

[Support developing the Islais Creek watershed to enhance the urban forestry canopy in conjunction with activities by all city agencies involved with transforming streets, streetscapes, and other open spaces in and around the Islais Creek watershed]

Resolution recommending that the Urban Forestry Council support and promote in conjunction with all city agencies involved with transforming streets, streetscapes, rights-of-way, and open spaces within and around the Islais Creek watershed, the development of an appropriate watershed for Islais Creek using native and suitable non-native tree plantings, themed artworks, and other related elements including community education and stewardship opportunities to reflect this major creek system which links 9 neighborhoods in the Southern and Eastern portions of San Francisco, including developing a nature walk for the south slope of Bernal Heights.

WHEREAS, planting native and suitable non-native trees, including signage, narrative artworks, and other related elements provides a more vibrant and healthy environment for the people, the streetscapes and the urban spaces; and,

WHEREAS, many of San Francisco's trees are not always chosen or planted in relation to their ecological place; and,

WHEREAS, developing the Islais Creek watershed will transform seemingly disparate streets, places and neighborhoods into a unified whole resulting in a more conscious populace and beautiful environments, and increasing the city's urban forestry canopy; and,

WHEREAS, developing the Islais Creek in this manner has numerous environmental benefits including stormwater management, air filtration, increased wildlife habitat; and,

WHEREAS, the presence of beautiful, healthy, public spaces encourages people to walk, spend time outdoors, interact, and learn; and,

WHEREAS, developing the Islais Creek watershed and supporting a Bernal Heights nature walk are meaningful ways to increase community participation, stewardship, and possibly attract funding; and,

WHEREAS, the Urban Forestry Council can demonstrate to diverse city agencies, community groups and individuals its interest in expanding the urban forestry canopy, in creating watershed environments and microclimates, and in educating the public about the importance of trees, including riparian species and ecological systems; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Urban Forestry Council will support, promote, and recommend to all related city agencies and departments involved with transforming streets, streetscapes and other open spaces, the development of the Islais Creek watershed and a nature walk on the south slope of Bernal Heights as important opportunities to increase San Francisco's urban forest, among other benefits.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted at the Urban Forest Council's meeting on _____, 2008

Monica Fish, Council Secretary

VOTE:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent: