

Appendix A



El Cerrito Urban Greening Community Engagement Summary

March, 2013 - April 2015

Introduction

The following memo summarizes the community and stakeholder engagement process for the El Cerrito Urban Greening Plan from March, 2013 through April, 2015. A wide range of community members participated through the plan website, intercept surveys, stakeholder meetings, focus groups, the July fourth festival, and community workshops. Through these outreach activities a framework of overarching urban greening strategies began to emerge:

- Improved Trails and Paths
- Greener Gateways
- Strengthened Ohlone Greenway
- Enhanced Existing Parks
- Active Commercial Corridors
- Resilient Higher Density Neighborhoods
- Enriched Natural Areas
- Enhanced Creeks
- Green Streets
- Vibrant Schoolyards
- Urban Agriculture

Each of the community outreach activities is described below. These summaries are followed by an appendix of survey and website mapping results, as well as an analysis of community comments categorized based on the overarching urban greening framework.

Community Outreach Activities

1. Urban Greening Task Force Meetings
2. Community Meetings
3. Project Website
4. Community Survey
5. Focus Group Meetings

1. Urban Greening Task Force Meetings

The Urban Greening Task Force includes representatives from the following organizations and agencies: Members of Parks & Recreation Commission, Environmental Quality Committee, Committee on Aging, Tree Committee, Trail Trekkers, Community Garden Network, Public Works Department, Recreation Department, City Manager's Office, and Environmental Services Division. This group has performed an advisory role throughout the planning process guiding plan strategies and proposed enhancements.

- **[3/27/13] Urban Greening Task Force Meeting #1: Project Initiation**
City of El Cerrito Staff and the MIG team met with the Urban Greening Task Force on March 27, 2013 to kick off the project, identify project outcomes and goals, review communication protocols and procedures, and discuss the public involvement plan for the project. The meeting included discussion of the preliminary overall urban greening vision for the City of El Cerrito and issues and opportunities. The desired project

outcomes outlined by the task force included: ensure well-maintained parks that meet community needs, explore repurposed property and underutilized land, increase open space and distribute throughout the City, improve connectivity, create a special place, identify gaps, create walkable strong neighborhoods, bring parks to people, connect with underrepresented communities, strengthen cultural resources, and provide educational and job opportunities.

- **[6/05/13] Urban Greening Task Force Meeting #2: Vision, Needs & Opportunities**
The second Urban Greening Task Force Meeting took place on June 5, 2013. The focus of the meeting was to review and revise the existing conditions base information, discuss potential opportunity sites and map their locations. In addition, the group reviewed the best practices catalogue and discussed which solutions are most appropriate for the City of El Cerrito.
- **[7/17/13] Urban Greening Task Force Meeting #3: Preliminary Recommendations and Analysis**
The third Urban Greening Task Force Meeting took place on July 17, 2013. MIG presented the overarching plan framework for affirmation as well as the results of the connectivity and activity analyses. The Task Force gave several refinements to the project approach and analysis and recommended a revised framework for presentation to the community.
- **[10/10/13] Urban Greening Task Force Meeting #4: Enhancement Analysis**
The fourth Urban Greening Task Force Meeting took place on October 10, 2013. The group affirmed the overarching framework and provided refinements to opportunity sites. MIG also presented the enhancement analysis focusing on specific sites where urban greening strategies could be applied, as well as preliminary urban greening policies for discussion and refinements.
- **[6/26/14] Urban Greening Task Force Meeting #5: Revised Improvements Review and Prioritization**
The primary purpose of Meeting #5, held on Thursday, June 26th, was to get input on how to prioritize potential projects developed in the previous tasks, and with input from previous Task Force meetings. Specifically, this meant identifying the top 5 sites for which detailed concepts will be prepared. Task Force members were given the opportunity to vote on their top 5 preferred projects. The Task Force's top choices were Fairmount Park (7 votes), Hillside Natural Area and Madera Property (5 votes), the former Portola Middle School site (5 votes), Blue to Green Connections (4 votes), and Creekside Park (4 votes) These five potential focus areas were the top vote-getters, after two rounds of voting, and received particular attention. All sites are owned and controlled by the City of El Cerrito, with the exception of the former Portola Middle School site and a portion of Fairmount Park, which are both owned by WCCUSD. Conlon Ave/Key Blvd ROW (3 votes) and Lower Fairmount (3 votes) were the next-preferred sites, followed by Ashbury Ave (2 votes) and Central Park (2 votes). Sites not chosen with any votes included Ohlone Greenway, Portola to Schmidt; Ohlone Greenway, Gladys to Blake; El Cerrito Plaza; Cutting/San Pablo Vacant Lot; and Avila/San Pablo Cul-de-Sac.

2. Community Meetings

- **[7/23/13] Community Workshop #1: Vision, Opportunities and Needs** The first community workshop focused on three concurrent El Cerrito planning projects: Urban Greening, Active Transportation Plan, and San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan. The overview presentation was followed by detailed breakout group discussions about the overarching goals, strategy framework, and urban greening opportunity sites. Community input from the workshop is included at the end of this document.
- **[10/19/13] Community Workshop #2: Preliminary Recommendations** The second community workshop again focused on the three concurrent planning projects through a presentation and open house format. Community members placed their comments on the project posters and provided input through the large group discussions after the project presentation. Community input from the workshop is included at the end of this document.
- **[8/2/14] Community Workshop #3: Charrette on 4 selected opportunity sites** The primary purpose of Workshop #3, held on Saturday, August 2nd, was to gather community input on design and program ideas for four selected opportunity sites: Lower Fairmount Avenue, Hillside Natural Area, Fairmont Park, and “Blue Green Connections.” Twenty-five community members were in attendance. The workshop started with an overview of the El Cerrito Urban Greening process to date, the overarching framework of the Urban Greening plan, the criteria used to determine the 14 focus areas of the Urban Greening plan, and the four opportunity sites that would be the main subject of the charrette. After the overview presentation, community members split into 4 groups based on their interest in one of the given opportunity sites. Each group discussed the following topics:
 - The overall vision and character for the site
 - The specific programming elements that would accomplish the site vision
 - The location of the chosen elements (drawn on a basemap of the site)
 - Maintenance strategies for the siteA full summary of the public’s input during this community meeting and charrette can be found in the Appendix, within the “Charrette Summary” document.

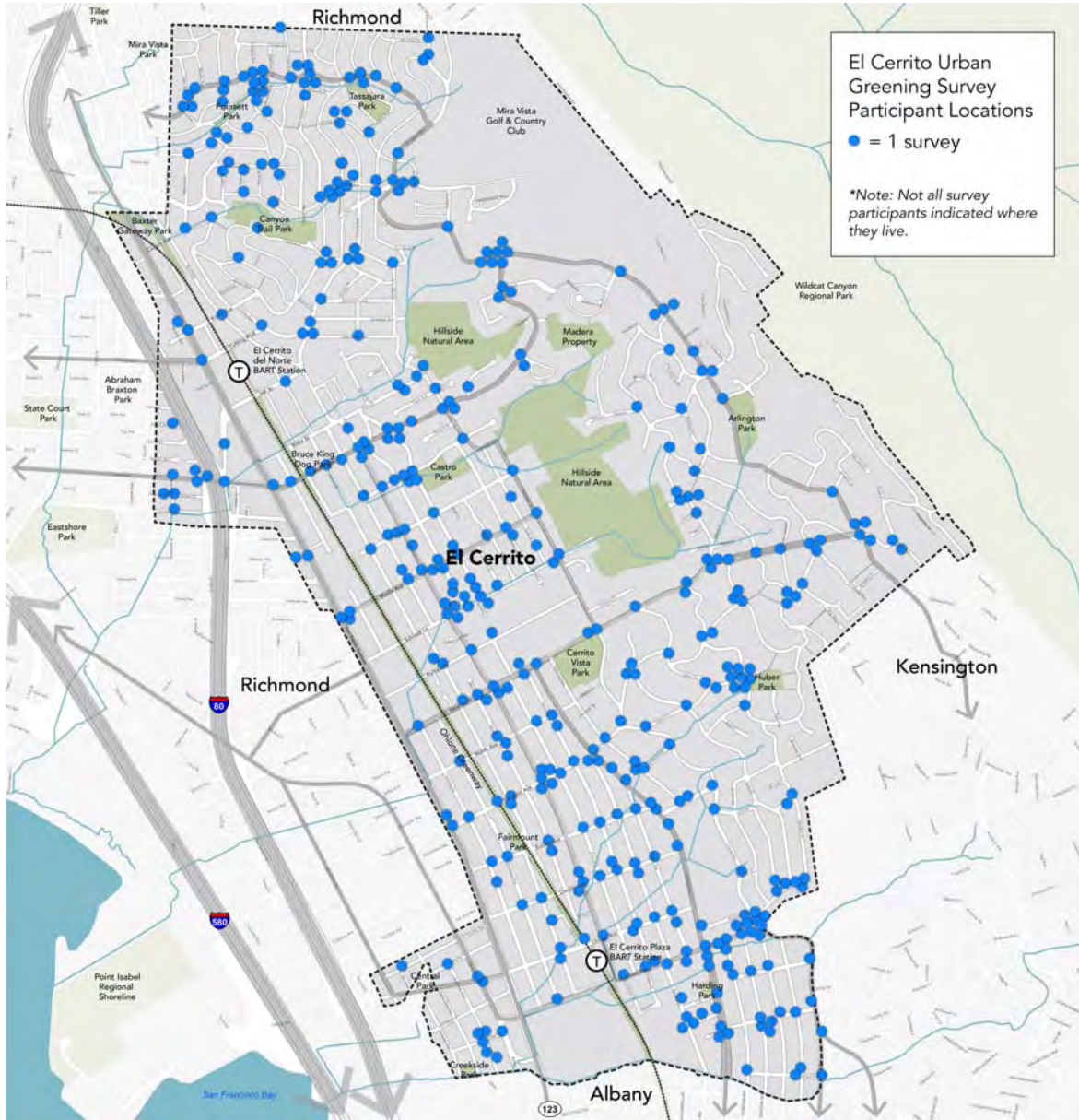
3. Project Website

The El Cerrito Urban Greening Website provides public education and outreach for the project. The website launched on May 24, 2013 and is located at the address: www.elcerritourbangreening.org. Available in a variety of languages, the website content includes: an overview of urban greening; workshop dates locations and materials; access to the online survey; and an interactive mapping tool that enables web-based community input. Community participant comments from the website interactive mapping tool are included at the end of this document.

4. Community Survey [Week of 5/20/13 – 7/8/13]

The project team developed an Urban Greening Community Survey to collect information on local priorities and needs. The questionnaire was administered online through the website, distributed at meetings and conducted through intercept surveys. On May 22, 2013 community representatives were trained to administer the survey to their neighbors and constituent groups to ensure targeting to typically underrepresented populations. Over

the 6 week period 848 community members participated in the survey, and the map below illustrates the distribution of participants across the City.



A copy of the survey can be seen on the following page, and the survey results are summarized in the Community Input Summary at the end of this appendix section.

5. Focus Group Meetings

- **[June 2013] Focus Group Meeting** This focus group meeting was organized to further understand the existing needs of the community. The focus group meeting served as an opportunity to conduct intercept face to face surveys targeted at teens and disabled community members to better understand how they use currently use open space and

what potential urban greening opportunities would improve their experience of El Cerrito's open spaces.

El Cerrito Urban Greening Community Survey



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Urban Greening Survey

The City of El Cerrito would like your thoughts on improving open spaces (including parks and streets). This survey will take about 5 minutes to complete. Your responses will help make El Cerrito a better place to live, work, shop and play and will help guide the City in making community driven decisions that reflect community priorities.

Please complete this survey by **July 8, 2013**. Your responses will be kept confidential. If you have any questions about the survey, please contact us.

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN THIS SURVEY!

If you would like to be contacted about El Cerrito Urban Greening Plan updates and meetings, fill out the information below:

Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

For more information or to take the survey online go to:
www.ElCerritoUrbanGreening.org

Open Spaces and Streets

1. Where do you live?

Outside of the City of El Cerrito

In the City of El Cerrito

If you live in the City of El Cerrito, indicate the nearest intersection to you.

2. How important are parks, recreation facilities, and natural areas to your quality of life?

1 2 3 4 5

Not Important Somewhat Important Very Important No Opinion

3. Overall, how satisfied are you with El Cerrito's park and open space system?

1 2 3 4 5

Not Satisfied Somewhat Satisfied Very Satisfied No Opinion

4. What are the most important *benefits* of local parks, recreation areas, trails and greenways, to you? **Choose the top four.**

Create opportunities for community events and social interaction in El Cerrito

Create positive activities and fun environments

Continue life-long learning

Support health and fitness activities

Provide a place to relax

Allow public to observe and interact with nature

Protect and enhance air, water, and natural habitats

Strengthen the economy (increase property values, attract new residents, businesses and visitors)

Other _____

5. What are your top priorities for *improving* open spaces, parks, streets, and trails in El Cerrito? **Choose the top four.**

- Create new parks, pocket parks and green spaces in key locations
 - Improve existing parks and recreation facilities
 - Expand/improve the trail network
 - Expand/improve on-street bicycle/pedestrian facilities
 - Restore or protect creeks, forests, and natural areas
 - Improve commercial areas with urban plazas/small parks
 - Create community gardens
 - Assure equal access for all (e.g. proximity to all neighborhoods)
 - Other _____
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6. What improvements would most encourage you to walk and bike to your destination or for recreation? **Choose the top three.**

- Safe and comfortable facilities (e.g. sidewalks, crosswalks, bike lanes)
 - Slow traffic
 - Amenities/aesthetics (seating, lighting, attractive landscaping, trees, special features such as art)
 - Sidewalk activities (outdoor dining, street vendors, child-friendly amenities etc.)
 - Clear wayfinding and signage
 - Other _____
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7. Is there a recreational activity or type of green space you currently travel outside of El Cerrito to seek out that could be in El Cerrito? **Tell us about it.**

About You

8. What is your age?

- Under 18
- 18 to 24
- 25 to 34
- 35 to 44
- 45 to 54
- 55 to 64
- 65 or older
- Decline to state

9. How would you describe yourself? **Choose all that apply.**

- Asian/Pacific Islander
- Black/African American
- Hispanic/Latino
- Native American/American Indian
- White, Non-Hispanic
- Biracial/Multiracial
- Decline to state
- Other _____

10. What is your gender?

- Female
- Male
- Decline to State
- Other _____

11. What languages do you speak at home? **Choose all that apply.**

- English
- Spanish
- Cantonese
- Mandarin
- Japanese
- Tagalog
- Korean
- Tibetan
- Arabic
- Other _____

12. If you are older than 18, how would you describe yourself? **Choose all that apply.**

- Student
- Married
- Single
- Stay-at-home parent/grandparent
- Retired
- Working Adult
- Unemployed
- Other _____

13. In your household, are there any children younger than 18?

- Yes
- No
- Other _____

14. Do you own or rent your home?

- Own
- Rent
- Other _____

El Cerrito Urban Greening Website Mapping Comments

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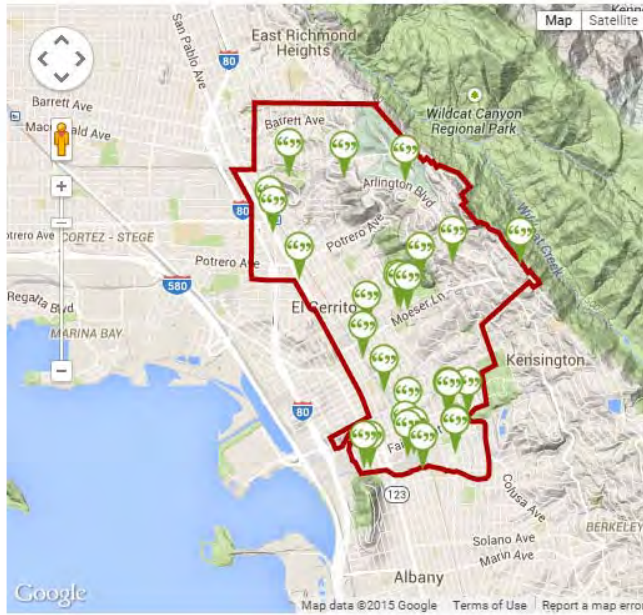
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Map Your Comments

Share your thoughts and ideas for greening El Cerrito:

- Upload your photos of El Cerrito's open spaces (including parks, streets, trails, and undeveloped lots).
- Upload a photo of an open space improvement you want to see in the City in the future.
- Leave a comment about the City's open spaces today and/or what you would like to see in the future.

For more information, call 215-4350 or email green@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us



Legend

Contribute to the map!
Upload your own photos or
leave a comment.

