Presidio Open Space Update

2026-2027

ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS

NATIVE HABITAT RESTORATION

FORESTRY

Tree Removal (see notes on reverse)

LANDSCAPES



ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS

1 Lincoln Boulevard

Starting in late 2026, we'll improve bus stops and add protected on-street bike lanes on Lincoln Boulevard between Bowley Street at Baker Beach to the 25th Avenue Gate. Just north of that, we'll add a walking trail alongside Lincoln Boulevard to separate people walking from those driving and biking. The trail will close the gap between the Coastal Trail and the sidewalk near the Baker Beach Apartments.

2 Roads & Sidewalks on the Main Post

Starting in late 2026, we'll improve accessibility on the Main Post by repaving Moraga Avenue, Funston Avenue, Mesa Street, Presidio Boulevard, and the parking area near the Presidio Officers' Club. Work will include added and widened sidewalks, new or improved curb ramps, safety enhancements at pedestrian crossings, and protected bike lanes on Presidio Boulevard.

3 Arguello Boulevard

In 2027, we're improving Arguello Boulevard where it meets Washington Boulevard. We'll re-grade the intersection and improve bike and pedestrian infrastructure to make travel more comfortable for driving, biking, and walking.

NATIVE HABITAT RESTORATION

4 Nike Behind 1450 Restoration

Starting in August 2026, we'll remove three quarters of an acre of declining non-native trees behind 1450 Battery Caulfield Road to restore dune and coastal scrub habitat. This will protect nearby infrastructure from falling trees or limbs, increase biodiversity, and create habitat for rare and endangered species. We'll protect existing oak and toyon trees and leave them in place.

5 Central Tributary East Restoration

Starting in October 2026, we'll remove nearly an acre of declining pine and invasive acacia trees to restore oak woodland and scrub habitat on the slope between McRae Street and MacArthur Avenue. This will protect nearby structures from falling limbs and increase. We'll protect existing oak and toyon trees in place. Then in December 2026, we'll replant the area with native plants.

6 Inspiration Point West Grassland 3 Restoration

Starting in August 2027, we'll remove 1 acre of invasive trees to restore serpentine grassland and oak woodland habitat east of the intersection of Washington and Arguello Boulevard. This will increase biodiversity and create habitat for endangered Presidio Clarkia flowers. We'll replant the area with native plants starting in December 2027.

7 Quail Reintroduction Pilot

By fall 2027, we'll begin piloting California quail reintroductions at El Polin and Presidio Hills to assess the feasibility of a full-scale reintroduction effort. In the months leading up to the release, we will be working on habitat enhancements for quail at these sites.

8 California Ringlet and Silvery Blue Butterflies

We're continuing the effort, begun in 2022, to reintroduce California ringlet butterflies. In 2027, we'll focus near Cavalry Stables where the butterflies appear to be establishing well. We will also begin our third year of introducing the Silvery blue butterfly, the closest living relative of the extinct Xerces blue butterfly, last seen in the Presidio in the 1940s. We are likely to focus work in the dunes of Lobos Creek Valley and north of the Public Health District.

FORESTRY

9 Redwood 6 Reforestation

Beginning in September 2026, we'll restore approximately one acre of forest by removing declining Monterey cypress and pine trees, along with invasive understory vegetation. Early in the new year, we'll replant with a diverse mix of coast redwoods and native understory plants. This will improve forest health and habitat, reduce wildfire risk, and establish a more resilient forest for the future.

10 Kobbe 6 Reforestation

Beginning in September 2026, we'll reforest approximately one-half acre near Kobbe Avenue, Washington Boulevard, and Harrison Boulevard. We'll remove dead and declining trees and then replant with a diverse mix of trees and native understory plants in the new year when the rains begin. This work will renew an aging section of forest, improve habitat and resilience, and help maintain safe access along the surrounding roadways.

11 Eucalyptus Thinning Near Rob Hill Campground (Site 2)

In late summer 2026, we'll thin a section of eucalyptus forest near Rob Hill Campground by removing dead, declining, and smaller competing trees. We'll remove invasive understory vegetation and replace with a diverse mix of native plants. This will reduce competition among the remaining trees, reduce wildfire risk, improve habitat, and strengthen the health and resilience of the historic forest.

12 North Arguello 1 Reforestation

Beginning in late summer 2026, we'll restore a section of historic forest along Arguello Boulevard where previous tree failures have created openings in the stand and exposed remaining trees to increased wind. We'll remove dead, declining, and compromised trees as well as invasive understory vegetation. Then we'll replant with a diverse mix of trees and native plants early in 2027. This will improve forest resilience and habitat while helping maintain safe access along this heavily traveled roadway.

LANDSCAPES

13 Accessible Loop Trail

Beginning in summer 2026, we'll address erosion by resurfacing the Park Trail from the Presidio Promenade to Washington Boulevard with compacted shale and reconstructed trail landings.

14 Presidio Terrace Shrub Replacement

Beginning in late summer 2026, we'll remove invasive plants and replace the aged hedge and shrubs with a new hedge and low plantings at the north end of the Presidio Terrace neighborhood.

15 Sanches Residential Neighborhood Landscape Rehabilitation

We last rehabilitated landscapes here in 2003. Beginning in August 2026, we'll refresh plantings, improve the irrigation system, and enhance outdoor spaces, including patios. The goal is to balance active open space needs with more ecologically sustainable landscaping, establishing a healthier and more sustainable tree and plant population. Work will continue through February 2027.

16 National Cemetery Overlook

This fall and winter, 2026, we'll make improvements to the paving in and around Cemetery Overlook. We will also replant a few trees from where trees fell in past years' storms.

17 Lower Funston Neighborhood Landscape Rehabilitation

Funston Avenue is one of the most significant and intact cultural landscapes in the Presidio, featuring Victorian-era cottages built in 1862. In 2007, we rehabilitated landscapes along the upper portion of this streetscape. In late summer 2027, we'll begin the landscape rehabilitation of the buildings north of Presidio Boulevard (Buildings 3 to 10)

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