



# SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Draft Environmental Impact Report for Natural Areas Management Plan

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A Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has been prepared by the San Francisco Planning Department in connection with this project. The report was made available on August 31, 2011 and remains available for public review and comment on the Planning Department's Negative Declarations & EIRs webpage (<http://tinyurl.com/meacases>). CDs and paper copies are also available at the Planning Information Center (PIC) at 1660 Mission Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor. Referenced materials are available for review by appointment at the Planning Department's office at 1650 Mission Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor. (Call 575-9122)

The Planning Department held a public hearing on the Draft EIR on October 6, 2011 at which time public comments were received. This Notice informs the public that the Planning Department will accept additional comments on the Draft EIR through June 11, 2012.

**Project Description:** Fragments of unique plant and animal habitats within San Francisco and Pacifica, known as Significant Natural Resource Areas (Natural Areas), have been preserved within the parks that are managed by the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department (SFRPD). In the late 1990s, the SFRPD initiated a Natural Areas Program to protect and manage these Natural Areas. Over the course of several years, the SFRPD developed the Significant Natural Resource Area Management Plan (SNRAMP), with the final draft plan published in February 2006. The SNRAMP contains detailed information on the biology, geology, and trails within 32 Natural Areas, 31 in San Francisco and one (Sharp Park) in Pacifica. The SNRAMP is intended to guide natural resource protection, habitat restoration, trail and access improvements, other capital projects, and maintenance activities over the next 20 years.

The SNRAMP delineates the acreage within each Natural Area into management area categories based on the management priority. The SNRAMP prescribes both general management activities that apply to all Natural Areas and management activities specific to each Natural Area. The SNRAMP identifies a number of goals with respect to conservation and restoration, education, research, stewardship, recreation, and monitoring goals. Recommended actions identified for each Natural Area are intended to meet the overall goals of the SNRAMP and may include, but are not limited to, habitat restoration, removal of invasive species, tree removal, erosion control, trail closure, relocation or creation, and closure or reduction of dog play areas. Individual Natural Areas may be identified as an entire park or only a portion of the park. Unless otherwise specified in the

SNRAMPS or the Draft EIR, management actions apply only to the geographic boundary of the Natural Area. The attached table and map identify each Natural Area, and the Natural Area's acreage and general location.

The Draft EIR analyzes the 20 year management plan at a programmatic level, with project-level review of routine maintenance actions and habitat restoration at Sharp Park. The Draft EIR identified the following unavoidable significant environmental effects of the proposed project: Cultural and Paleontological Resources, Recreation, Biological Resources, and Air Quality. Significant Hydrology and Water Quality, and Hazards and Hazardous Materials effects identified in the Draft EIR were found to be less than significant with mitigation.