- City Boundary
- Community Photos and Comments

PHOTO	COMMENT	OWNER	DATE/TIME
<i>no photo</i>	Would love to see small improvements at fairmont park, fix the sad turtle, repave the path, redo the peeling murals on the greenway and fix or tear out the old wood structure and playground.	[REDACTED]	2/25/14 02:13 pm
<i>no photo</i>	So many people come here to shop and eat. it would be great to also be able to play!		5/28/13 11:16 am
<i>no photo</i>	Our park has turned into a soccer field. Boo.		6/7/13 03:09 pm
<i>no photo</i>	Would it be possible to include a trail of off Fairview heading south to Potrero	[REDACTED]	6/7/13 05:22 pm
<i>no photo</i>	The area around the Del Norte BART station is in serious need of a facelift. More trees and vegetation would help this area look nicer. Let's focus on all of EC, not just on the area around the Plaza.		3/14/14 10:10 pm
<i>no photo</i>	I heartily second the idea of recreation at the Plaza. The undeveloped area behind Lucky Supermarket would be an excellent site for a soccer field - lots of parking, a large flat surface, easy access to public transit. Pipe Dream? Dreams come true!	[REDACTED]	6/15/13 06:31 pm
<i>no photo</i>	I would love to see more street trees planted through out El Cerrito. This would really improve the aesthetics of our community.		6/19/13 05:37 pm
<i>no photo</i>	How about getting a Bocce Ball courts back? Great family/all generation activity...and if near retail/food also great synergy (meet up and grab a bite and play!)		6/19/13 10:21 pm
<i>no photo</i>	Creek vegetation is dominated by ivy and other invasives. Good opportunity to restore native riparian habitat along this rare stretch of exposed creek next to a footpath.		6/28/13 03:40 pm
<i>no photo</i>	Improve the cross border park connection between creekside park and Albany Hill park including creek restoration and protection.		6/28/13 03:46 pm
<i>no photo</i>	Turf/lawn is not appropriate for this climate, uses too much water and maintenance. Re-landscape these medians and re-imagine how to make these large medians useful attractive green spaces.		6/28/13 03:58 pm
<i>no photo</i>	Would like to see expanded park/nature area at demo site of Moeser x Navellier. Focus CV Park's fields on little league, then create a new soccer field/track/courtsports/picnic/garden area? Envisioning Berk Rose Garden meets sportsfield complex.		7/11/13 11:52 pm
<i>no photo</i>	Difficult intersection to bike through due to the steepness of both streets. Can we get a bike traffic signal actuator or treadle in all directions?	[REDACTED]	7/19/13 12:45 am
<i>no photo</i>	Right now Ashbury is mostly wasted space: narrow sidewalks, extra-super-wide traffic lanes, and a useless grass strip in the middle. It would be an ideal place for a new bike path, and the median could be widened+redesigned into a useful public space		7/19/13 11:28 am



<i>no photo</i>	I am pleased that Me and the rest of the Green Team cleaned up Creekside Park. That park/creek site is rather dirty. I think that more recycling and trash receptacles should be placed every 5 meters along the creek throughout the park.	[REDACTED]	7/22/13 09:59 pm
<i>no photo</i>	I don't like being at the mercy of inattentive drivers to the left and inattentive car door openers from the right.		7/23/13 06:29 pm
<i>no photo</i>	There's no this-millennium bike rack (that allows locking rear tire & frame) near Lucky's, and the racks closest to Trader Joes are hidden away, so they feel less safe. A standard (sine-wave) bike rack in front of each store would be welcomed.		7/23/13 06:35 pm
<i>no photo</i>	BART has been working on the greenway for many months now. Sections are closed. To the extent possible, could they make reopening the path their #2 priority (after structural fixes to trackway), and leave landscaping until last? If not, why?		7/23/13 06:40 pm
<i>no photo</i>	Putting in high density housing near BART stations is the single most powerful action we can take to reduce carbon pollution locally, as this excellent post explains: http://daily.sightline.org/2013/03/21/the-biggest-blind-spot-of-urban-greens/		7/23/13 06:50 pm
<i>no photo</i>	Just so you know, folks, your comment's caption doesn't get displayed in the list of comments, so make it clear from the comment body, what it's about. (Mine above is a plea for protected bike lanes on or near San Pablo)		7/23/13 06:53 pm
<i>no photo</i>	Work with Sightline.org to make sustainability legal - http://daily.sightline.org/projects/making-sustainability-legal-series/ (You do mean "greening" as in sustainability, right? Native vegetation etc does best when not under rising seas...)		7/23/13 07:00 pm
<i>no photo</i>	Prop 84: "...\$70 million for urban greening projects that reduce energy consumption, conserve water, improve air and water quality, and provide other community benefits ... includes reducing...global warming and...[+]adaptability to climate change..."		7/23/13 07:16 pm
<i>no photo</i>	This open lot, which I believe is owned by the Sunset Cemetery, is used as an dog park, but with no infrastructure or real maintenance. It would ideal if it could be developed and managed more purposefully as a green space.	[REDACTED]	7/25/13 12:52 am
	EC could have a downtown following two game changing moves —add sidewalk-oriented development on the BART side of Fairmount Ave and on Liberty opposite Pasta Pomodoro, Rubios, and Panda Express.	[REDACTED]	7/26/13 03:37 am
<i>no photo</i>	A bioretention cell at the bottom of Rockway Avenue at Ashbury makes a lot of sense. A larger speed bump further up the street could slow down speeding cars and divert more stormwater (from Colusa and the north side of Rockway) into the cell.	[REDACTED]	7/10/14 04:37 pm
<i>no photo</i>	Park workers poison gophers, etc. to try and control them but all they do is then kill off the raptors that eat the gophers, thereby insuring more rodents. How about banning poisons in our parks and building owl boxes, etc.	[REDACTED]	8/11/13 07:05 pm
<i>no photo</i>	You could have arrive at the top web site all around in the event you are looking for Happy Wheels Tryout, due to the fact every thing you need to know, you can find in this article, at this site, within our articles or blog posts. Inside a lot of th	[REDACTED]	9/5/13 02:36 pm





no photo	Excellent location for bicycle skills park development:existing topography, proximity to EC Rec Center, compatible adjacent land uses and park facilities.	[REDACTED]	7/23/14 11:48 pm
no photo		[REDACTED]	7/10/14 04:40 pm
	A bioretention cell at the bottom of Rockway Avenue at Ashbury makes a lot of sense. A larger speed bump further up the street could slow down speeding cars and divert more stormwater (from Colusa and the north side of Rockway) into the cell.	[REDACTED]	7/10/14 04:45 pm
no photo	I recommend trail realignment and development in Hillside Nature Area and adjoining public rights of way. A Schmidt Lane to Moeser/Shevlin connector behind Stege and Recycling center. Potrero to Ganges on bike sustainable alignment.	[REDACTED]	7/23/14 11:40 pm
no photo	Establish connector trail between top of Moeser and Wildcat Canyon park. EC access to WC park is of low quality and an unsustainable alignment, ie straight down slope.	[REDACTED]	7/23/14 11:52 pm
no photo	I got this website from my friend who told me concerning this web site and at the moment this time I am visiting this web page and reading very informative content here. eedgakfgdgkd	[REDACTED]	9/11/14 03:58 am
no photo	As a bike user of the Ohlone Greenway I think it would be helpful if the streets we cross were identified with street signs.	[REDACTED]	10/26/14 02:06 pm
no photo	The population of Monarch butterflies is declining. When discussing adding areas of native plants can native milkweed (asclepias) be considered? Various asclepias species, most notably A. curassavica, are vital host plants for our local Monarchs.	[REDACTED]	10/26/14 02:13 pm
no photo	What is happening here? It would be wonderful if this space could be kept as open space and added to the Hillside Natural Area. Beautiful view and practically contiguous to the HNA. Better place for Sundar Shadi Christmas display than further up.	[REDACTED]	4/3/15 12:59 pm

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El Cerrito Urban Greening Community Input Analysis

El Cerrito Urban Greening		
Community Input Analysis - 2013		
Source	Location	Comment
Improve Connectivity		
Survey	Ohlone Greenway	Make Ohlone Greenway safer to walk and bike on.
Survey	Ohlone Greenway	I live by the greenway, but find it feeling unsafe during certain hours of the day. Improvements on lighting and emergency call buttons?
Survey		easier pedestrian access to EC Plaza
Survey	Bay Trail, Central Ave	Improve access to Bay Trail. Improve Central Ave.
Survey		places to safely lock my bike
Survey		I'm in a wheelchair so the more accessible streets, sidewalks, driveways, crosswalks and businesses are, the less likely I am to drive.
Survey		I am a blind person
Survey		lighting
Survey		shade areas for resting
Survey		safe bike parking
Survey	Maine St	bike lanes on Maine St
Survey		keep bikes off sidewalks, enforce bike traffic laws
Survey		Places to stop along the way; shade both trees & awnings
Survey		I do not want the City to spend any further money on bike lanes; waster of limited resources
Survey		safety safety safety
Survey		new and improved trails and paths
Survey		more (painted) dedicated bike lanes
Survey		Better street lights - some sidewalk areas are very dark and feel unsafe.
Survey	Fairmount Ave	Large trucks use Fairmount ave - has a negative impact
Survey		Physically protected bikeway for busier streets
Survey		More buses and BART
Survey	Moeser Ln	Topography. Some areas are too steep (Moeser) and there is no public transit link to more bikable/walkable areas. Bart M-U path is scary. Crimes/muggings occur there.
Survey		safe bike parking
Survey		more trails
Survey		fun trails designed to be ridden by bikes in an environmentally sustainable way
Survey		gas money
Survey		One of those flat escalators like in the airport
Survey	EC Plaza	more bike parking (hello, Plaza)
Survey		more marked crosswalks for safety
Survey		Wider sidewalks. Now my wife and I can walk in the street
Survey		Sadly, at the top of the hill, there is no where to walk to
Survey		It is great that the City has done so much to improve the streets, but our sidewalks are very hazardous in many places and need replacing.
Survey		Place signage throughout the City that indicates how far (in minutes) it is to bike or walk...some cities have done this and it has been well recieved.
Survey		youth and better legs
Survey	Ohlone Greenway	good visibility at Ohlone Greenway and street intersections so drivers can see pedestrians and bikers
Survey		Do not eliminate automobile traffic lanes in favor of bicycle lanes;
Survey		transportation to parks and Bay Trail non-existent
Survey		patch holes in sidewalks - a mess! Adequate street lighting - too dim. Have to use flashlights
Survey		too many signs
Survey		Places to sit down at intervals while walking
Survey		better lighting at night
Survey		areas free from crime.
Survey		running track in north El Cerrito; safe passage for jogging and biking on Ohlone Trail under BART
Survey	Ohlone Greenway	Completion of the Ohlone Greenway
Survey		Encourage bikes to have/use bells/horns to alert pedestrians
Survey		buffered bike lanes on san pablo, nicer transit shelters
Survey	Arlington	To have actual pathways on Arlington
Survey	Ohlone Greenway	Safety on the walking trails is key! Ohlone Greenway
Survey		more businesses within walking distance (ca. 1 1/2 miles
Survey		El Cerrito is already quite walkable and bicycle-friendly.
Survey		Available Bike parking
Survey		More dispersed/local resources that are easy to get to on bike. Destinations in El Cerrito that I want to go to!
Survey	Ohlone Greenway	Wish I could use BART path, but it has never felt safe
Survey		less hills! ;-) Okay, you can't get rid of the hills - put identifying paths that are doable for kids without the slope of Barrett or Moeser
Survey		A better feeling of personal safety from violence.
Survey		safer median - the overgrowth of trees and bushes is awful on Ashbury & C street - trees hang too low, no stop signs like at Brighton and many families crossing the street to get to and from school. Several near accidents at that cross walk.
Survey		improved access to "alleys" to get "down the hill" including signage and lighting
Survey		Getting vehicles OFF the sidewalks!

Source	Location	Comment
Survey		Decrease in crime on the bart pathway
Survey		Seating, garbage cans, drinking water along trails with frequency
Survey		The more SEPARATED Bike Paths, the BETTER! (No cars allowed.)
Survey	Barrett Ave.	Impossible to cross Barrett Ave. between Edwards and Yuba with cars speeding down hill. My dog and I now avoid the crossing and walk towards Mira Vista instead.
Survey		Destinations where, when we get there, my dog could be safely off-leash in nature (away from traffic and other hazards)
Survey		A good ankle
Survey		Places to securely park bikes.
Survey		Lighting should not be considered just an amenity, I think it should put under "Safe and comfortable facilities". Also, slow traffic is good, but fewer cars is better to cut down on noise and pollution.
Survey		2-More trees and natural paths, not disturbing wildlife.3- clean out sewers and have a feeding station in the hills for coyotes.
Survey		Expanded bike lockers & location availability
Survey		Part of the challenge is there is not a central "downtown" area for El Cerrito that would encourage more walking, shopping, and events. The area around the Rialto Theater is great but it's on SP Ave which isn't very conducive to "hanging out" much.
Survey	San Pablo Ave	bike lockers; better bike lanes on San Pablo
Survey	Barrett & Harris	Crosswalk on Barrett to Harris to allow children to safely get to poinsett park.
Survey		Shade trees in Plaza parking areas !!!!!
Survey		better lighting for safety and more patrolling by police
Survey		Culture of bicycles and cars sharing the road. It's about attitude.
Survey		Sidewalk repair. Some are wheelchair impassable.
Survey		More public awareness of bicycles, and a culture that embraces cycling
Survey		No more signage / visual pollution PLZ; remember what gets installed - whatever it may be, must also be maintained.
Survey		One that doesn't require schlepping 2 small kids up a huge hill
Survey		Removal of helmet and bike light laws that make biking incredibly expensive and inconvenient
Survey		more safe and accessible bike lock parking @ commercial areas
Survey		Maintain and improve El Cerrito trails
Survey		In the end what matters is to have close and walkable destinations
Survey		The city put ramps on most sidewalk crosswalks except for the ones on Pomona on the way to Cerrito Vista Park! Why?
Survey		Fill-in sidewalk gaps to create continuous safe passage. Work PGnE to move utility posts away from side walks.
Survey		dedicated streets for biking through town
Survey		Safe place to park bike
Survey		Adequate and safe bike parking
Survey		public water fountains and bike lanes
Survey	Ohlone Greenway	More cops along BART path
Survey		more trails
Survey		Proximity
Survey		Crosswalks!!!!
Survey		prepare for electric bicycles - legal under state law - they are coming!
Survey		If I didn't live on a hill.
Survey	Schmidt Lane	Can the hiking trails up from Schmidt Lane be improved?
Survey		High density housing
Survey		Good ways to get around
Survey		I'd like to see more interesting art and other local & community elements, including unique play sculptures and play elements, integrated into parks. Also, being able to combine activities (e.g. shopping and playground; school and playground; BART and playground) is a priority to me. Finally, I'd like to see more amenities/playgrounds that can be accessed without driving, i.e. in the flats and ideally near transit.
Survey		I love the open space access opportunities that are emerging with a focus on rebuilding old trails and providing a network that actually be used to travel to other parts of town (rather than just a loop). It would be great to see official maps of this trail network. As mentioned above, it would be great to have more walkable shopping opportunities with local retailers and restaurants that offer healthy choices. Right now I travel to Berkeley and Albany for most of my grocery, dining, and entertainment - it would be great to do that here in my hometown.
Survey		A place for children to play. Basketball, baseball, lacrosse, etc
Survey		bike lanes and paths
Survey		Improve pedestrian access to and within El Cerrito Plaza, particularly from the BART station
Survey		Schedule a weekly summer free concert series at one of the parks
Survey		would be great to have "parklets" like on San Pablo
Survey		Create park spaces that enable emerging new ways of interacting with the outdoors: parklets, bike skill areas, climbing skills areas, geo-caching, adult kickball, etc.
Survey	Cerrito Vista Park	I would love to see a music series, movie nights and theater in the park during the summer. (Cerrito Vista Park) I would love to see an electronic activity board installed at Cerrito Vista Park that promotes city and community events in the city.
Survey		We need easier and safer bicycle and pedestrian trails and connections from El Cerrito to the bay trail and from the Ohlone greenway to the bay trail.
Survey		finishing the bike path near BART will be a big plus.

