


Presidio Open Space Update 2023-2024

ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS

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 Tree Removal (see notes on reverse)

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Accessible Loop Trail
This 1.75-mile loop trail includes segments of the Presidio Promenade, Park Trail, Bay Area Ridge Trail, and Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail. In 2023-24, we'll address erosion, resurface sections of trail with compacted shale, and reconstruct trail landings. The project will also include storm drainage improvements around Park Boulevard, Amatury Loop, and Kobbe Avenue to reduce the water currently flowing onto the trail.
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Outpost Meadow
In August 2023, we'll begin a project to transform a 1.5-acre portion of the parking lot near Sports Basement into a new picnic area and gathering space for visitors to the Outpost playground and Presidio Tunnel Tops. The area will include 19 picnic tables serving more than 200 visitors, grills, a lawn, bike parking, water fountains, and easier access to Presidio Pop Up food trucks. These amenities will be nestled in a landscape of drought-tolerant coastal plantings which will greatly enhance the views from Mason Street and from Veterans Overlook above. Construction will be in phases starting with the demolition of a small building next to Sports Basement to create space for a new parking lot to the north. At the end of the project, parking levels in the area will be about the same. Construction will be complete in 2025.
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Permanent Muni Terminal
In 2024, we'll begin constructing a new permanent terminal for the Muni 30 bus route. The route will be extended farther into the park along Crissy Field, and more bus stops will be added. The new facility will include public restrooms. Construction will be complete in 2025.
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Park-wide Paving + Accessibility Improvements
In 2024, we'll begin repaving roadways and parking lots and updating nearby parking spaces, curb ramps, and sidewalks on Fisher Loop and Funston Avenue, and next to Building 387.

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Thomas Redwood Reforestation – Phase 3
In August 2023, we'll begin the third phase of our Redwood Reforestation site along Thomas Avenue. We'll remove 40-50 large aging Monterey Cypress trees that continue to fail and damage the adjacent infrastructure along Thomas Avenue and lower Infantry Terrace. We'll replant approximately 50 small stature species, including Oaks, buckeye and Gowen Cypress. Then, we'll replant the understory with native species to increase biodiversity and protect the slope from erosion.
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Cavalry Bowl Reforestation – Phase 2
In September 2023, we'll begin the second phase of reforestation at the Cavalry Bowl Stand. We'll remove approximately 40 trees on the south side of the stand and northeast corner of Lincoln Boulevard and McDowell Avenue. Most of the trees here are declining rapidly. Some healthy Monterey Cypress trees will be retained to promote a mixed aged stand. We'll replant the understory with native plants to increase the biodiversity of the site.
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Bowley Reforestation – Phase 2
In October 2023, we'll begin the second phase of reforestation along Lincoln Boulevard near Baker Beach. This area is within the *Vegetation Management Plan* Historic Forest Management Zone. We'll remove approximately 30 declining Monterey Cypress and Monterey Pine just south of the phase one project area. We'll replant approximately 100 Monterey Cypress and mixed conifer species. By diversifying the understory with native plants, we'll increase the biodiversity of the stand and stabilize the slope.

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Mountain Lake East Arm
In August 2023, we'll continue rehabilitation of the southern edge of the Historic Blue Gum Eucalyptus stand that separates Presidio Golf Course from the Mountain Lake Trail. The modified edge of the stand suffered considerable damage as a result of the intense winter storms.
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Washington Boulevard Improvements
In September 2023, we'll remove a rapidly declining stand of large, over-mature Monterey pine trees north of the Baker Beach apartments. Beginning in winter 2023, we'll revegetate the area with native dune annual and perennial species including the endangered San Francisco lessingia. The site falls within the Presidio Recovery Unit in the Recovery Plan for Coastal Plants (USFWS 2003) and is appropriate for the reestablishment of San Francisco lessingia.
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Quarry Neighborhood
Beginning in summer 2024, we'll clear two acres of dead and hazardous mixed conifers and non-native trees and brush so we can establish a native oak woodland habitat.

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East Washington Neighborhood Landscape Improvements
We'll begin designing new landscapes in late 2023-2024 as some declining and dead vegetation has been removed around the homes. The design will include new trees and shrubs in open areas with a focus on water conversation.
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Open Space on Lincoln Boulevard and Halleck Street
We'll convert this turf area to picnic space and low water use plantings as a part of our ongoing ecological horticulture plans for landscapes throughout the park. Construction will be phased over several years as we test various native plants at this site.
- **ECOLOGICAL HORTICULTURE** is the art and science of growing plants that improve the ecological health of a landscape and enhance its surrounding environment for the benefit of wild creatures.
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Park Forest Stand Stormwater BMP
The area along the edge of the newly planted forest stand, along Park Boulevard, will have a vegetated swale and basin carved out of the sandy soils. This is being done to improve stormwater infiltration in the area and decommission a section of stormwater pipe by allowing water to flow along the surface of the ground and then infiltrate down into groundwater.
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Presidio Promenade (Eastern Section) Landscape Improvements
We're beginning to work on design for this area using the ecological horticulture ideas and goal of reducing turf where currently being used for ornamental purposes. Turf would remain where there are recreations uses and the surrounding areas planted with a higher percentage mix of native Presidio plants used in a designed way.