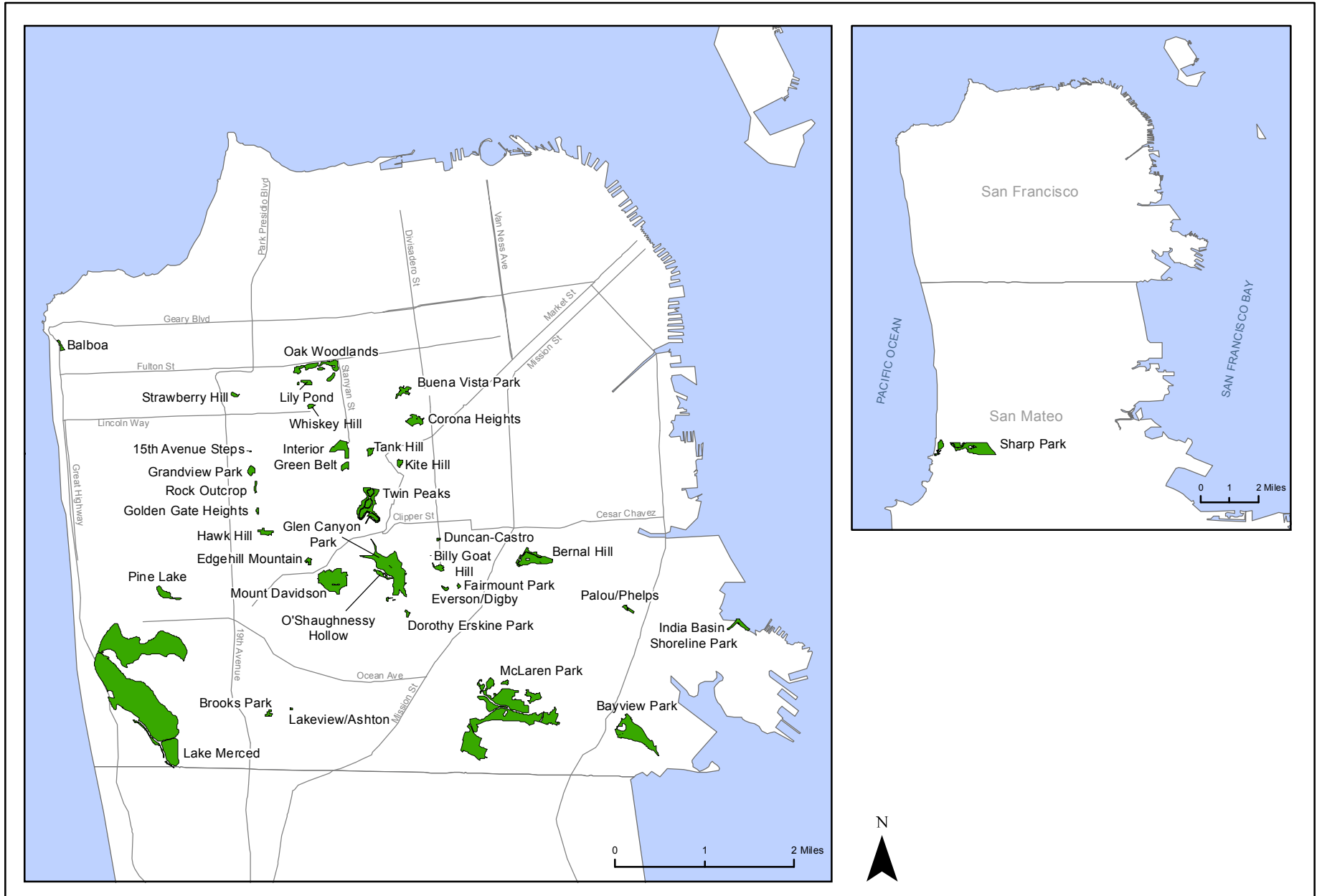
**Public comments on the Draft EIR** will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on June 11, 2012. Written comments should be addressed to Bill Wycko, Environmental Review Officer, San Francisco Planning Department, 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, San Francisco, CA 94103. **If you previously submitted comments on the Draft EIR, there is no need to resubmit your comments.** All comments received on the Draft EIR will be responded to in a Comments and Responses document.

If you have any questions about the **environmental review** of the proposed project, please call Jessica Range at 415-575-9018.

## Acreage of Significant Natural Areas and Total Park Acreage

Natural Area Site	Park Acreage	Natural Area Acreage
Balboa	1.8	1.8
Bayview Park	43.9	43.9
Bernal Hill	24.3	24.3
Billy Goat Hill	3.5	3.5
Brooks Park	3.5	2.0
Buena Vista Park	36.1	6.1
Corona Heights	12.6	9.6
Dorothy Erskine Park	1.5	1.5
Duncan-Castro	0.5	0.5
Edgehill Mountain	2.3	2.3
Everson/Digby	1.2	1.2
Fairmount Park	0.7	0.7
Glen Canyon Park and O'Shaughnessy Hollow**	72.6	63.8
Golden Gate Heights	6.0	0.8
Golden Gate Park (Oak Woodlands, Lily Pond, Whiskey Hill, and Strawberry Hill)	1,021.0	26.2
Grandview Park	4.0	4.0
Hawk Hill	4.5	4.5
India Basin Shoreline Park	11.8	6.2
Interior Greenbelt	19.4	16.5
Kite Hill	2.7	2.7
Lake Merced	614.0	395.0
Lakeview/Ashton Mini Park	0.5	0.5
McLaren Park	312.6	165.3
Mount Davidson	40.2	40.2
Palou-Phelps	2.5	2.1
Pine Lake	30.3	8.4
Rock Outcrop	1.6	1.6
Tank Hill	2.9	2.9
Twin Peaks	34.1	31.1
15th Avenue Steps	0.3	0.3
<b>San Francisco Subtotal</b>	<b>2,312.9</b>	<b>869.5</b>
Sharp Park (Pacifica)	411.0	237.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,723.9</b>	<b>1,106.7</b>

\*Glen Canyon Park and O'Shaughnessy Hollow are two different Natural Areas; they are grouped together in this table, as they are in the SNRAMP.



The 32 Natural Areas total approximately 1,107 acres and range in size from 0.3 acres (15th Avenue Steps) to 395 acres (Lake Merced).

Natural Area  
 — Roadway

## Natural Areas