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Survey	Del Norte Bart	As I mentioned above, I think the city needs to improve pedestrian access to and within El Cerrito Plaza. Also, pedestrian access to the 'new' Safeway from Del Norte BART needs to be improved, since right now, you either need to walk through the busy parking lot, or walk an extra block and a half out of the way if you want to stay on the sidewalk. I also find the streetlights inadequate in many areas. In some places, they are spaced too far apart, and in other places, the lights are above bushy trees so their light is almost completely blocked out. There are also many places where there are overgrown shrubs and bushes between the sidewalk and the street, making it difficult to walk down the sidewalk, and adding to a feeling of being unsafe, when you can't see what might be lurking behind a 4-foot-high bush. Are there any rules about landscaping by the sidewalk?
Survey		El Cerrito does not have much land available to expand its existing formal parks system. As such, I think the city should see bicycling amenities (e.g., bicycle boulevards, traffic calming, sharrows, cycletracks) as a way of utilizing existing street spaces to add opportunities for El Cerritans to engage more actively with the community and with their existing parks and open spaces.
Survey		More dedicated bike lanes.
Survey		I love the bicycle parking and bicycle lanes. Lots of progress in the 14 years I've lived in El Cerrito. I'd like to see if there's more that can be done to promote bicycling as a common means of transportation for families. I commute by bicycle but since I live in the hills its hard to go places with my kids. Any ideas? I'd love for my son to ride his bike to Madera too but it isn't very safe with the narrow roads and traffic.
Survey	Bay Trail	Bike connection between El Cerrito BART and Bay Trail should be made safe and comfortable for all ages.
Survey	Poinsett Park	Keep parks free from commercial enterprises, but use space wisely. The building at Poinsett Park needs some activity...perhaps a "Nature Area workshop" with classes limited to small groups. No outside rentals.
Survey		Have "Sunday Streets Festivals" as San Francisco and Berkeley have had -- with NO CARS ALLOWED (on a particular street, or portion of a street)...
Survey		Live music. Free events like the World One Festival!
Survey		We need to have a bike race!! and a bike park
Survey		Bike ways dirt trails that coincide. Access ways that let multiple activity groups co-exist
Survey		Set a mountain bike trail network above and around the recycling center
		Community events and activities we can use! - eg. Community center and Vista Park (across Moeser Lane)
Survey		Have more sports or activities in parks or maybe have day camps or events like Relay for Life!
Survey		Provide free or discount days at Playland-not-at-the-Beach
Survey		SAFETY, especially on Ohlone Greenway
Survey	Ohlone Greenway	I would love to see the abandoned park on the Ohlone greenway by Stockton near Fairmont school restored and expanded. Right now there's just an old slide and a swingset without any swings. There are tons of neighborhood kids for whom that park would be their primary park if it were only restored. Would be willing to donate money towards this cause as well as volunteer to improve it.
Survey	Ohlone Greenway	I was so sad when BART cut down most of the crabapples along the Ohlone Way for the current seismic upgrade: I used to commute by bike from Eureka to Berkeley and counted 185 blooming crabapples in spring (mostly in Albany). Would love to see you plant blossoming trees on the Ohlone Way and local streets, parks.
Survey	Ohlone Greenway	I live in Richmond but do a lot of my shopping in El Cerrito at the Plaza. I like to use my bike whenever possible. I can't wait until the work on the Ohlone Greenway is finished. I am disappointed that the Baxter Creek area that borders Richmond is not being maintained very well at the moment. I understand you lost your volunteer coordinator because funding was no longer available. It would be good to see volunteer efforts to maintain the open spaces in El Cerrito once again by refunding a volunteer coordinator position if and when possible.
Survey	Ohlone Greenway	San Pablo avenue needs a "green zone" bike lane and improved crossings on the Ohlone Greenway so that cars and bikes have better visibility for crossings.
Survey	Bay Trail / Ridge Trail	The idea of linking El Cerrito with the Bay Trail and the Ridge Trail is exciting and worth a long term effort
survey		Would love to figure out a way to make San Pablo more hip to draw people here - expanding on what's happening at the Theatre, but we need to figure out the parking issue. Overall, I'm thrilled El Cerrito is so thoughtful and has resources to do this work
Survey	Ohlone Greenway	The stops signs at Ohlone Greenway crossings should face cars, not the greenway users.
Survey		Provide benefits to our many poorer, immigrant, non-english speaking families that are not reached (in this survey). Create surveys such as these in the popular languages of our residents. Do we even know who our immigrant families are? Thanks for asking?
Survey		I'd like to see more interesting art and other local & community elements, including unique play sculptures and play elements, integrated into parks. Also, being able to combine activities (e.g. shopping and playground; school and playground; BART and playground) is a priority to me. Finally, I'd like to see more amenities/playgrounds that can be accessed without driving, i.e. in the flats and ideally near transit.
Survey		outside space for children
Survey		Provide a safe place for children. (Why does no option here even refer to children?!)
Survey		More community weekend events
Survey		Good ways to get around
Survey		more trees along the streets would be fantastic
Survey		Establish more street trees. Many streets barren, and wide with lunar rock gardens (which should be banned)

Source	Location	Comment
Survey		Maintain and planting street trees by properly pruning i.e. high overhead wires
Survey		More street trees to soften the landscape ALL OVER
Survey		Plant more trees along El Cerrito streets!
Survey		would be great to have "parklets" like on San Pablo
Survey		Street Tree Program with appropriate tree plantings desperately needed, especially on Richmond Street and other major transport (non-San Pablo) roadways in El Cerrito
Survey		Improve the streets!!!! Many more trees. BTW, widening Moeser Lane (even if for bicycles) doesn't help
Survey		include street trees in the equation
Survey	San Pablo Ave	bring more greenery to san pablo ave (the strip from the plaza to del norte). the commercial vacancies/decay is a local business issue, but more trees can at least make it look more pleasant. I'm thinking of the areas near jack n the box and the old party warehouse. also the hideous remains of the old safeway...i would love to see that block turn into something positive, and not remain empty for more years. would be great to see city work with residents to organize and prevent another discount or dollar store or gym (or whatever that creates profits for safeway, not as much benefits for the neighbors).
Survey		more trees!
Survey		Plant fruit trees
Survey		Put power-lines underground to enhance the beauty of our streets
Survey		Need more trees along the streets (like Berkeley)
Survey		Need more lights on the streets and parks
Survey		trees should have priority over the people who insist on a view from their window or deck
Survey	San Pablo Ave	Continue to improve San Pablo Ave pedestrian experience/safety; improve street trees & urban forest thru all available means; protect, improve, and daylight creeks and intermittent drainages; add bbq/campfire/picnic table options in parks; add sidewalk micro-parks wherever possible, i.e., along wide sidewalks on San Pablo (wanna read my masters theses on the topic?); try for microparks in each and every residential 'hood!
Survey		Would love to see more trees along Stockton avenue, and of course along San Pablo. Since I've moved here (2001) the changes the City has made in terms of landscaping have been fabulous! Keep it up.
Survey		Create areas like Berkeley's 4th St or Shattuck & Vine that provide destinations that are pedestrian-friendly. Bike lanes, outdoor restaurants. Entice people out to enjoy the parks with a summer concert series or movies in the park or other themes - ideally some that showcase local talent or things EC would like to be known for.
Survey		lower speed limits on small residential streets coupled with signage and enforcement
Survey		I hope the emphasis and what comes out of this is that the city decides to plant a bunch of trees along its streets. So many of EC's streets are wide and barren looking and need help. The parks are actually pretty nice and people from outside come and enjoy them
Survey		It Would Be Nice To Have Public Pedestrian Plazas With A Water Feature That Children Could Play In On Hot Days. A Sidewalk All The Way Up Moeser Lane.
Survey		There are a few dangerous streets where the cars go fast (Stockton, Central, Fairmount), and a few dangerous intersections that could maybe be improved.
Survey		signage, welcoming environment, crosswalks, speed bumps,
Survey		Provide more pedestrian-friendly sidewalks, crosswalks at key commercial area; something similar to Solano Ave in Albany. most E.C. residents are within walking distance to commercial area.
Survey		Integrating bike paths and walkways with adjacent cities.
Survey		Enforce the observation of the law at stop signs in El Cerrito Plaza. This enforcement would promote safety and might wake up scofflaws.
Survey		enforce the median strips to be planted not cemented over, bricked over, etc. more trees available to homeowners to plant in median strips, more trees on streets, more toddler play structures, fenced in playgrounds
Survey		SAFETY is very important - adequate lighting, good visibility, clear sightlines.
Survey	Carmel Ave.	Shade trees along 100-200 blocks Carmel Ave. Ban grass lawns (water-intensive). SHADE trees in Plaza! Shade trees upper Fairmount and along north of Fairmount streets.
Survey	Stockton Ave.	I live near stockton ave corridor. lots of weeds and people standing around smoking outside 7-11 and coffee bar. would like to see more focus on weed abatement/drought resistant planting on business areas and street tree basins
Survey		More trees for shaded streets!
Survey	Madera	I love the bicycle parking and bicycle lanes. Lots of progress in the 14 years I've lived in El Cerrito. I'd like to see if there's more that can be done to promote bicycling as a common means of transportation for families. I commute by bicycle but since I live in the hills its hard to go places with my kids. Any ideas? I'd love for my son to ride his bike to Madera too but it isn't very safe with the narrow roads and traffic.
Survey	Jordan / Tulare	There are almost blind intersections around the city. One is at Jordan and Tulare. It's unsafe. We need mirrors.
Survey	Richmond Street	Establish bike lanes on Richmond St. Work with Richmond to make a safe bike lane to connect El Cerrito to Bay trail. Central Ave has too much traffic to serve as a bike path.

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Survey	Carlson	I appreciate El Cerrito's pro action regarding cycling lanes, particularly as installed along right turn lanes on Ashbury at Fairmount and Carlson at San Pablo. I am concerned about the cycling lanes along Carlson though. They are narrow to the point of being "door zone" lanes. In other words they tell people cycling to ride in a road position that could be suddenly blocked by a motorist opening their door, which is a significant cause of accidents for people cycling. No matter what the standards may say, the stripe delineating the cycling lane relative to the adjacent travel lane should be 13 feet from the curb at a minimum. If it is less, it is better not to have a cycling lane at all. Please check if the stripe on Carlson is 13 feet from the curb and implement a remedy if not. I was under the impression before the lanes were installed that Carlson was going to undergo a road diet, which would have provided better cycling lanes and safer walking conditions than the current configuration. The ADT on El Cerrito's portion of Carlson appears low enough to allow a road diet.
Survey		Consistent street tree planting (do whole blocks at once, same species). Get rid of grass/lawn on publicly maintained property, replace with natives. Stripe bike lanes, stripes at least 13' from the curb to prevent a "door zone" lane. Narrow intersections using planted "bulb-outs" for pedestrian safety, smaller scale of road perceived by motorists, slower traffic. Thank you.
Survey		I'm new to El Cerrito and am still exploring. Wishful thinking: a new library; better restaurants; beautification of San Pablo Ave.
Survey		We need a well connected sidewalk network to have safe walking environment. I see people walking on the street all the time because there are no sidewalks. We are about to have our first child and I want to be able to take safe walks with him, but this is not an option in my neighborhood (El Cerrito hills).
Survey		El Cerrito's shopping streets—upper and lower Fairmount, Stockton, San Pablo at El Cerrito Natural Foods and at the theater—these could be enhanced as gathering places. They may not be park-like, but they could be places to draw El Cerritans into the outdoors both by being there and by walking/bicycling there. El Cerrito north of Stockton will require creating new such places.
Survey		I love the landscaping on San Pablo in the middle. I appreciate all the road repairs/ sidewalk repairs.
Survey		Also, want to support bike friendly routes in El Cerrito as I am one who shops and participates in civic life in El Cerrito.
Survey		developing the Plaza was huge! San Pablo Ave medians, huge! Rain Gardens, great! keep up the good work. Continue to enhance the ped/bike, walking, sitting, cycling, dog walking opportunities.
Survey		El Cerrito does not have much land available to expand its existing formal parks system. As such, I think the city should see bicycling amenities (e.g., bicycle boulevards, traffic calming, sharrows, cycletracks) as a way of utilizing existing street spaces to add opportunities for El Cerritans to engage more actively with the community and with their existing parks and open spaces.
Survey	San Pablo	Pls look at improving green spaces on San Pablo. Shopping/public areas need love & attention. I'd happily volunteer to join a gardening squad.)
Survey		The city needs ore trees along the streets. Too many blocks are barren. And many many front yards are wide expanses of weeds. The city needs to promote beautification, flowers and plants. And the city needs to make it much easier to build a fenced to protect those plantings from the deer.
Survey	Ohlone Greenway	San Pablo avenue needs a "green zone" bike lane and improved crossings on the Ohlone Greenway so that cars and bikes have better visibility for crossings.
Survey		It is very important to me to feel safe when walking in El Cerrito. I used to walk on the BART paths but now do not as there have been too many incidents in that area for me to feel safe, even during the daytime.
Survey		Bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure is key to community
Survey		start charging for street parking and put some portion of those funds towards pocket park so long San Pablo Avenue and BART stations. Bart will start increasing parking rate to 3 dollars, spillover parking will affect surrounding areas let's be ready to capture this market while putting revenues not to general fund but \$ for greening, pedbike safety imp starting next to biz districts then eventually in overly large intersections in the hills where there are great views and oppurtunities to do pavement to miniparks type projects
Survey		Signs at intersections along the Ohlone Greenway identifying which street we're approaching would be a much-appreciated, low-cost improvement.
Survey		Please plant street trees, and don't spend money on widening or repaving streets
Survey		El Cerrito is doing a pretty good job. Green spaces. Keep it up! Fix Moeser is great. Would love more sidewalk things, downtown restaurants with open space.
survey		Secondly, my wife and I walk to do our grocery shopping. We usually walk in the street because the sidewalks are too narrow and do not enable people to walk together.
Survey		In light of the fact that there are many homes in El Cerrito where it is difficult or impossible to park off-street I would like to see a program that would allow the home owner, or occupant, to pay a modest annual fee to the city, for the right to park on the street, in front of one's own house. The City would earn an undetermined amount of revenue, and the procedure could be made evident by a designated, and currently unused, color for the curb, perhaps brown. There are places where the lot is so narrow, that if someone parks in the spot in front of a house, that home's residents cannot put the waste cans out, on trash night, in the manner required by the City and by East Bay Sanitary. The problem also occurs on street-cleaning day. We get one day per month, but have no control over who parks in front, and deprives us of having the toxins neutralized in front of our house. If it is deemed important enough to do, there should be some means of assuring access for the truck.

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Survey		We oppose the recent "traffic calming" changes being made to Moeser Lane that will eliminate lanes of automobile traffic and increase the commute time. Signage reminding people to "Share the road" should be posted along the main streets and arteries. El Cerrito traffic police should enforce laws forbidding adult bicycle riding on the sidewalks. Pedestrian sidewalks along Arlington Boulevard are missing entire segments and should be created. El Cerrito should have at least one indoor pool that people can use year-round for swimming and physical therapy without regard to whether conditions and without needing protection from ultraviolet light.
Survey		El Cerrito really needs a street tree program where the City plants and maintains the trees, not relying on home owners to commit to doing so. El Cerrito's method means trees are mostly planted in the hills, where there are fewer low income, renters, and more affluent home owners who are willing to commit to tree care. The City of Albany has a tree planting program in which the City waters the newly planted trees until they are established. Also, the City seems eager to remove trees (they've removed 5 large ones on or near my block, and many more in my neighborhood), without then following through to make sure these trees are replanted and established. My street looks much more barren than it did 20 years ago because of the City's tree policies. If El Cerrito had just let the trees be, in the first place, my street would be better off.
Survey		planting and supporting trees along more streets or on the sidewalks would make it a special place, the streets with trees (either on an island or along the sidewalk) are much more pedestrian friendly and more inviting.
Survey		Need more flowering plants and trees. How about a fountain somewhere in El Cerrito. How about a free bus like in Oakland which makes a round trip through downtown, all day long (maybe could share this with Berkeley)
Survey		Sidewalks need to be made accessible!! I walk with my dog every day for 4-5 min. in the area bordered by Fairview, Barrett, Arlington, and Mira Vista. I am elderly and do not see well, yet must spend part of every outing walking in the middle of streets because of cars parked 1/2 - 3/4 of the way across sidewalks (isn't this illegal?) or because of hedges growing halfway across sidewalks. I met a young mother a few weeks ago who said she no longer walks her baby on Carquinez between Jordan and Laquinitas because of all the cars blocking the side walks. Can't something be done - cars ticketed, residents sent, letters to trim ledges and remove weeds? I love my walks, but they are becoming hazardous!
Survey		Many streets do not have street trees. The streets that do have street trees have a much nicer appearance. I would love to see more people planting trees rather than paving in the planter strip between the sidewalk and curb.
Survey		El Cerrito has long streets. More trees would improve long, hot cement. El Cerrito had a tree program - does it still exist? Trees financed by Cal-trees and planted/maintained by the city. This is a good plan. Would like to see it continued or started again. Good for the environment and health of residents. If financing problems, try a grant from Sierra Club or other such group or government agency (dept. of health?)
Survey		Improve streetlife! Complete streets will make for a safer, healthier El Cerrito and Bay Area!
Survey		Better lighting for many of El Cerrito side streets - most only have lighting at the corner. Encourage owners to trim trees for fire prevention as well as view enhancement with would help "enclosed" residents to get a vista of the beautiful Bay and islands, etc.
Survey		I would like to see more dispersed resources throughout the city. Both Bart stations should be developed into walkable/bikable commercial hubs and destination areas. Bike lanes down San Pablo. Destinations worth biking and walking to (not chain stores). Bike Lanes to the Plaza Bart Station along either Central or Fairmont. Require all storefronts on San Pablo to have entrances that open to the street.
Survey		Pedestrian crossings of Central Ave. west of Carlson are EXTREMELY dangerous. I'd like to see Central Ave. go to one lane there. Expand the sidewalk along Central Ave west of Carlson- it is too narrow and the power poles are in the sidewalk itself.
Survey		The stops signs at Ohlone Greenway crossings should face cars, not the greenway users.
Survey		Stop putting in crosswalk signals that pedestrians are required to press- this is a physical and psychological barrier to people walking!
Survey		Create more one-way streets to more fairly distribute traffic flow and to enhance safety.
Survey		Create separation barriers between pedestrians and bicyclists
Survey	Colusa Ave. Leak	Take care of water leak on Colusa Ave, just before Eureka. It has been leaking for several months.
Survey	Ashby Ave.	I live close to El Cerrito High School and the traffic on Ashbury Ave is terrible. People drive very fast on the street. I saw squirrels, deers and other animals being hit by cars. If something can be done to slow down the traffic there (eg speed bump)it would be very nice to the entire neighborhood on that street. Thanks!
Survey	Moeser / San Pablo	Create a green space in the parking lot by CVS on Moeser @ San Pablo, have a weekly farmer's market there, no one uses that parking lot anymore and it's so ugly.
Survey	Cutting Blvd.	I live on cutting blvd which has a lot of rental homes and some that appear vacant. I would like to see these homes be resident owned and improved.
Survey	Moeser Lane	Why, oh why are you destroying the green center of Moeser lane?
Survey	Fairmont / Stockton	Traffic slowing on Ashbury between Fairmont and Stockton....
Survey		Parks are nice, however most streets stink; they're barren treeless environments with many low sad (low maintenance) front yards
Survey		more street trees

