

I. SUMMARY OF OBJECTIVES & POLICIES

OBJECTIVE 1

ENSURE A HIGH PERFORMING OPEN SPACE SYSTEM

POLICY 1.1

Encourage dynamic activation and flexible programming of open space.

POLICY 1.2

Prioritize renovation in highly-utilized open spaces and in high needs neighborhoods.

POLICY 1.3

Prioritize the activation of McLaren Park, Ocean Beach and other underutilized signature open spaces.

POLICY 1.4

Support the continued improvement of Golden Gate Park.

POLICY 1.5

Consider public art as an essential component of all open space design.

POLICY 1.6

Support urban agriculture through the creation and maintenance of community, rooftops, schoolyard and kitchen gardens.

POLICY 1.7

Preserve existing open space by restricting its conversion to other uses and limiting encroachment from other uses.

POLICY 1.8

Preserve sunlight in public open spaces.

POLICY 1.9

Reduce or eliminate automobile traffic in and around public open spaces.

POLICY 1.10

Maintain and repair open spaces to the highest level of quality.

POLICY 1.11

Support private recreational facilities that provide a community benefit.

POLICY 1.12

Increase awareness of City's open space system.

POLICY 1.13

Ensure that open space is safe and secure for the City's entire population.

OBJECTIVE 2

INCREASE OPEN SPACE TO MEET THE LONG-TERM NEEDS OF THE CITY AND BAY REGION

POLICY 2.1

Prioritize acquisition of open space in high needs areas.

POLICY 2.2

Provide and promote a balanced recreation system which offers a variety of high quality recreational opportunities for all San Franciscans.

POLICY 2.3

Develop new recreational programs and service level goals to ensure programs and facilities continue to meet community needs.

POLICY 2.4

Support the development of signature public open spaces along the shoreline.

POLICY 2.5

Encourage the development of region-serving open spaces in opportunity areas: Treasure Island, Yerba Buena Island, Candlestick and Hunters Point Shipyard.

POLICY 2.6

Support the development of civic-serving open spaces.

POLICY 2.7

Work with the Presidio Trust and the National Park Service to preserve the open space and natural historic, scenic and recreational features of the Presidio.

POLICY 2.8

Consider repurposing underutilized City-owned properties as open space.

POLICY 2.9

Pursue the use of schoolyards as publicly-accessible open space during non-school hours.

POLICY 2.10

Improve access to and level of activity provided at San Francisco reservoirs.

POLICY 2.11

Assure that privately developed residential open spaces are usable, beautiful, and environmentally sustainable.

POLICY 2.12

Ensure that downtown open spaces are truly accessible, usable and activated.

OBJECTIVE 3

IMPROVE ACCESS AND CONNECTIVITY TO OPEN SPACE

POLICY 3.1

Creatively develop existing publicly-owned rights of way and streets into open space.

POLICY 3.2

Develop and enhance the City's recreational trail system, linking to the regional hiking and biking trail system and considering historic water courses to improve stormwater management.

POLICY 3.3

Encourage alternative modes of transportation – transit, bicycle and pedestrian access—to and from open spaces.

POLICY 3.4

Ensure that open space is physically accessible, especially for those with limited mobility.

POLICY 3.5

Maintain, restore, and expand the urban forest.

OBJECTIVE 4

PROTECT AND ENHANCE THE BIODIVERSITY, NATURAL HABITATS, AND ECOLOGICAL INTEGRITY OF OPEN SPACES

POLICY 4.1

Require the inclusion of environmentally-sustainable design principles into all open space construction, renovation, management and maintenance.

POLICY 4.2

Establish a coordinated management approach for designation and protection of existing open spaces, natural areas, watershed lands and other habitat areas.

POLICY 4.3

Protect, preserve and restore native and sensitive habitat, species and natural resources, including wetlands and riparian areas.

POLICY 4.4

Develop public and agency awareness of local biodiversity and natural habitats, and foster community-based ecological and natural areas stewardship.

OBJECTIVE 5

ENGAGE COMMUNITIES IN THE STEWARDHIP OF THEIR OPEN SPACES

POLICY 5.1

Engage communities in the design, programming and improvement of their local open spaces.

POLICY 5.2

Facilitate the development of community-initiated or supported open spaces.

POLICY 5.3

Provide tools to support community open space efforts.

POLICY 5.4

Reduce governmental barriers to community open space efforts.

POLICY 5.5

Encourage and foster stewardship of open spaces through well-run, active volunteer programs.

OBJECTIVE 6

SECURE LONG-TERM RESOURCES AND MANAGEMENT FOR OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION, OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

POLICY 6.1

Develop innovative long-term funding mechanisms.

POLICY 6.2

Pursue public-private partnerships to generate new operating revenues for open spaces.

POLICY 6.3

Expand partnerships with regional park districts, open space agencies, transit agencies, private sector and nonprofit institutions to acquire, develop and/or manage existing open spaces.