

## Interpretive Themes



### Waterfront Experience & History

Support the active boating culture of the Tidewater Boating Center and the maritime history of the Oakland Estuary

#### Site Elements:

- Signs and images reflecting cultural history of Oakland Estuary
- Boat/water-themed play equipment and site furnishings, such as light poles and fencing
- Viewpoints for Oakland Strokes races
- SF Bay Trail and SF Bay Water Trail trailhead
- Use of “rip rap” style boulders for seating



### Bay Ecology and Watershed Planning

Educate visitors about the unique ecosystem of the Bay

#### Site Elements:

- Signs and images of coastal habitat
- Coastal plant walk
- Viewpoint to East Creek and mudflats

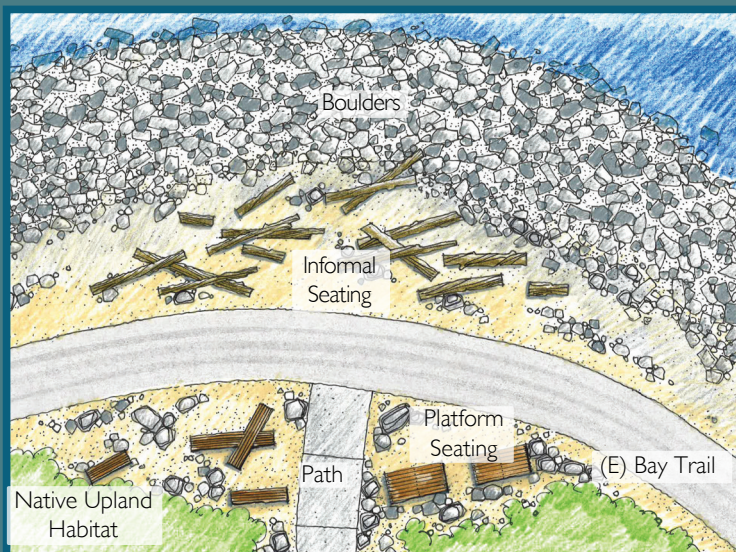


### Pollution Solutions

Protect the environmental health of the Bay and support citizen response

#### Site Elements:

- Waste and stormwater prevention signs
- Volunteer cleanup staging areas
- Stormwater infiltration areas with interpretive signs



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Healthy Parks Healthy People

The Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline Tidewater Day Use Area is located at the edge of the Oakland Estuary, a site that is already a popular destination for hikers, bicyclists and rowers. The park expansion will provide a new recreational destination along the Oakland Estuary, with small and large group picnic spaces, a multi-use lawn, restroom facilities and a nature play area for children. A network of pathways will lead visitors through the park to gathering spaces for educational or recreational outings. The park will also serve as a staging area for hikers and bicyclists using the San Francisco Bay Trail and for small-craft boaters using the boat launch for the San Francisco Bay Water Trail.

## Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline Tidewater Day Use Area

Location  
Oakland, CA



## Climate Vision

The site will be developed and maintained in ways that strategically reduce greenhouse emissions, urban heat island effect, and improve stormwater infiltration. Low-water use and native plants will be used throughout the park.

Grades at the site will be raised to increase the park's climate resiliency and protect amenities from sea level rise. The trail network has been designed to provide a bypass should sea level rise begin to impair passage along the existing Bay Trail. With changes in sea level, the park's planting areas have been designed to evolve into a wider diversity of habitats, including new high marsh and transitional ecotypes.

## Project Actions

### Restore Upland Habitats

- New habitats will be created between the lawn and the SF Bay Trail

### Improve Public Amenities and Access

- Provide increased public access to the SF Bay Trail and SF Bay Water Trail
- Provide waterfront viewing areas that look out onto the estuary for water sports
- Construct visitor facilities including restrooms, water stations, picnic facilities and parking
- Develop new family use areas, nature play and play structure areas
- Incorporate educational areas and outdoor classrooms
- Construct new and improved accessible trails and a demonstration garden along a coastal plant walk

### Improve Maintenance and Infrastructure

- Provide new parking
- Incorporate improvements to existing utility systems
- Improve emergency access through the site



OUTDOOR CLASSROOM



NATURE-PLAY AREA



MULTI-USE LAWN & PICNIC AREA



RESTROOM FACILITY



MIX OF NATIVE PLANTING

1

## OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

An informal meeting space will be incorporated into the edge of the Play Area, with log and boulder seating arranged in a semicircle to host visiting schools or lecture groups.

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## NATURE-PLAY AREA

The new park will include a large play area, including nature play elements and climbing structures.

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## MULTI-USE LAWN & PICNIC AREA

The park will include a 1.8 acre mowed lawn suitable for active recreation or lounging in the sun. Many picnic areas have also been placed along the walking paths, including three larger spaces with multiple tables for groups.

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## RESTROOM FACILITIES

A new building will include two restrooms with a drinking fountain and a bottle filling station.

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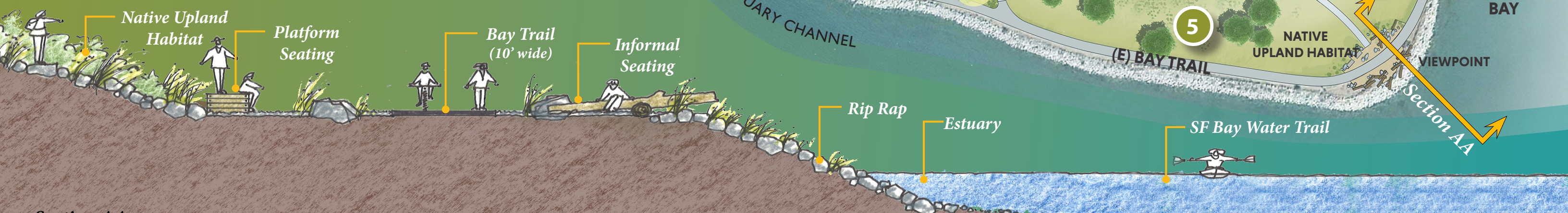
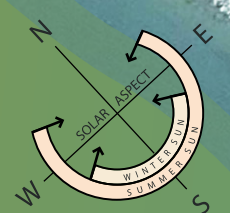
Over 50% of the park will be planting, this includes native upland habitats, a demonstration garden along a coastal plant walk, and stormwater and screening plantings. Native and climate-adapted plants will be used throughout the park.

(E) TIDEWATER BOATING CENTER

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EVMA EASEMENT

SITE PLAN SCALE  
0 20 40 80



Section AA