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Survey		I walk my dog in the evenings and find that there are no public trash cans for waste disposal around. Maybe we could put a few along some of the main roads? Potrero, Richmond, Schmidt, for example, would benefit from a few well-placed bins - especially with the new middle school going in.
Survey		I think EC is a lovely, green place, but it has become unsafe. On San Pablo between my building at Madison and the Del Norte BART station there are insufficiently lighted pockets, making walking after dark uncomfortable.
Survey		More disabled and senior facilities benches to rest on
Survey		bike lanes and paths
Task Force 1		Well Connected
Task Force 1		Identify Gaps
Task Force 1		Open Space Needs Assessment
Task Force 1		Well Distributed Open Spaces: Well Connected
Task Force 1		WayfindingPlan
Task Force 1		Connect / Overlay all trails
Task Force 1		El Cerrito Creek Connector
Task Force 1		Barriers - RR Tracks & Highway
Task Force 1		Walkable Strong Neighborhoods
Task Force 1		Equitable : Connect with under represented communities
Task Force 1		Creek Connector City (El Cerrito & Albany) : Bike Build , Bridge, Carlson, Orientation of Bund
Task Force 1		Exercise & Fitness - Add Community Center / Pool
Task Force 1		Walkable Strong Neighborhoods
Task Force 1		Barriers - RR Tracks & Highway
Task Force 1		Along Ohlone, at Fairmount
Task Force 3		Strolling - no strolling along san pablo except fairmont & by the theater, stockton, carlesong >central, fairmount
Task Force 3		Strolling in Nodes - raingardens and benches can make more inviting, buy open space in flats - policy
Community Wkshp 1		Bluebelt to greenbelt -second -third -fourth -fifth
Community Wkshp 1		Make a bike/ped crossing over the highway to the Bay Trail
Community Wkshp 1		"Why should we have to drive to walk?"
Community Wkshp 1		Through hillside areas
Community Wkshp 1		Connect through the Richmond annex to Wildcat
Community Wkshp 1		What about wildlife connectivity?
Community Wkshp 1		Could we make EC more attractive to migrating birds, bees, etc. - second
Community Wkshp 1	San Pablo Ave	Dedicated bike lane along San Pablo - second - third
Community Wkshp 1		Introduce Bike-cabs going between BART station and places like Big5, Orchard, Safeway
Community Wkshp 1		Car share opportunities- new pods
Community Wkshp 1		Better bike connectivity along Carlson (from San Pablo) and Central Ave. to Bay Trail
Community Wkshp 1		More connectivity to Albany
Community Wkshp 1	Adams St	Over Cerrito Creek to Adams St. (east of Albany Hill)
Community Wkshp 1		Green Central Ave to San Pablo (as major entrance way from freeway into EC) - second
Community Wkshp 1		At the BART stations—major entry sites into EC
Community Wkshp 1		Better pedestrian routes out of BART stations, Better pedestrian routes out of BART stations, Opportunity for park near Del Norte- so many parking lots along SP Ave.
Community Wkshp 2		Love the midblock connections
Community Wkshp 2	San Pablo Ave	It is very important to provide East / West connections to San Pablo & Richmond from the North / South bike paths / lanes (ohlone, etc.)
Community Wkshp 2	San Pablo Ave	A bike lane on San Pablo would be incredible
Community Wkshp 2		Many of your residents are older - they are going to drive to stores, you have to accommodate them, especially if they live uphill
Community Wkshp 2		Don't let private development become gated - like the current large apartment complex on San Pablo
Community Wkshp 2		You state you want wide sidewalks but you build your newest developments up to the front - no set backs, schmidt apts. And edon apts.
Community Wkshp 2		Please make El Cerrito more pedestrian friendly and safe
Community Wkshp 2		Widen and improve the sidewalks, ie strolling streets
Community Wkshp 2		enforce no bike riding on sidewalks and in crosswalks
Community Wkshp 2		Paint or sign "no bikes" on sidewalks
Community Wkshp 2		law enforcement issue tickets - which will get more revenue for the city
Community Wkshp 2		sidewalk activation = great, the sidewalks on San Pablo feel dead right now
Community Wkshp 2		A bike lane on San Pablo would be incredible
Community Wkshp 2		Just riding to the community center from Plaza Bart, crossing Richmond @ Eureka, there needs to be a way to slow traffic down
Community Wkshp 2		Then crossing Stockton @ Ashbury, the crosswalk is on the west side, but because I was riding north, I would have liked a crosswalk.
Community Wkshp 2		Also, on the east side, as a bicyclist I use crosswalks as a way to get across busy streets.
Community Wkshp 2		The merge onto Ashbury just south of Stockholm there is a new cut through for pedestrians but it does the bicyclists no good.
Community Wkshp 2		The Plaza intersection of Carlson & San Pablo is a nightmare for bicyclists, coming from Carlson and either trying to turn right go straight or turn left.
Community Wkshp 2		Even getting to El Cerrito National Grocery from Stockton is hard because Stockholm is so narrow there, with packed cars and traffic

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Community Wkshp 2		Street gardens - palette curb planting noods to allow for curb side parking access
Community Wkshp 2		create physical and or well marked seperators for pedestrians and bicyclists
Community Wkshp 2		create pedestrian only pathways
Community Wkshp 2		require single or free bike ridership when passing pedestrians on pathways or trails
Community Wkshp 2		Post bicycle speed limits
Community Wkshp 2		create physical and or well marked seperators for pedestrians and bicyclists
Community Wkshp 2		create pedestrian only pathways
Community Wkshp 2		require single or free bike ridership when passing pedestrians on pathways or trails
Community Wkshp 2		Post bicycle speed limits
Community Wkshp 2		San Pablo is an alternate route to I 80, The lighted sign program on 180 will Direct vehicles to san pablo when there is blockage on the freeway.
Community Wkshp 2		San Pablo needs to be able to flow freely
Community Wkshp 2		Berkeley does not have bike lanes on San Pablo, they are on side streets
Community Wkshp 2		Your flexible streets example has outside vonds - compting with local business - brick and mortar locations - not good !
Community Wkshp 2		Trucks and Buses don't mix well with bikes besides because of the size and diesel engines
Community Wkshp 2		Your plan does not accommodate enough parking to support businesses or loading zones to serve businesses
Community Wkshp 2		San Pablo is an alternate route to I 80, The lighted sign program on 180 will Direct vehicles to san pablo when there is blockage on the freeway.
Community Wkshp 2		Smart Bikers don't ride on San Pablo Except for short distances
Community Wkshp 2		It should be safe enough for kids to to cross Central Ave. in that area.
Community Wkshp 2		I like the pedestrian enhancements along San Pablo that have been made so far
Community Wkshp 2		At intersections where the light is going to be green for long enough anyway, there should be automatic walk signals for pedestrians regardless of the time of day
Community Wkshp 2		Require storefronts on the street - parking in back
Community Wkshp 2		Reduce Central Ave. Traffic between Carlson west to the Richmond border to 1 lane in each direction, with a middle turn lane. G
Community Wkshp 2		Give the extra space to trees and bikes.
Community Wkshp 2		More space for large street trees, we should have a goal to achieve a continous canopy along San Pablo Ave.
Community Wkshp 2		The Central Ave. Plan of adding bike lanes under I-80 will never be accepted by the residents of richmond, unless you expand the vehicle lanes plus add bike lanes and have sidewalks
Strengthen Ohlone Greenway		
Survey	Ohlone Greenway	Can't wait for the greenway to open again. Not having that makes biking to destinations much less enjoyable.
Survey	Ohlone Greenway	Better access from ohlone greenway to el cerrito plaza. There is one ramp in the middle of the stretch between Brighton and fairmont. But at fairmont there is only an unofficial path down a steep incline.
Survey	Ohlone Greenway	Improve visibility and safety along Ohlone pathway. It feels unsafe because buildings/homes back to it and there are very large shrubs everywhere. What about a skate park?
Survey	Ohlone Greenway	Safety is an issue along the Ohlone Greenway. People need to feel protected.
Survey	Ohlone Greenway	Landscaping on the Greenway.
Survey	Ohlone Greenway	I wish there were a way to walk home from El Cerrito PLAZA BART after dark more safely. I would never take the Ohlone Greenway after dark and so usually walk up Richmond ave or down to San Pablo but neither is optimal for safety/lighting. IS there a way to add a teen-friendly component to Cerrito Vista Park? Middle and high school students like to hang out on the children's slides (toddler and 5-12), but I understand they so need a place to hang out too.
Survey	Ohlone Greenway	Any ways to enhance the sense of safety on the Ohlone Greenway would be huge (esp after the shooting).
Survey	Ohlone Greenway	Allow old growth trees to remain in public parks. Supplement with young trees. Recently a large amount of older trees including pine and redwoods were removed from Vista park. This not only changed the landscape visually, but also increased the noise pollution emanating from the park. Same situation along the Ohlone path. I live near the bart tracks and over the last 15 yrs have seen a lot of large older trees removed which has hugely increased the noise from bart. I would like to see large tall FAST growing trees planted along the Ohlone path.
Survey	Ohlone Greenway	Homes and businesses (especially cafes or coffee stands) facing on to the Greenway might help folks like me feel comfortable using it to walk for exercise. Right now it still feels unsafe.
Survey	Ohlone Greenway	with any regularity, it becomes immediately obvious that yielding to cars on a bike path (the one "street" bikers are equal citizens on) is an unfair burden. If you are in a car, it takes minimal work to stop and go; this is not so for a biker. I am not asking for a stop sign for cars, simply a yield sign for when bikers/ walkers are present. The city of Berkeley has recently opened an extension of the Ohlone greenway, where they have placed a yield sign that requires cars to yield to all trail users. It's possible! It has been done. If the City of El Cerrito is serious about encouraging biking this is the minimum that can be done for the SINGLE strip of pavement where bikers welcome, equal citizens. I regularly bike with a child on this path. Not only does it feel dangerous at intersections with a child, it surly conveys to a child that being on a bike means be a second class citizen. We must defer to cars, expend more energy than necessary so that car drivers may not be inconvenienced. Even if the majority of people continue to drive cars to the detriment of the planet, the
Survey	Ohlone Greenway	Don't fence off the Ohlone Greenway from adjacent businesses.

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Survey	Ohlone Greenway	I live in Richmond but do a lot of my shopping in El Cerrito at the Plaza. I like to use my bike whenever possible. I can't wait until the work on the Ohlone Greenway is finished. I am disappointed that the Baxter Creek area that borders Richmond is not being maintained very well at the moment. I understand you lost your volunteer coordinator because funding was no longer available. It would be good to see volunteer efforts to maintain the open spaces in El Cerrito once again by refunding a volunteer coordinator position if and when possible.
Survey	Ohlone Greenway	San Pablo avenue needs a "green zone" bike lane and improved crossings on the Ohlone Greenway so that cars and bikes have better visibility for crossings.
Task Force 3	Ohlone Greenway	Ohlone Greenway - Proximity can be misleading not all types / Quality of activities, is it nature? Only include where there are natural features (creeks, frog pond. Will not get the same kind of nature Hus & Plats
Task Force 3	Ohlone Greenway	Ohlone Greenway - natural area? Manicured?
Community Wkshp 1	Ohlone Greenway	Strengthen Ohlone Greenway
Community Wkshp 1	Ohlone Greenway	All About SAFETY
Community Wkshp 1	Ohlone Greenway	Put some mobile and stationary commercial space along greenway - second, third- fourth - fifth
Community Wkshp 1	Ohlone Greenway	beer garden,
Community Wkshp 1	Ohlone Greenway	mobile coffee bar,
Community Wkshp 1	Ohlone Greenway	other kinds of concession carts
Community Wkshp 1	Ohlone Greenway	"Eyes on the path"
Community Wkshp 1	Ohlone Greenway	"it's about giving safe, fun destinations to walk to"
Community Wkshp 1	Ohlone Greenway	A parcourse for bikes, skateboards and runners
Community Wkshp 1	Ohlone Greenway	Nature areas
Community Wkshp 1	Ohlone Greenway	Play structures
Community Wkshp 1	Ohlone Greenway	Rest areas
Community Wkshp 1	Ohlone Greenway	Trim shrubbery to make it feel safer (more visibility) - second -third
Community Wkshp 1	Ohlone Greenway	Open it up as it is in Albany- open area surrounding the path makes it feel much safer
Community Wkshp 1	Ohlone Greenway	Lights- Consider fashioning lights from the BART Track to light the trail and increase feeling of safety during the evening this way
Community Wkshp 1	Ohlone Greenway	Especially good during winter when its gets dark earlier when people are still traveling home from work (HS)
Community Wkshp 1	Ohlone Greenway	More priority for greenway thru traffic - second -third
Community Wkshp 1	Ohlone Greenway	Stop signs for CARS so bikes don't have to stop at each block
Community Wkshp 1	Ohlone Greenway	Blinking lights that bicyclists can press to alert traffic (esp. useful for younger kids, elderly)
Community Wkshp 1	Ohlone Greenway	They have this along Bancroft Ave. by RSF in Berkeley, and it is effective in slowing down and alerting the traffic to pedestrian crossing/ row
Community Wkshp 1	Ohlone Greenway	Restore native plantings after BART "improvements"
Community Wkshp 1	Ohlone Greenway	Separate lanes for bikers and walkers, much safer
Community Wkshp 2	Ohlone Greenway	Extend landscaping into residential arch on east side of Ohlone Greenway, ex. Manila Ave. has dense plants that hide extensive litter underneath and are overgrown, which makes walking on the sidewalk harder.
Community Wkshp 2	Ohlone Greenway	Want the city to take responsibility for side streets, make them blend into the landscaping on Ohlone greenway
Community Wkshp 2	Ohlone Greenway	Should someone encourage snack carts on Ohlone path
Community Wkshp 2	Ohlone Greenway	Extend landscaping into residential arch on east side of Ohlone Greenway, ex. Manila Ave. has dense plants that hide extensive litter underneath and are overgrown, which makes walking on the sidewalk harder.
Create Active Commercial Corridors		
Survey		Good commercial reasons - ie small stores, shops, coffee on the way - inviting other visions
Survey		more local merchants
Survey		Dog Friendly Dining and Shopping (Like Carmel)
Survey		More destinations (i.e., better businesses and public facilities)
Survey		Also, being able to combine activities (e.g. shopping and playground; school and playground; BART and playground) is a priority to me.
Survey		it would be great to have more walkable shopping opportunities with local retailers and restaurants that offer healthy choices. Right now I travel to Berkeley and Albany for most of my grocery, dining, and entertainment - it would be great to do that here in my hometown.
Survey		we need more stores for everyday use (mainly groceries) type of things on San Pablo Ave.
Survey		Create areas like Berkeley's 4th St or Shattuck & Vine that provide destinations that are pedestrian-friendly. Bike lanes, outdoor restaurants. Entice people out to enjoy the parks with a summer concert series or movies in the park or other themes - ideally some that showcase local talent or things EC would like to be known for.
Survey		I would love to see the creation of space for people to gather in urban/commercial environments; areas that emulate a downtown kind of feel even without a center of town.
Survey		Provide more pedestrian-friendly sidewalks, crosswalks at key commercial area; something similar to Solano Ave in Albany. most E.C. residents are within walking distance to commercial area.
Survey	San Pablo Ave	I'm new to El Cerrito and am still exploring. Wishful thinking: a new library; better restaurants; beautification of San Pablo Ave.

