat-in campground will provide residents and community members with more structured and meaningful ways to engage with the park, and support improvement to overall health and quality of life in Southeast San Francisco.

A Bold First Step Forward in the CPSRA General Plan

Healthy Habitats and Lifestyles is an initial step of the implementation of the CPSRA General Plan (depicted in the graphic below), which was created with strong community insight and support, and completed in 2013. With continued investment, support, and partnership from a range of contributors, LEJ aims for implementation of this project to set a standard for continued prioritization and involvement of local residents in realizing future components of the General Plan. With your help, LEJ seeks to fulfill the community's 1979 founding vision for CPSRA as a "State Park for the People."

