

Presidio Open Space Update 2024-2025



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Tree Removal (see notes on reverse)

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1 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 FY24-25, 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, Amatory Loop, and Kobbe Avenue to reduce the water currently flowing onto the trail.

2 Outpost Meadow

In August 2024, we began 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 at 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 complete in 2025.

3 Permanent Muni Terminal

In late summer 2024, Muni will extend service on the Muni 30 bus route farther into the park along Crissy Field. The new facility will include public restrooms, planting, and site lighting.

4 Park-wide Paving + Accessibility Improvements

In late summer 2024, we'll begin an eight-month project to repave four miles of roadways and nine parking lots. The project will also add bike, transit and accessibility improvements, upgrade roadside guardrails and perform utility upgrades associated with roadway repaving.

5 Richardson Island

The Trust is supporting a San Francisco neighborhood-led project to re-landscape a transportation island bordered by Richardson Ave., Lyon Street and Gorgas Ave. Known as the Richardson Triangle, the landscaping at this highly

visible site needs upgrades. It sits within the jurisdictions of the Trust, Caltrans and the City and County of San Francisco. The Trust will contribute staff time to liaison with the project manager and will donate native plants for the site's beautification.

FORESTRY

6 Brooks Reforestation

In August 2024, we'll remove approximately 70 dead and declining Monterey Cypress and Monterey Pine east of the South Baker Beach apartments, near Baker Court. Then in winter we'll replant with mixed conifer species of Pine and Cypress. We'll protect the sensitive diversified native plant understory.

7 Bowley Reforestation

In September 2024, we'll remove approximately 60 declining and dead Monterey Cypress and Monterey Pine along Lincoln Boulevard near Baker Beach. Then we'll replant with mixed conifer species of Pine and Cypress, as well as a diversified native plant understory. This will increase the biodiversity of the stand and help stabilize the slope.

NATIVE HABITAT RESTORATION

8 North Dune Corridor

Starting in August 2024, we'll remove three acres of declining pine trees to restore dune habitat for the endangered San Francisco lessingia and other rare plants.

9 Quarry

This project will eliminate declining trees located near structures and trails and will increase the defensible space for fire protection. It will also increase biodiversity of the native flora. Some trees will be cut on the top and their trunks left standing to provide habitat for cavity nesting birds. Oaks and toyons already growing there will be protected and left in place. This work will begin in August 2024.

LANDSCAPES

The Trust is implementing **ECOLOGICAL HORTICULTURE** practices as we improve park landscapes.

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.

10 East Washington Neighborhood Landscape Improvements

Design for landscape improvements have begun and will continue into 2025. In late summer 2025, we'll replace declining and dead vegetation with new trees and shrubs and replace some turf to improve water conversation and increase biodiversity.

11 Open Space on Lincoln Boulevard and Halleck Street

We'll convert this lawn area to picnic space with low water use plantings. Work will be phased over several years as we test various native plants at this site, with the initial phase planned for summer 2024.

12 Presidio Promenade (Eastern Section) Landscape Improvements

In the summer of 2024, we'll begin the first phase of work to improve the section of the Presidio Promenade between Presidio Boulevard and the Lombard Gate to make it more inviting and to improve biodiversity. We'll remove acacia trees and some lawn areas so we can plant native plants. We're working on plans for a garden to showcase the different types of vegetation you'll find in the Presidio. In the next phase of the project, we'll add benches and improve the trail. Construction will start summer 2025.

13 Ruckman Storey Residential Neighborhood Landscape Improvements

We've begun designing improvements to the aging landscape in this residential neighborhood. We expect to convert some small areas of lawn to

landscape bed plantings or hardscape to allow for better use of the spaces at the backs of the residences and more water conservation.

14 Park Forest Stand Stormwater Best Management Practices

We'll add a vegetated swale and basin carved out of the sandy soils alongside the newly planted forest stand at Park Boulevard. This will improve stormwater infiltration and allow us to decommission a section of stormwater pipe by allowing water to flow along the surface of the ground and then infiltrate down into groundwater. The first phase of construction was completed in spring 2024. The next phase is anticipated for late summer 2024, followed by planting.

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