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Survey	Faimount, stockton, San Pablo Ave	El Cerrito's shopping streets—upper and lower Fairmount, Stockton, San Pablo at El Cerrito Natural Foods and at the theater—these could be enhanced as gathering places. They may not be park-like, but they could be places to draw El Cerritans into the outdoors both by being there and by walking/bicycling there. El Cerrito north of Stockton will require creating new such places.
Survey		combine limited use commercial with parks and create neighborly small commercial areas off of San Pablo that people can walk to
Survey		Greening is holistic. It goes along with local businesses, sensible architecture, an entire fabric that encourages us to walk to spend money locally rather than driving. Its about connecting our green spaces and our access to green spaces. What about restaurants and coffee near BART? What about more small stores for clothing, books, etc. What about building to the scale of the human body? Bringing in local food businesses and green clothing - better shopping. A library we can walk to! Greening is about local businesses and connected green infrastructure. Make it so.
Survey	Ohlone Greenway	Make the Ohlone Greenway and other parks safe for single women to walk in alone.
Survey		I would like to see the El Cerrito library expanded. MUSIC VENUE!
Survey		Encourage small businesses to locate in El Cerrito, especially family-run businesses.
Survey		Music venue, rose garden/community food gardens, paintball
Survey		We could use a (best buys) the closest store is in Emeryville I always have to travel to another town to shop when I shouldn't have to. We need stores like Walmart or Kmart or JC Penny's. Its too many places to eat every corner has a restaurant you also need to fix the streets we don't need anymore lights the traffic is horrible and please no more pet shops!
Survey		More stores to shop, need to improve the nursing home in El Cerrito called (Shields) needs to be improved you might not have any thing to do with it but just thought I would speak about I have relatives that is there.
Survey		The city should encourage more residents to afford places in the city. B/c of low interest rates, international interest in real estate; many places are going to outside investors and not always people who want to live / improve the community. The city should consider this in its (overall) plan b/c having folks who live/work/play in EC and also own property will build greater investment in the environment/parks, etc.
Survey		Things for old folks who don't use parks: 1. multiplex theater with parking 2. restaurants - olive garden and red lobster 3. library with handicapped parking on flat ground 4. more vans for open house so day trips aren't always full 5. more day trips
Survey	El Cerrito	put in benches to sit on and rest when shopping/walking - many in El Cerrito walk and would walk more if they could sit on occasion.
Community Wkshp 1	El Cerrito	Would like to see more effort on providing places to work in El Cerrito
Community Wkshp 1		Break up large developments along San Pablo and / or require public open space / transit corridors through them
Community Wkshp 1		Require private / commercial development that is adjacent to both the Ohlone Greenway and San Pablo with equal entrances on both sides
Community Wkshp 1		Create Active Commercial Corridors
Community Wkshp 1		Court new local businesses and human-scaled businesses -second -third -fourth -fifth -sixth
Community Wkshp 1		Bakery, Pizza, other snack shops
Community Wkshp 1		Bike repair shops
Community Wkshp 1		Dry goods (bulk foods?) shop
Community Wkshp 1		International food market (prepared food booths in a sheltered area with shared water hookups, bathrooms, etc) *formal
Community Wkshp 1		Singapore has these in every neighborhood
Community Wkshp 1		Encourage sidewalk vending *informal
Community Wkshp 1		Shared resources (electric hookups, restrooms, water hookup) for entrepreneurs to rent
Community Wkshp 1		Get rid of ugly businesses (e.g. used car lots)
Community Wkshp 1		And Rethink need for so much parking lot space
Community Wkshp 1		Fill in vacant lots with pocket parks! - second
Community Wkshp 1		Old Safeway
Community Wkshp 1	Stockton Ave	Up by Stockton Ave- behind St. Jerome's
Community Wkshp 1		Continue/ Expand 'Off the Grid'
Community Wkshp 1		More public/private joint programming
Community Wkshp 1	Stockton Ave	Stockton Ave. walk
Community Wkshp 1		Street fairs
Community Wkshp 1		Bike facilities - second
Community Wkshp 1		Racks
Community Wkshp 1		Lanes
Community Wkshp 1		Creating a pleasant and safe way to get to EC Plaza without a car - second - third - fourth
Community Wkshp 1		Improved pathways from BART station (not just along Fairmount Ave).
Community Wkshp 1		"If we can walk and cycle to businesses we will!"
Community Wkshp 1		Public artwork along commercial corridors
Community Wkshp 1		E.g. 'painted shadows'
Community Wkshp 1		Mix Commercial with recreational - second - third -fourth
Community Wkshp 1		More places to 'hang out'
Community Wkshp 1		Parklet at EC Plaza
Community Wkshp 1		With play for different age groups (children as well as adults)

Source	Location	Comment
Community Wkshp 1		Parklets
Community Wkshp 1		3 buildings South of EC Theater there is a very small (10 ft. wide) vacant lot that would make a perfect pocket park, and help activate this part of the corridor
Community Wkshp 1		Restaurant seating areas on sidewalks along SP Ave.
Community Wkshp 1		We need a central square
Community Wkshp 1		We gave away our EC Plaza to bad developers who just built ugly, car-centric box stores. No where to gather there.
Community Wkshp 1	Stockton Ave	Enhance Stockton between Richmond and Ashbury
Community Wkshp 1	San Pablo Ave	Make SP more pedestrian friendly with better crossings
Community Wkshp 1		Consider a Ped. Bridge as particularly large or dangerous intersections
Community Wkshp 1	San Pablo Ave	Crossing San Pablo from Del Norte BART
Community Wkshp 1		To get to stores on other side I drive, even though it's a short distance, because it is too dangerous
Community Wkshp 2		Need a community kitchen / café somewhere, with culinary education - city should try to incubate / support this type of development

Enhance Creeks

Survey		improving existing creeks could provide a nice water feature.
Survey		the restoration of creeks must not obstruct the view as does poinsett park
survey		Improve creeks in private land - connectivity to public creeks. Day light creeks both public and private.
survey		Daylight creeks, and integrate them with the community.
Survey	San Pablo Ave	Out gateways along San Pablo should highlight the creeks that form the city borders, and should be lush and welcoming. Don't put bike lanes in the car door zone. Improve resident access to the Bay.
Task Force 1		Creek Connector City (El Cerrito & Albany) : Bike Build , Bridge, Carlson, Orientation of Bund
Task Force 1		El Cerrito Creek Connector
Task Force 1		Creeks - engage owners to provide stewardship on properties
Task Force 1		Differentiate dashed vs. solid creeks - review creek map
Community Wkshp 1		Daylight creeks in select areas (that make env. and social sense) – second- third - Wildwood@ Madera
Community Wkshp 1		Creeks should be daylighted, celebrated and integrated with community - Better signage (names?) for creeks - Connectivity along creek lines – trails that run the full length
Community Wkshp 1	EC Plaza	Enhance Cerrito Creek behind EC Plaza, along San Pablo– second , In hillside areas near the trails, Reduce hardscape over time
Community Wkshp 2		Don't just wait for turnover, but actively encourage creek daylighting and removal of existing buildings within creek setback through density development offsets/ tradeoffs.

Enhance/Expand Existing Parks

Survey	Ohlone	I would love to see the abandoned park on the Ohlone greenway by Stockton near Fairmont school restored and expanded. Right now there's just an old slide and a swingset without any swings. There are tons of neighborhood kids for whom that park would be their primary park if it were only restored. Would be willing to donate money towards this cause as well as volunteer to improve it.
Survey		I'd like to see more interesting art and other local & community elements, including unique play sculptures and play elements, integrated into parks. Also, being able to combine activities (e.g. shopping and playground; school and playground; BART and playground) is a priority to me. Finally, I'd like to see more amenities/playgrounds that can be accessed without driving, i.e. in the flats and ideally near transit.
Survey		enjoy nature with my dog
Survey		Develop new outdoor skills
Survey		A place for children to play. Basketball, baseball, lacrosse, etc
Survey		outside space for children
Survey		Places to take my dog for a run/walk and child
Survey		Protect/safeguard the wild creatures; do not disturb them
Survey		Provide a safe place for children. (Why does no option here even refer to children?!)
Survey		Swingsets, monkey bars, places to climb around - including climbing trees
Survey		Parks are nice, however most streets stink; they're barren treeless environments with many low sad (low maintenance) front yards
Survey		Healthy activity environment for children
Survey		tennis
Survey		Dog Parks
Survey		provide a place to play
Survey		Beauty. Kids' play
Survey		Tennis
Survey		A place for my kids to run and explore
Survey		More park restrooms
Survey		Improve soccer and baseball facilities
Survey		Lack of trees is part of the issue.
Survey	Tassajara Park	Tassajara Ball Field is in dire need of turf maintenance.
Survey	Cerrito Vista Park	provide lighting at the vista park (children's play area). too dark to play in the winter around 5pm.
Survey	Castro Park	castro park needs better doors, lighting, clean water fountains, restrooms, parking mostly reserved for teams
Survey		dog parks

Source	Location	Comment
Survey	Cerrito Vista Park	no lights in Vista Park. want a splash park.
Survey		new and improved baseball fields
Survey		splash park
Survey	Cerrito Vista Park	restrooms in Cerrito Vista Park are mostly closed
Survey		improve existing and create new sports fields
Survey		Better ballparks
Survey		More Baseball facilities
Survey		sports facilities for soccer, baseball
Survey		More baseball and soccer fields
Survey		soccer turf fields
Survey		create off leash dog parks
Survey		More playgrounds suitable for kids under 6 years old
Survey		Add a dog park on my end of town!
Survey	Huber Park	complete the agreed upon Huber Park improvements
Survey		More dog-friendly spaces to hike / play
Survey	Prospect Sierra, Canyon Trail Park	develop a running track at Prospect Sierra field or Canyon Trail Park
Survey		Schedule a weekly summer free concert series at one of the parks
Survey		Allow some parks to be a no dog zone
Survey		create more sports fields
Survey		EC needs more fields for kids baseball and soccer. Can the city use the old Portola MS site?
Survey		improve maintenance on existing parks particularly ball fields - they are pathetic in comparison with neighboring cities
Survey		Especially keep current parks clean & open to kids & dogs
Survey	Canyon Trail Park	Better educated/informed planners and caretakers of our current parks! Hire a qualified botanist and stop planting non-native trees(eg-Monterey pines in Canyon Trail Park).
Survey		Maintain and improve pet friendly areas
Survey		Off-leash dog parks
Survey		Create park spaces that enable emerging new ways of interacting with the outdoors: parklets, bike skill areas, climbing skills areas, geo-caching, adult kickball, etc.
Survey		Maintain play structures for children
Survey		ban smoking near residences/in parks
Survey		Create more baseball fields and soccer fields.
Survey		our current athletic fields are in very poor condition
Survey		Thank you for the key-entry bathrooms in the parks! This is a great amenity not offered in neighboring areas and wonderful for parents and children.
Survey		the more green spaces the better. Keep it up EC!
Survey	Fairmont Park	Fairmont Park needs attention. It seems such a wasted opportunity for a busy community gathering space. It currently feels unsafe and run down, but with some simple changes it could be fantastic. The community garden is a FANTASTIC start and needs all the support it can get. Please, please, please keep the space at Moeser and Navellier (the old school) open as a park! It will be so beautiful!
Survey	Huber Park	Please update Huber Park. New blacktop at basketball court, at least. New play structure that is ADA compliant. This is the heart of our neighborhood and needs a refresh. Thank you.
Survey		expand the parks and connect the smaller neighborhood parks and child parks.
Survey	Arlington Park	the drainage at Arlington Park is bad, always muddy!
Survey		should make playground upgrades park restructuring- garden, lawn, etc.
Survey	Baxter Gateway Park	I live close to Baxter Gateway Park. I find that this park is not well maintained. I hope in general that parks get the attention needed so they continue to look attractive. This park offers great educational opportunities, I'm not sure they are used. I'm interested in seeing the property across the street (portola middle school) to be fully integrated into this park (cerrito vista). I hope plans that were made for this will get a high priority.
Survey		Need more lights on the streets and parks
Survey		We live just outside of El Cerrito in Richmond Hills. We do love the El Cerrito Park facilities and use them and pay fees when needed. Thank you for spending time to take care of your facilities.
Survey	Portola Site	Make the old Portola site a baseball/soccer field.
Survey		Enjoy Arlington Park the most.
Survey	Arlington/ Castro Park	Hope Castro Park will maintain its park and expand after middle school built.
Survey	Portola Site	The old Portola site should be used to create multiple baseball fields for ECYB and City use.
Survey		Vista Park has no lighting.
Survey	Castro Park	Castro Park needs improvement. More play areas for toddlers and infants (such as sand). Restrooms are not opened most of the time. Vista Park has no lighting.
Survey		I would love to see upgrades and even new baseball fields.
Survey		One of the regular activities we use the EC parks for is for soccer. Please ensure that the field are maintained/upgraded to give young players the best soccer fields that are possible for them to use.

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Survey	Huber Park	It is often tempting to use any funds that are available to build the shiny new playground or a new building. What I see in a lot of parks is the crumbling infrastructure. I would rather see money spent on fixing some of that deteriorating infrastructure. i.e. crumbling stairs and walls, dilapidated irrigation systems, sporting fields with uneven surfaces that need to be renovated, repaving and repainting of asphalt playground surfaces, etc. One of those parks needing such work is Huber Park.
Survey	San Pablo Ave	Continue to improve San Pablo Ave pedestrian experience/safety; improve street trees & urban forest thru all available means; protect, improve, and daylight creeks and intermittent drainages; add bbq/campfire/picnic table options in parks; add sidewalk micro-parks wherever possible, i.e., along wide sidewalks on San Pablo (wanna read my masters theses on the topic?); try for microparks in each and every residential 'hood!
Survey		Conditions of baseball fields could be improved.
Survey		Would like more soccer fields and better maintenance of current fields.
Survey		not enough field space for ECFC or ECYB.
Survey		If there are more baseball/sports fields, that helps el Cerrito youth baseball teams not to travel to various places.
Survey		shardd and improved sports parks. Albany has triple diamonds for baseball and Berkeley has those soccer fields, meanwhile ECYB has to shuttle kids to Richmond to practice or play on sometimes dangerous fields (witness the trench in front of the pitching mound at Cerrito Vista).
Survey		It will be great for the kids to have a soccer & baseball sport facility in the old Portola Middle School site.
Survey		The sad, rusted play structure behind the Senior Center could be a nice play area for kids. Once Fairmont School closes for renovations, there really won't be a place to take kids in our neighborhood anymore. Parks are a great way to meet other families in the neighborhood, and I would much rather see families in that open space than homeless people, or teenagers on crime sprees, as has been the case in recent time.
Survey		I live right next to a park. There is the usual problem with homeless people and crime. Better lighting at night might help.
Survey		My model is parks of Paris, France. People go to walk, sit, visit, read and watch their kids play. There are many benches and chairs, play areas, places to buy coffee or snacks, trees, paths. And they have police who discreetly patrol it and keep it safe. Parks are locked up at night.
Survey		WOuld also recommend imporving condition of playing fields
Survey		we need more quality soccer fields
Survey		We need a nice park where we can bring dogs
Survey		Overall El Cerrito's parks are great. The bathroom keys are wonderful. I wish that there was shaded seating for adults near the playstructure at Cerrito Vista - would be very helpful for nursing mothers.
Survey		Recreational sports and other outdoor activities bring out the best in kids. It is also the best antidote for the obesity epidemic. Promote healthy kids with strong characters.!
Survey		Improve the local baseball fields. Improve the basketball courts in all parks and schools. Improve play structures in parks for kids of all ages.
Survey		Our athletic fields need improvement as they are in bad shape.
Survey	Ohlone Greenway	Improve visibility and safety along Ohlone pathway. It feels unsafe because buildings/homes back to it and there are very large shrubs everywhere. What about a skate park?
Survey		Get you mind out of the "groomed" park idea suitable to "recreation". All you are doing is opening the door to degraded natural habitat. Nature is not entertainment.
Survey		Lower rates for use of the public parks and facilities. The charges are much too expensive.
Survey		I think it's important that the public have access to the fields/facilities at the public school.
Survey		Would love to see adult fitness apparatus situated around children play area so parents can exercise while watching kids.
Survey		Not only do wee need more baseball fields and soccer fields, the City needs to do a much better job of maintaining the fields that we do have. The Central baseball field is terrible and the Sity should take better care of it.
Survey		Playgrounds that kids can ride bikes at on weekends. School playgrounds work during the week, but on weekends, schoolyards are locked up.
Survey	portola	I hope we do something on the former space of Portola. I would love to see some recreation fields for soccer and some green space.
Survey		we need more quality soccer fields
Survey		We need a nice park where we can bring dogs
Survey		We need more resources for our parks. They need to be brought up to better conditions. We need some equitable means of raising revenues to make this happen. City council should consider parcel taxes.
Survey	Huber Park	I really hope the focus can be to improve our existing parks. I would love to see some upgrades/updates to the facilities at the well used but outdated Huber Park!
Survey		We really, really need better fencing at playgrounds. Not that we don't want to look after our kids, but it just offers so much more safety when kids can't bolt out of an area at a moment's notice.
Survey	Tassajara par, Cerrito Vista park	more trash cans at Tassajara field, more seating with shade at Cerrito playground; appreciate the gates at Tassajara and Cerrito for safety; fix up the park and basketball court at Pointsett park; thank you we love EC!
Survey		A water fountain would add positive ions in the park making people refreshed and happier. It will also counter the negative ions in the air coming from the Pacific Ocean through the Golden Gate Bridge. Thank you!

Source	Location	Comment
Survey		There should be much improvement done to the parks that I have encountered within El Cerrito. Keeping them clean, keeping the water clean, basketball hoops also creating community centers for activities for communities if funds are available and/or can be available for such things also better pathways within parks such as Cerrito Creek near Ranch 99, near Asian Mall.
Survey		I would like small frequent little parks placed in pleasant surroundings with a few benches + places to sit + with a couple of activities/equipment for children, with perhaps a little running water. I like Huber Park, it is accessible, small, and pleasant.
Survey		Safety is a big concern. No point in having parks if one does not feel safe going to them. Thank you.
Survey	Huber Park	I live near Huber Park but do not utilize the facility because the basketball court is not maintained and there are some people that I do not want to come in contact with that hang out there because there are places for them to hide.
Survey		I would really like to see more habitat restoration and parks in general.
Survey		It'd be nice if the BART retrofitting construction moved a long at a little faster pace so we could actually use the green space we already have (or had). Opening up publicly owned areas like school grounds to the public would be really nice. Being able to use Berkeley High and Albany Middle is nice; would be nice to be able to use El Cerrito high and the elementary school playgrounds, too. Don't limit parks/playground areas to children or adults with children only. Some of us aren't lucky enough to have children but still like to stay fit.
Survey	Potrero, Moeser, Arlington	Since so many people like to walk and ride bicycles in the El Cerrito hills, I would like to see "pocket parks" with benches where you can rest and perhaps have a good view spread out - along Potrero, Moeser, Arlington, other streets and trails, wherever the city might have or easily be able to attain property or get an easement for benches - eg EBMUD property, private property that isn't practical for development anyway. Maybe the city could pay a token fee or offer some perk in exchange for the use. These should blend in well with the area; for example, if the pocket park is on the Hillside Natural Area or otherwise surrounded by trees it should have a rustic, low key look to it (such as wood or seatish shaped rocks. Perhaps the nearby rock vendors in the annex would work with the city on this and/or groups and individuals could help sponsor seating. Cost-effective trash pick up needs to be worked out - perhaps an adopt a trash can system where volunteers can transport the bag of trash to a location where it can more easily be picked up by city crews, and a posted phone number to report to the city if there is a need for some sort of city clean up or maintenance.
Survey	Cerrito Vista Park	I would love to see a music series, movie nights and theater in the park during the summer. (Cerrito Vista Park) I would love to see an electronic activity board installed at Cerrito Vista Park that promotes city and community events in the city.
Survey		It would be great to improve the baseball fields with better backstops, team benches, fix holes in the fields. Also, need better trash pick-up after the weekends. The garbage cans overflow.
Survey		Be modest in your planning. Get to improve the parks, etc., but let's not break the bank.
Survey		There needs to be more parks and open spaces in the southern part of El Cerrito.
Survey	Huber Park	Improve and modernize Huber Park.
Survey	Canyon Trail Park	There should be signs to disallow dogs at the play structure area. At canyon trail park, some dog owners let their dogs run & do their business unleashed inside the play structure area. - Not good for kids.
Survey		A lot of the smaller parks are closed till 5 or 6 PM because there is a child care facility operating on the premises. The city says this is for child safety reasons. I came from Sacramento, where care facilities and parks are blended as well, yet open to the public. Why? Maybe look into how other places perform and see if it works for us. It's hard to live around the corner from a park we cannot use. So we walk to Albany.
Survey	Richmond Street	Establish bike lanes on Richmond St. Work with Richmond to make a safe bike lane to connect El Cerrito to Bay trail. Central Ave has too much traffic to serve as a bike path.
Survey	Canyon Trail Park	Across the street, Canyon Trail Park, had been like an addition to our home until a few years ago when the play area of the lower park was removed, to our disappointment. Monterey pines were planted about 45 years ago and they are now quickly dying off. They are also a great fire hazard. The poison oak was removed recently but the smaller trails are overgrown with blackberry vines and ivy. First, we need to take care of the parks we now have, then think about new parks. El Cerrito advertises itself as "The City With a View". I've been in my house 48 yrs now and City trees and neighbor's trees have obscured most of my original view. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.
Survey		we love the parks! Free, accessible activities are key to our community.
Survey		We love El Cerrito's parks!
Survey		I'd like to see outdoor 'exercise gyms' in some of the open spaces. I'd also like the idea of more dog bag dispensers so that dog owners are encouraged to pick up their dog's poop in dog friendly/leased only parks
Survey		Children need more playgrounds.
Survey		we need more trash & recycling in the parks!!! more swings at parks, please :)
Survey		As I mentioned, it would be great if the splash park was open at a time when we could go -- I'd currently have to skip work to take my son, so we've never been able to check it out though I've heard it's lots of fun. Parks are fantastic; sometimes the trash receptacles are overflowing.
Survey	Vista Park	I think El Cerrito has done a terrific job with El Cerrito Vista Park. We play soccer at Canyon Park and EC Vista. I think pocket parks and street landscaping would further enhance El Cerrito and allow more people to enjoy green space where they are.
Survey		Better soccer fields!

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Survey		Is there a way to add a teen-friendly component to Cerrito Vista Park? Middle and high school students like to hang out on the children's slides (toddler and 5-12), but I understand they so need a place to hang out too.
Survey		Really like the public bathrooms at park facilities and key rental access. It was invaluable when my children were younger.
Survey		Very important to preserve remaining open space, because there's so little of it left in such a highly developed and populated area.
Survey		Maintain Parks equally. Provide more trash cans in parks.
Survey		Would like to have space where it is geared for adults - for those of us who would like a break from children
Survey		Create more parks around all the apts and SP ave! "Environmental Justice"
Survey		Its always great to see more green spaces that are good for children in the neighborhood.
Survey	Arlington Park	More space like Arlington Park where people can barbaque, picnic, play, etc. Nature center where children can learn more about nature.
Survey		NO Pesticides in the parks!
Survey		Maintenance of parks, e.g., Canyon Trails, is limited. More funds for maintenance would be very desirable.
Survey		Many of the parks have good structures that are dirty from mold and such. It would be good to have the structures cleaned in what ever manner would be appropriate.
Survey		Invest in open space. The economic reasons can be the justification, but the social benefits will make a name for the City.
Survey	Hillside Park	Develop Hillside Park
Survey		Support outdoor activities for kids that keep them out of trouble - bike parks and trail, skate board and bmx park.
Survey		I want more places for bike stuff to happen.
Survey		I'd love to see more swing sets, gets the younger kids and initiative to come to parks more often.
Survey		There is a great tiered park in Orinda on a space similar to the old Portola Middle School space. Great sports fields for baseball and soccer. We are very active in ECYB and in ABGSL. With improvements to existing ball fields, the City could host tournaments which generate revenue for local business. Baseball space is at a premium and during the regular season, many teams have to use sub-par fields.
Survey		In parks, personal safety is very important. Done by keeping the space with easy surveillance from most angles. Additionally fire safety (replacing eucalyptus trees) is important
Survey	Tassajara Park	Off-leash dogs in and around Tassajara Park are sometimes a problem.
Survey	Castro Park	i am worried about the future of Castro park as an open space area for all.
Survey		I oppose additional dog parks - parks should be for people - and support enforcement of leash laws. Need smoking ban for parks and playgrounds. Need clarification of access at public school playgrounds - when can the public use them? Fairmont Park and Creekside Park are disasters. Need frequent PD patrols and new playground equipment. I consider my neighborhood under-served for parks/playgrounds. Nothing within 25min (fairmont and harding schools not consistently open/available, tot sandlot under Bart is now closed)
Survey		area for dogs to run free
Survey		1) Playground is important for our young children. Not necessarily to create a new park, just to improve and maintain the existing parks and facilities.
Survey		To be perfectly frank, since my son has grown we do not use the parks in El Cerrito. We look for our outdoor recreation in the East Bay Regional Parks. One way to enhance El Cerrito nature experience and parks would be to improve connectivity between the city and the East Bay Regional Parks.
Survey	Arlington Park	Arlington park is a good model for new parks
Survey		Creating new parks will cost money. Why not just improve the existing parks? The water at the water park (next to the swing pool) is too cold for the kids.
Survey	Fairmount Ave	There needs to be better park facilities near Fairmount Ave / El Cerrito Plaza. The large empty lot at Fairmount and Colusa would make a perfect spot for a public park; people already use it as a recreation space, bring their dogs there, etc.
Survey	Castro Park	Castro Park's large play area would use a resurfacing underneath the larger play structure and the path around is pretty uneven. Making it more consistent like at Cerrito Vista would be great. Addition of baby swings at parks near Arlington would be nice. It would be nice to have shady spots in the parks to spread a blanket and have a picnic - not sure how that would be accomplished, since of course the central green areas are also used for sports.
Survey		I would suggest to add a basketball court in the area of El Cerrito. Also another play structure for little kids to enjoy. I can always go to El Cerrito High School for the football field so me and friends can play football.
Survey		After Portola Middle finishes relocating to Castro Elementary School, start building a park at that location and build a bridge connecting the two parks.
Survey		Thank you for the survey. We do already have many nice parks, which improve quality of life considerably. Having trees and parks nearby reduces anxiety and stress, supports active/healthy living, facilitates community ties, and is a strong quality of life booster.
Survey	Potrero Ave	My dog is my family so being able to take him with me to the park is important, not just the dog park on Potrero, which is nice but not a picnic area.
Survey		A lot of the parks are just places for people's dogs to pee. Make more dog parks so the grass can maintain it's health, and consider putting signs up. Dogs are great, but people don't want to lay on dead weeds covered in urine.

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Survey		Maybe more benches for us grandmas when we take grandchildren to the parks. Safer crosswalks.
Survey		So far, from driving around in El Cerrito the parks look immaculate to me.
Survey		I disagree with the construction on Moeser where trees are being put in the center of the street. A waste of money that could be used for vital services like the police. I disagree with wasting good money on community parks, trees on the streets, etc. I like the idea of improving the parks we have, and use the rest of the money we have for vital services, such as fire and police.
Survey		Most of the parkland in El Cerrito is in the hills and difficult to get to by walking or bike.
Survey		Fairmont Park needs a makeover.
Survey		Well-maintained and enhanced pet areas
Task Force 1		Well Maintained Parks that meet community needs
Task Force 1		More Open Space
Task Force 1		Bring Parks to People
Task Force 1		More Green Spaces: Plan ahead for increase in density, Accure Land for pocket parks, private green space
Task Force 1		Rec Needs Assessment: Prioritize Open Space, Grant Ready
Task Force 1		What qualifies as nature?
Task Force 1		Nature areas
Task Force 1		Fill in vacant lots with pocket parks! – second
Task Force 1	Fairmont Park	Fairmont Park : high used (exercise / dog), lack of investment, poor access - used as cut through
Task Force 1		Enhance or Expand Existing Parks
Task Force 1		If boy scouts area (26A) is developed it should incorporate green space.
Task Force 1		Portola is a huge opportunity for green space
Task Force 1		Can have multiple activities here- gardening/farming, sports, play, etc.
Task Force 1		please don't do a single use (e.g. only sports fields)
Task Force 1		Mobile business in/around parks
Task Force 1		Extend library services with book carts, vans to key park(s) (HS)
Task Force 1		Thoughtful, small-scale park programming (beyond big events such as 4th of July)
Task Force 1		"More seating in Park (but not so they attract people sleeping there- e.g. use dividers)"
Task Force 1		Enhance Hillside natural area - second
Task Force 1		Totally underutilized
Task Force 1		Recreation and commuter connectivity possibilities!
Task Force 1		Enhance trails (signage, maintenance)
Task Force 3		Harding Park Example / Memorial Park
Task Force 3		Fairmont Park : high used (exercise / dog), lack of investment, poor access - used as cut through
Task Force 3		Organized Sports - capacity is an issues
Community Wkshp 2		more multi-purpose open spaces!!!
Address Higher Density Areas		
Survey		I love the open space access opportunities that are emerging with a focus on rebuilding old trails and providing a network that actually be used to travel to other parts of town (rather than just a loop). It would be great to see official maps of this trail network. As mentioned above, it would be great to have more walkable shopping opportunities with local retailers and restaurants that offer healthy choices. Right now I travel to Berkeley and Albany for most of my grocery, dining, and entertainment - it would be great to do that here in my hometown.
Survey		Good ways to get around
Survey	San Pablo Ave	would be great to have "parklets" like on San Pablo
Survey		Parks are nice, however most streets stink; they're barren treeless environments with many low sad (low maintenance) front yards
Survey		The site of the old Portola Middle School should be turned into sports fields. That would be awesome.
Survey		Would love more places to take my dog and the parks are a bit boring for my 7 year old and 14 year olds. Something more innovative and exciting would be great.
Survey		I would like to see more of the vacant lots (especially along San Pablo) turned into green spaces if they're not going to be built on anytime soon
Survey	Huber Park	make the improvements to Huber Park which were agreed upon a year or two ago
Survey	Behrens St.	Pocket Park on end of Behrens Street
Community Wkshp 1		Address High Density Areas
Community Wkshp 1		There are none/ could use more
Community Wkshp 1		Create higher density housing around green space
Community Wkshp 1	San Pablo Ave	Along San Pablo
Community Wkshp 1		More small parks in N-W EC and S-W EC. – second
Community Wkshp 1		Noise reduction
Community Wkshp 1		Esp. from highway
Community Wkshp 1		More Green Spaces: Plan ahead for increase in density, Accure Land for pocket parks, private green space
Community Wkshp 2		need more parklets everywhere, especially in the flats where the density is higher
Community Wkshp 2		I think there is a very real issue with 6 story buildings on San Pablo next to Kearny, where there are residential houses
Community Wkshp 2		Need more parklets in the flats!
Community Wkshp 2		Most increased density housing is shown as multi-use buildings. Is there opportunity to have townhouses similar to Hercules (New Urbanism)
Community Wkshp 2		Density should not be at the expense of net greenspace / open space

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Community Wkshp 2		Most integrate greenspace character into density to make it desirable and livable
Community Wkshp 2		Densification also includes retiring development in areas that don't meet current standards
Community Wkshp 2	San Pablo Ave	There is not, nor will there be enough public transit to serve the area if you build all high density along San Pablo Ave.
Community Wkshp 2		Don't just wait for turnover, but actively encourage creek daylighting and removal of existing buildings within creek setback through density development offsets/ tradeoffs.
Community Wkshp 2	San Pablo Ave	The state does not have extra money for transportation, AC Transit is close to 50% subsidized costs by government, if you build high density along San Pablo, what public transportation system will handle it?
Community Wkshp 2		Need to develop business in El Cerrito other than service industry so your residents don't have to go out of town for jobs.
Community Wkshp 2		Need more parklets in the flats!
Foster Partnerships		
Survey	Ohlone	I would love to see the abandoned park on the Ohlone greenway by Stockton near Fairmont school restored and expanded. Right now there's just an old slide and a swingset without any swings. There are tons of neighborhood kids for whom that park would be their primary park if it were only restored. Would be willing to donate money towards this cause as well as volunteer to improve it.
Survey		More community weekend events
Survey		Some of these activities should be performed by volunteers to minimize costs / liability.
Survey		I am new to the area and would like to become more involved.
Survey		I'd like the City to work with WCCUSD to make school sites accessible and also near parks
Survey		edible greenways, community food forest (like Portland, Seattle). look up "city repair" the do awesome place-making work work with neighborhoods- give out mini grants more bike lanes!
Survey		We participated in ECYB (baseball) this year, which is a great league open to residents of El Cerrito and to folks like us who reside in Richmond. I encourage you to work with the City of Richmond to provide sports fields for the hundreds of area children who are interested in learning about teamwork, sportsmanship, and athletic skill-building through ECYB. Thanks!
Survey		Best way to improve things are to get the kids involved in volunteering in our parks and community gardens and going on hikes offered by local groups.
Survey		Volunteer clean-ups in parks should be more often than just Earth Day.
Survey		I'm very proud of El Cerrito's Earth Day activities, as well as the 4th of July activity. I think the citywide garage sale could be consolidated onto the BART parking lot - that way I would save on gas and pollution.
Survey		Train/pay local volunteers to maintain green spaces. Grant money to find folks to do maintenance on current parks improved. We always find money for new projects and installations.
Survey	Portola	The old portola school would be a great site for the new library....then the community center could link to it... A park in between.... Plus its connected to the hillside trails....great opportunity to consolidate and create a community space.
Survey		Seek funding sources to help homeowners plant appropriate trees in park strips in residential neighborhoods.
Survey		Other nearby cities such as Albany, Berkeley, Richmond and Oakland promote crop swap. Why not El Cerrito? Just look at the big "crop swap" sign outside Albany Public Library & Richmond Public Library!
Survey		Have "Sunday Streets Festivals" as San Francisco and Berkeley have had -- with NO CARS ALLOWED (on a particular street, or portion of a street)...
Survey		Children and youth of the West El Cerrito and Richmond Annex currently do NOT have access within walking distance to constructive (safe - free) recreational areas - especially during non-school days. Please consider partnership with the faith-based community and establish programs to keep them safe in a crime-free environment.
Survey		It should be difficult to tell when we move between industrial, residential, and wooded areas. Trees can help. There is also a visible transition between Berkeley, Albany, El Cerrito and Richmond as to the number of trees. Many to few. Are volunteers needed to help in the parks? El Cerrito Garden Club? Friends of 5 creeks?
Survey	San Pablo	Pls look at improving green spaces on San Pablo. Shopping/public areas need love & attention. I'd happily volunteer to join a gardening squad ,)
Survey		Is there any chance that parks can be "adopted" for periodic clean-ups like sections of the highways are?
Survey		1. Set up an "Adopt a block" program - similar to Caltrans "Adopt a Highway" to encourage residents to pick up local trash/garbage. 2. Set up programs to parks similar to Stephen Prees 1st Saturday at Baxter Creek to encourage residents to get to know their local parks and build a community around helping maintain them. 3. Establish program with EL trailer trekkers to increase connections between trails in different parks and ensure trails are safe.
Task Force 1		Community Involvement: Investment and maintenance, Volunteering, Engaging School Districts and High School students
Task Force 1		Equitable : Connect with under represented communities
Task Force 1		Potential Easements - Boy Scouts
Task Force 1		Community Involvement: Investment and maintenance, Volunteering, Engaging School Districts and High School students

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Task Force 1		Strengthen Cultural Resources
Community Wkshp 1		Foster Partnerships
Community Wkshp 1		B/t EC, Albany and Richmond to build bike/ped pathway over highway to bay trail
Community Wkshp 1		Involve Economic Development Boards in the plan as they are key partners in development and maintenance of multi-modal transit ways, (green) building codes, shopping areas
Community Wkshp 1		Create community service opportunities for high school students, scouts, lions, rotary – second
Community Wkshp 1		Planting and maintaining the community gardens, trails, building parklets, etc.!
Community Wkshp 1		Form groups to "adopt" the implementation of certain recommendations/ tasks
Community Wkshp 1		Tool, resource sharing sites near public facilities (e.g. library, city hall)
Community Wkshp 1		Work with tree committee, friends of 5 creeks, trail trekkers, schools,
Community Wkshp 1		Reach out to mountain bikers- most commute by bike and road ride as well.
Community Wkshp 1		IMBA
Community Wkshp 1		NorCal Cycling League
Community Wkshp 1		EC High School Mountain Bike Team
Community Wkshp 1		BTCEB
Community Wkshp 2		No net hardscape, incentives for reducing hardscape from existing condition "fee bate" offset program?
Community Wkshp 2		Formal arrangements for creek maintenance? Developer, HOA, city, citizen volunteers?
Planting Palette		
Survey		Lack of trees is part of the issue.
Survey		Plant and care for more trees
Survey	Moeser Lane	Restore Moeser Lane California Native plants that were established there by Doreen Spellman many years ago.
Survey		replace eucalyptus with native plans and trees (oak, buckeye, etc.)
Survey		Get rid of invasive species, eucalyptus, broom, pampas grass, etc.; you have covered the top 2, SAFETY and MORE SEATING.
Survey		minimize fire hazards by thinning/removing eucalyptus trees and other fuel load vegetation; replace with native species of trees.
Survey		Need more seasonal blooming flowers.
Survey		more trees for CO2 offsetting, more green space linking and garden spaces.
Survey		more trees
Survey		Planting trees to replace the fallen and diseased trees.
Survey		I would like to see more trees and plants to attract pollinating insects
Survey		enforce the median strips to be planted not cemented over, bricked over, etc. more trees available to homeowners to plant in median strips, more trees on streets, more toddler play structures, fenced in playgrounds
Survey		(1) Restore/install CA native plants in community plots/gardens/open space. (2) Provide room/ protect wild creatures. Save wild cats who wander into our neighborhoods, instead of killing them as has been done in other cities. (3) I am proud to live in EC; those running the city clearly care about wild creatures, nature and open space.
Survey		remove the eucalyptus and monterey pines from our public open spaces
Survey		The City needs more trees. Many of the trees planted have berries, not edible. Hope next round of trees can be edible fruits, nuts, etc. More City programs for organic gardening are needed. Would love to have a branch of the Ecology Center, Berkeley in El Cerrito.
Survey		Plant more trees. Create sound barriers from interstate with greenery. Make EC like Oregon - waste-free, spread the "know how" to neighboring cities such as Emeryville, Berkeley, Oakland.
Survey		Improve/enlarge open space for access. I have never liked the presence of the eucalyptus stands, both aesthetically and fire protection point of view.
Survey		3) To increase and/or maintain our property value we need very strong "city tree ordinance" to restrict/limit height of trees. We have paid extra amount for the view and neighbors should not be allowed to block it (even with endless negotiations this is still not workable). For example the city's building code has set a limit to height for new buildings for the same reason. We should also have regulations of height limit for trees!
Survey		I know there is a plan to plant more trees - I'd love to see some fruit trees on high traffic streets.
Survey		I hope that the City and School District facilities are all sustainable in that do not use pesticides, minimize impermeable hardscapes and utilize drought tolerant and native plants when feasible.
Survey		people shouldn't be allowed to cut down huge trees on their property - it drives down everyone's property values. Most areas w/greening programs have restrictions that trees over 3" diam cannot be cut w/out permit
Survey		Stop the country from spraying toxic pesticides....they spray RoundUP all over parks, schools and otherwise, a weed killer which has been banned in other nations and is highly toxic, linked to cancer and other health issues.
Task Force 1		Focus on Seasonal Succession of plants
Task Force 1		More trees along barren streets
Task Force 1		"one tree for every resident"
Community Wkshp 2		Edibles / fruit trees in parks - select varieties that don't have messy fruits
Community Wkshp 2		The immigrant population cleans out the blackberry bushes & plum trees along Ohlone path, and the ladies pick lemons from my neighbors yard.
Community Wkshp 2		I think keeping fruit picked would not be an issue if people know what the trees produce; there could be signage at the trees to explain what the tree / fruit is, when it is ripe, and that people should pick them.

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Community Wkshp 2		If there are enough trees, deer can't get to all of them, also plant varieties deers aren't interested in.
Community Wkshp 2		Draft plant palletts and rationale - re habitats if any
Community Wkshp 2		Don't plant trees that will obstruct existing views from home
Community Wkshp 2		Disappointed that Moeser medians have recently been replaced with wood chips. Hardscape / weed cloth / wood chips are "low maintenance" but not "green"
Community Wkshp 2		Decrease hardscapes and plant don't exclude vegetation
Community Wkshp 2		remove paved portions of planting strips in sidewalks when side walk width permits
Community Wkshp 2		Would periodic water truck and / or thoughtful intallation design avoid the need for irrigation entirely, at a lower cost?
Community Wkshp 2		Decrease or no net increase of hardscape with new development with provision for offsetting impacts by paying for hardscape removal elsewhere when there is some local increse?
Community Wkshp 2		Abandon remaining irrigated grass from city street landscape - ashbury and triangle at motorcycle hill trailhead
Community Wkshp 2		The amount of investment in irrigation for landscapes that are intended to be drought tollerant / bay friendly seems wasteful
Landscape Maintenance		
Survey		Parks are nice, however most streets stink; they're barren treeless environments with many low sad (low maintenance) front yards
Survey	Fairmount Ave	Fairmount Ave near BART Station needs more litter patrol
Survey	Hillside Natural Area	Add a trash can for dog waste - one half way into Hillside Nature Area walk
Survey	Tassajara Park	Tassajara Ball Field is in dire need of turf maintenance.
Survey	Castro Park	Castro Park needs better doors, lighting, clean water fountains, restrooms, parking mostly reserved for teams
Survey		provide appropriate continued maintenance of restored areas
Survey		The trees in the neighborhood need to be trimmed and aldo the intersection plants
Survey	San Pablo Ave	Keeping the trees trimmed and cleaning up San Pablo plants in the intersection
Survey		Remove tall tress under the weed ordanance
Survey		Plant and care for more trees
Survey		improve maintenance on existing parks particularly ball fields - they are pathetic in comparison with neighboring cities
Survey		Maintain play structures for children
Survey	Hillside Natural Area	Restore the Hillside Natural Area: more native vegetation/begin removal of Eucalyptus
Survey		Eliminate water-intensive lawns; plant natives, enhance them for the benefit of wildlife; provide them space, peace, solitude, water, nourishment
Survey		Continue to remove litter and recycle.
Survey		Train/pay local volunteers to maintain green spaces. Grant money to find folks to do maintenance on current parks improved. We always find money for new projects and installations.
Survey		You (as a group) are doing a good job on being innovative. Maintenance is really important!!
Survey	Hagen Blvd.	The City needs to better maintain the median divider on Hagen Blvd (trim the trees). I like the green space area on Moeser In., but it needs to be better maintained in the early spring.
Survey	Hillside Natural Area	Improve Hillside Nature Area by removing dead trees and reducing the number of eucalyptus trees. Replace old signage originally installed by the BSA. Sprinkle wildflower seeds in open spaces.
Survey		It would be good to maintain/improve existing facilities.
Survey		We live just outside of El Cerrito in Richmond Hills. We do love the El Cerrito Park facilities and use them and pay fees when needed. Thank you for spending time to take care of your facilities.
Survey		replace eucalyptus with native plans and trees (oak, buckeye, etc.)
Survey		One of the regular activities we use the EC parks for is for soccer. Please ensure that the field are maintained/upgraded to give young players the best soccer fields that are possible for them to use.
Survey		Conditions of baseball fields could be improved.
Survey		more trees
Survey		Planting trees to replace the fallen and diseased trees.
Survey		Please stop cutting down trees near the swimming pool and recreation center!
Survey		enforce the median strips to be planted not cemented over, bricked over, etc. more trees available to homeowners to plant in median strips, more trees on streets, more toddler play structures, fenced in playgrounds
Survey		cases) along my home corridor of Richmond St. Many sidewalk openings have been cemented in or are filled with weeds. I have a neighbor who regularly dumps pesticides in his sidewalk strip opening to prevent anything from growing (creating dirt that is pesticide laden and cannot support plants). El Cerrito very much needs a PLANNED street tree program that is communicated to its citizens via educational outreach. We need a comprehensive goal to encourage appropriate street tree plantings throughout the city and ESPECIALLY on the most trafficked streets in El Cerrito. As an example of the "non-planned" plantings: when one drives down Richmond Street, the various items growing in the sidewalk strips are lots of low wide bushes (blocking visibility for vehicles turning onto Richmond), weeds, palm trees, old Christmas trees, stumps and dead or dying (non-watered) trees. An example of some planned trees in El Cerrito are on Junction at Knott. On this short street are large maintained trees, all the same type, planted in a thoughtful manner to provide shade and greenery - couldn't El Cerrito have more streets like this? Finally, several studies have shown that
Survey		improve landscaping on middle median Moeser for visibility
Survey		improve sidewalks near BART esp near Plaza and richmond st

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Survey		Cerrito Vista could use improvements in the plantings, as many of the bushes are awfully old and tired, and not particularly attractive. The new plantings in the medians in El Cerrito are terrific. Great choices of plants, and the novel watering system along San Pablo is great (hope it is working well). EC needs more trees in the median in all residential areas. I've tried to get neighbors to opt into the free city tree planting over the years but sometimes people are reluctant due to telephone wires. Trees along the streets could be the single largest positive alteration in the feel and look of El Cerrito, making it look more like Berkeley than like the barren outer suburbs. Allowing people to place a tall fence at their property line, as homeowners do all the time in Berkeley, would also improve the city's appearance. The low 2-3 ft fences look terrible, really cheesy. If EC could bury telephone lines, that would be terrific but the cost prohibitive. But if you look at areas with really nice residential areas, the lines are all buried. San Pablo is an eyesore, due to the mostly awful shops lining it and the lack of any relief from the highway-like atmosphere. Changing parking to Solar
Survey	Canyon Trail Park	Across the street, Canyon Trail Park, had been like an addition to our home until a few years ago when the play area of the lower park was removed, to our disappointment. Monterey pines were planted about 45 years ago and they are now quickly dying off. They are also a great fire hazard. The poison oak was removed recently but the smaller trails are overgrown with blackberry vines and ivy. First, we need to take care of the parks we now have, then think about new parks. El Cerrito advertises itself as "The City With a View". I've been in my house 48 yrs now and City trees and neighbor's trees have obscured most of my original view. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.
Survey		Arlington park as a model - good! (just need to clean the pond often). Trim all the trees - especially hillside area - do not block our Bay view.
Survey		It should be difficult to tell when we move between industrial, residential, and wooded areas. Trees can help. There is also a visible transition between Berkeley, Albany, El Cerrito and Richmond as to the number of trees. Many to few. Are volunteers needed to help in the parks? El Cerrito Garden Club? Friends of 5 creeks?
Survey		1) Avoid deciduous trees on parking strips where leaves clog city drains prior to winter rains. The city does not seem to clear storm drains on a regular basis. In fact, the fall 2012 newsletter suggested it was the public's responsibility to clear clogged drains.
Survey		2) Allow old growth trees to remain in public parks. Supplement with young trees. Recently a large amount of older trees including pine and redwoods were removed from Vista park. This not only changed the landscape visually, but also increased the noise pollution emanating from the park. Same situation along the Ohlone path. I live near the bart tracks and over the last 15 yrs have seen a lot of large older trees removed which has hugely increased the noise from bart. I would like to see large tall FAST growing trees planted along the Ohlone path.
Survey		Have more trees!
Survey		Make it easier for people to have interesting landscaping in their front yards instead of lawns. In some parts of El Cerrito the deer population is dense and hungry, and fences or hedges may be necessary to protect even the most deer-resistant plants.
Survey		More maintenance and groundskeeping. Keeping graffiti cleaned off and garbage picked up and restrooms neat and full of paper goods.
Survey		Stop the country from spraying toxic pesticides....they spray RoundUP all over parks, schools and otherwise, a weed killer which has been banned in other nations and is highly toxic, linked to cancer and other health issues.
Survey		Street trees would be a modest way to green the city. In the hills sidewalks would make it possible to walk more safely.
Survey		Keep up the maintenance and make improvements with time as equipment ages.
Survey		Encourage homeowners and other owners of private land to improve its wildlife habitat value with nature plantings. Better landscaping at entries to El Cerrito off the I-80. Work with Caltrans on this. Add public art here too.
Survey		Please clean up the various wild lots in El Cerrito, particularly the ones on San Pablo. They are an eyesore and feel abandoned and gritty (I'm thinking of the weird space on Kearney between Waldo and Moeser on the west side of the street).
Survey		Provide residents with free green waste disposal so that we may actively participate in keeping our parks, small parks, urban gardens, and green spaces clean.
Survey		Maintain what we have now
Survey		It would be good to maintain/improve existing facilities.
Task Force 1		Sustainable: stormwater, resilient, habitat, for native and natural landscaping
Task Force 1		Vacant Parcels - are there additional park opportunities?
Task Force 1		Better landscaping with California natives and low maintenance plants
Community Wkshp 1		EC/Richmond border - second - third > better maintain Baxter Creek Gateway park and connect it to Richmond (Ohlone?) greenway , extend Baxter along SP, around highway off ramp
Community Wkshp 2	Ohlone Greenway	Extend landscaping into residential arch on east side of Ohlone Greenway, ex. Manila Ave. has dense plants that hide extensive litter underneath and are overgrown, which makes walking on the sidewalk harder.
Community Wkshp 2		Formal arrangements for creek maintenance? Developer, HOA, city, citizen volunteers?
Community Wkshp 2		There should be clear responsibility for maintenance
Community Wkshp 2		Would periodic water truck and / or thoughtful intallation design avoid the need for irrigation entirely, at a lower cost?
Community Wkshp 2		Decrease or no net increase of hardscape with new development with provision for offsetting impacts by paying for hardscape removal elsewhere when there is some local increase?
Community Wkshp 2		Don't shy away from urban agriculture based on maintenance concerns

Source	Location	Comment
Community Wkshp 2		Medians - plant only low growing greenery and ground growing plants in medians and near intersections to 1)prevent obstructions 2) visibility of commercial businesses - market friendly
Pollinator Pathways		
Survey		I would like to see more trees and plants to attract pollinating insects
Survey		I would like to see more trees and plants to attract pollinating insects. I am looking forward to the community garden and the garden at ECHS.
Task Force 1	Moeser	Pollinator pathways - second Perhaps along Moeser ROW
Community Wkshp 2		Background - scientific basis for pollinator pathways / are they effective for what pollinators do to create ecological sinks, etc.
Trails and Paths		
Survey	Ohlone Way	I was so sad when BART cut down most of the crabapples along the Ohlone Way for the current seismic upgrade: I used to commute by bike from Eureka to Berkeley and counted 185 blooming crabapples in spring (mostly in Albany). Would love to see you plant blossoming trees on the Ohlone Way and local streets, parks.
Survey		I love the open space access opportunities that are emerging with a focus on rebuilding old trails and providing a network that actually be used to travel to other parts of town (rather than just a loop). It would be great to see official maps of this trail network. As mentioned above, it would be great to have more walkable shopping opportunities with local retailers and restaurants that offer healthy choices. Right now I travel to Berkeley and Albany for most of my grocery, dining, and entertainment - it would be great to do that here in my hometown.
Survey		enjoy nature with my dog
Survey		Good places to walk with my dog
Survey		Beauty. Kids' play
Survey		A place for my kids to run and explore
Survey		bike lanes and paths
Survey		bathroom access, public walking paths
Survey	Prospect Sierra or Canyon Trail Park	develop a running track at Prospect Sierra field or Canyon Trail Park
Survey	Ohlone Trail	safety on Ohlone Trail
Survey		Provide off-leash spaces for hiking with dogs
Survey	Canyon Trail Park	Better educated/informed planners and caretakers of our current parks! Hire a qualified botanist and stop planting non-native trees(eg-Monterey pines in Canyon Trail Park).
Survey		Maintain and improve pet friendly areas
Survey		Eliminate water-intensive lawns; plant natives, enhance them for the benefit of wildlife; provide them space, peace, solitude, water, nourishment
Survey	Bay Trail	Better bicycle access to the Bay Trail. Currently, you have to take the very dangerous Central or Buchanan streets to access the trail.
Survey		Keep up activities - bike trails
Survey		the trail behind the recycling center feels isolated and I am not comfortable climbing alone there
Survey	Bay Trail	I live in Albany and am a runner. I love the Bay Trail and the path under the BART tracks. I'm looking forward to having access to the path again!
Survey		Create mountain bike trails to benefit local high school riders.
Survey		more bike access everywhere
Survey		Always a worry that the BART path isn't safe after dark.
Survey		Signage for the many paths and public space in the hills. Clear the sidewalk up along Moeser Lane. Pebbles present a trip hazard.
Survey		I would love a way to go to the Bay trail from El Cerrito.
Survey		There are 2 trail heads which connect Prospect Sierra School between 2065 - 2063 Tapscott (fully passable) to 2039 - 2055 Harper down to 6473 - 6501 Hagen (dangerously steep but used--you can see the paths on City View). These paths are used to walk to Del Norte BART by intrepid hikers but we could open it for every hiker if we put steps in the lower half of the path at Hagen. Also, we need a simple stairway at the bottom of Motorcycle Hill. Just 3 steps would work. Carol Langhauser
Survey		Provide more hiking trails within El Cerrito - set aside more funding to improve hiking trails at Hillside Natural Area. The volunteers at El Cerrito Trail Trekkers have done a good job!
Survey		something to literally bridge the creek trail at the end of Yosemite Ave. to Albany Hill space (without having to scramble over rocks etc.)
Survey		Biggest thing for me is better access to the bay trail. Plus, the creation of a bike-friendly culture (think Davis or Palo Alto)
Survey	Canyon Trail	Stop turning every green space into a soccer field. I'm asking to you, Canyon Trail.
Survey	Hillside	More hiking and biking trails would be great, and clearing out the poison oak next to the trails at the Hillside Nature area would be good too!
Survey	Bay Trail	Bike connection between El Cerrito BART and Bay Trail should be made safe and comfortable for all ages.
Survey	hillside	I'd love to have a network of bike trails extending through the hillside nature areas.
Survey	Richmond Street	Establish bike lanes on Richmond St. Work with Richmond to make a safe bike lane to connect El Cerrito to Bay trail. Central Ave has too much traffic to serve as a bike path.
Survey		safe and easy biking and hiking access

Source	Location	Comment
Survey		Please see my prior comment about putting together a pamphlet of walks, hikes and bike rides around El Cerrito to encourage physical fitness as well as learning about the community more. I'd love to see something like this!
Survey		I support whatever plan there is to encourage walking and biking. I especially would like to see students encouraged to ride their bikes to school (Portola and ECHS). We need a network of safe bike trails throughout the city.
Survey		developing the Plaza was huge! San Pablo Ave medians, huge! Rain Gardens, great! keep up the good work. Continue to enhance the ped/bike, walking, sitting, cycling, dog walking opportunities.
Survey		I also think that El Cerrito has the potential to be a more walkable city with more restaurants and locations with outdoor seating and small beautification projects.
Survey		Trail under BART tracks would be used more, but needs patrols by walking/biking police (at all hours, random times) for my wife to feel safer.
Survey		Let us have walkway paths on all the Arlington. We pay enough taxes, yet we have no paths for walking the neighborhood. The flats of El Cerrito have. Equity is the answer.
Survey		I've lived in El Cerrito for 12 years and Kensington for 10 years. Would love more connected trails in the hills. We have the area behind the recycling center, but would love a longer, multipurpose trail. Thanks!
Survey		More trails!
Survey		El Cerrito has the densest population to open space ratio and trails in the hills for mountain bike riding will be a great asset to our growing community.
Survey	Hillside Natural Area	We use the Hillside Natural area primarily and would love to see improved trail connections and signage as well as more maintenance. It's such a beautiful and wonderful asset for the community and I'm not sure how many people know about it. Mileage signage, a overall site and location map at the recycling center entry to let people know how far trail loops are.
Task Force 1		Trail Trekkers and Garden Network
Task Force 1		Mountain Bike Circuit
Task Force 1	Wildcat Canyon	Better Access to Wildcat Canyon
Task Force 1		Connect / Overlay all trails
Task Force 1		Differentiate ped vs. bike paths
Task Force 1		Make a bike/ped crossing over the highway to the Bay Trail
Community Wkshp 2		Safer pathways and trails
Community Wkshp 2		It is very important to provide East / West connections to San Pablo & Richmond from the North / South bike paths / lanes (ohlone, etc.)
Green Infrastructure		
Survey	San Pablo	We love the rain gardens on San Pablo: thank you!
Survey		Green Space in Parking Spaces
Survey		Trail maintenance in the Nature Area by the recycle center.
Community Wkshp 2		Every development should be required to do a solar analysis to make sure that they are not shading the residences on Kearney
Community Wkshp 2		Power lines underground
Community Wkshp 2		Wind turbines
Community Wkshp 2		More rain gardens, less asphalt! – second
Green School Yards		
Survey		Develop new outdoor skills
Survey		outside space for children
Survey		Places to take my dog for a run/walk and child
Survey		Swingsets, monkey bars, places to climb around - including climbing trees
Survey		Healthy activity environment for children
Survey		Lack of trees is part of the issue.
Survey		A place for children to play. Basketball, baseball, lacrosse, etc
Survey		outside space for children
Survey		Provide a safe place for children. (Why does no option here even refer to children?!)
Survey		Swingsets, monkey bars, places to climb around - including climbing trees
Survey		Healthy activity environment for children
Survey		tennis
Survey		Foster character in children through organized sports
Survey		Space for children to play
Survey		provide a place to play
Survey		Beauty. Kids' play
Survey		Tennis
Survey		A place for my kids to run and explore
Survey		new and improved baseball fields
Survey		Places to take my dog for a run/walk and child
Survey		Better ballparks
Survey		Create mountain bike trails to benefit local high school riders.
Survey		create more sports fields
Survey		more trees for CO2 offsetting, more green space linking and garden spaces.
Survey		Open the school campuses after school is out. Pocket parks in our commercial areas. I'd like to see the western parking lot at El Cerrito Plaza Bart turned into a town square.
Task Force 3		Exercise & Fitness - Add Community Center / Pool

Source	Location	Comment
Task Force 3		Organized Sports - capacity is an issues
Community Wkshp 1		Implement Green Schoolyards
Community Wkshp 1		"Yes, yes, yes!"
Community Wkshp 1		School Gardens to teach kids how to raise their own vegetables – second
Community Wkshp 1		"Get those schoolyards open to the public after school!" – second
Community Wkshp 1		Or better communication about which ones are open and which ones aren't and the timing (don't just put on city website)
Community Wkshp 1		"Improve openness and connections to school yards which will help foster multigenerational interactions"
Urban Agriculture		
Survey		Consider developing spaces for urban farming
Survey		edible greenways, community food forest (like Portland, Seattle). look up "city repair" the do awesome place-making work work with neighborhoods- give out mini grants more bike lanes!
Survey		I'm on the EC Community Garden Committee, so I'm interested in anything pertaining to community gardens in EC (Hey!!! what about "pocket community gardens" in EC????!!) That would be a great idea!!
Survey	Portoloa	i would love to see Portola's old land turned into a community garden/park or something of the like. I think a space like that could really benefit El Cerrito.
Survey		I would like to see the City acquire the property at 1715 Elm Street and turn it into a community garden and homesteading/sustainable living education center. There's a creek on the property and some fruit trees and I think some artichoke plants. There's plenty of room for a community garden. There could be a small orchard and chickens and the house could be turned into an homesteading education center and a venue for community meetings and events.
Survey		I would like to see more trees and plants to attract pollinating insects. I am looking forward to the community garden and the garden at ECHS.
Survey		I am looking forward to the community garden and the garden at ECHS.
Survey		Rooftop Gardens.
Survey		Provide opportunities for El Cerrito residents to farm in community gardens such as the one set up at Fairmont Park
Survey		Other nearby cities such as Albany, Berkeley, Richmond and Oakland promote crop swap. Why not El Cerrito? Just look at the big "crop swap" sign outside Albany Public Library & Richmond Public Library!
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survey		I also strongly support the creation of community gardens, I think they are beautiful, great for getting to know other members of the community, a lovely way to grow food, and a nice use for land. Unfortunately I do not know of any community gardens in El Cerrito at this moment, but I would be very excited and enthusiastic about participating in one.
Survey		Also, San Pablo has many empty lots — any chance to make them into pocket parks or urban farms?
Survey		Community gardens. As prices for food keep rising, the institution of small little pocket park gardens would be a big plus. Plant hundreds of trees. This planet is burning and we need to do our share to cool it and beautify our town. More trees on every street in El Cerrito where there is a lack of them.
Survey		Community gardens would be wonderful.....how about that vacant space behind JoAnn's at the Plaza? Any other vacant fields? Find a community arts/crafts/gardens use for the former Windrush School site.
Survey		I'm an avid gardener and would love to see more space used for community gardening and classes for children, plant more fruit trees and learn the importance this brings to the environment, that we continue to nurture the land, air and water ways.
Survey		Also, would like to see empty lots (like behind Marshalls east of San Pablo) used for community veggie gardening.
survey		Community gardens. Improve the schools - more green! More produce swaps!
Survey		I think it would be a great idea to feature a community garden, I think it would be a great place for people to relax, and meet others.
Survey		I would love to see more vacant lots turned into community gardens
Survey		Consider solar gardens on contaminated/brownfield properties
Survey		Convert open space and/or old abandoned or unrentable properties into urban gardens.
Survey		Encourage community gardens, especially in areas of the city with more apartment dwellers.
Survey		I don't think there is a community garden and would love to see one near San Pablo (lower income area).
Survey	Fairmont Park	Provide opportunities for El Cerrito residents to farm in community gardens such as the one set up at Fairmont Park
Task Force 1		Support pvt. Urban Ag through supplies, residential programs
Task Force 4		Task Force Strolling - no strolling along San Pablo except Fairmont & by the theater, Stockton, Carlesong >central, Fairmont
Task Force 4		Task Force Vacant Parcels - are there additional park opportunities?
Task Force 4		Urban vs. Vegmos Food going to Mission Food Bank > Donation and support are an important aspect
Task Force 4		Established Group for Community Garden

Source	Location	Comment
Community Wkshp 1		Foster Urban Agriculture
Community Wkshp 1		Not needed, limited impact to overall population
Community Wkshp 1		Disperse it in parks
Community Wkshp 1	Portoloa	Urban farm at Portoloa site and (local produce) restaurants nearby
Community Wkshp 1		Edible landscape
Community Wkshp 1		But careful about planting a row of fruit trees on a paved street, sidewalk...better for park or pathway
Community Wkshp 1		More community gardens - second
Community Wkshp 1	Ashbury Ave.	Ashbury Ave. (HS)
Community Wkshp 1		"pocket gardens" in vacant lots
Community Wkshp 2		Have community gardens which can be used to grow food for food banks and homeless shelters, there is a great need for fresh produce for these populations
Community Wkshp 2		residents may want a plot in a community garden
Community Wkshp 2		Street gardens - palette curb planting noods to allow for curb side parking access
Community Wkshp 2		Don't shy away from urban agriculture based on maintenance concerns
Community Wkshp 2		Rich opportunity between community gardening enthusiasts and food bank / shelter food providers to serve food insecurity
Community Wkshp 2		Many low income and immigrant community members actively pick under utilized fruit from trees
Community Wkshp 2		City could improve / encourage / educate by providing signage about fruit / season / ripeness and maintenance needs that volunteers can do
Hillside Natural Area		
Survey	Hillside Natural Area	Add a trash can for dog waste - one half way into Hillside Nature Area walk
Survey	Hillside Natural Area	Restore the Hillside Natural Area: more native vegetation/begin removal of Eucalyptus
Survey	Hillside Natural Area	A single-track mountain bike trail would be fun.
Survey	Hillside Natural Area	Plant more street trees, more bike racks
Survey	Hillside Natural Area	In Hillside Natural Area there used to be signs explaining the different areas or habitats, put there by the Boy Scouts I believe. It would add interest and get more visitors if the signs were there again
Survey	Hillside Natural Area	Improve Hillside Nature Area by removing dead trees and reducing the number of eucalyptus trees. Replace old signage originally installed by the BSA. Sprinkle wildflower seeds in open spaces.
Survey	Hillside Natural Area	I'd like to see a management plan for the grasslands on the Hillside Natural Area. There are native perennial grasses on the site and shrub encroachment. A simple plan to mow or otherwise manage the grassland would promote the perennials.
Survey	Hillside Natural Area	More seating areas for the elderly, restrooms and accessibility in the Hillside Nature Area.
Survey	Hillside Natural Area	Better walking trails in Hillside Nature Area
Survey	Hillside Natural Area	Provide more hiking trails within El Cerrito - set aside more funding to improve hiking trails at Hillside Nature Area. The volunteers at El Cerrito Trail Trekkers have done a good job!
Survey	Hillside Natural Area	Connect the two parts of the Hillside Natural Area
Survey	Hillside Natural Area	Improving access and trails in Hillside Nature area would be great. Very supportive of plan purchase private land for open space to link North/South areas of Hillside
Survey	Hillside Natural Area	More hiking and biking trails would be great, and clearing out the poison oak next to the trails at the Hillside Nature area would be good too!
Survey	Hillside Natural Area	I support mountain bike trails in the Hillside Natural area and other open spaces.
Survey	Hillside Natural Area	I love that you're thinking about this! Please consider adding an off-leash dog area somewhere in central or southern El Cerrito! Also, I'm in full support of any efforts to remove eucalyptus trees and plant more natives in the Hillside Natural area. Lots has been done, but there's more to do!
Survey	Hillside Natural Area	Get the invasive plants out of Hillside Natural Area, and reduce the fire hazard. Improve and grow the urban forest.
Survey	Hillside Natural Area	Stairs in Hillside Natural Area
El Cerrito Plaza		
Survey	EC Plaza	Improve pedestrian access within EC Plaza
Survey	EC Plaza	Can you do anything to improve EC Plaza and Fairmont Ave? They are well...ugly. No gathering places like at the old EC Plaza
Survey	EC Plaza	Improve pedestrian access to and within El Cerrito Plaza, particularly from the BART station
Survey	EC Plaza	There are multiple opportunities to develop near the EC Plaza. 1) The open grassy lot on Central and Everett- perfect place for an interactive, fun park, 2) The greenway below the BART tracks, and the space behind Fairmont Elementary-- waiting to be developed.
Survey	EC Plaza	Cut a deal with the owner of the vacant former used-car lot just north of Burger King & turn it into a public parking lot that could be used for the Farmer's Market that clogs up EC Plaza on Tues & Sat Mornings. Currently, it's one of the biggest eyesores in that area of San Pablo Ave.
Survey	EC Plaza	eliminate the rowdy young people (and the food they dump on the ground from the vicinity of Panda Express at EC plaza
	EC Plaza	3) Years ago, I stopped walking up to the Bart path from EC plaza due to the rough element that frequented the recycle operation behind Lucky's. If that situation still exists, please monitor it.
Survey	EC Plaza	Our family wishes that El Cerrito Plaza featured a central area for families to sit/dine/relax/play/people watch and breathe fresh air. Similarly, we would patronize other commercial areas more (Stockton, Del Norte Pl) if there were a little green space to take our carry-out and children to... Thank you for this survey!

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Survey	EC Plaza	Enforce the observation of the law at stop signs in El Cerrito Plaza. This enforcement would promote safety and might wake up scofflaws.
Survey	EC Plaza	Shaded seating areas around El Cerrito plaza. Traffic re-design - central green space? (vs clock tower centers). More bike and pedestrian facilities at the plaza. Plant trees in low-income areas, if not already done. Thank you!
Survey	EC Plaza	There needs to be better park facilities near Fairmount Ave / El Cerrito Plaza. The large empty lot at Fairmount and Colusa would make a perfect spot for a public park; people already use it as a recreation space, bring their dogs there, etc.
Survey	EC Plaza	El Cerrito has long streets. More trees would improve long, hot cement. El Cerrito had a tree program - does it still exist? Trees financed by Cal-trees and planted/maintained by the city. This is a good plan. Would like to see it continued or started again. Good for the environment and health of residents. If financing problems, try a grant from Sierra Club or other such group or government agency (dept. of health?)
Survey	EC Plaza	More stores to shop improve the El Cerrito playa etc.
Community Wkshp 2	EC Plaza	Tax break as incentive for plaza?
Community Wkshp 2	EC Plaza	I would love some way to create a plaza in EC Plan - make it walkable and cute!
Miscellaneous		
Survey		Clean public areas, no litter on sidewalks, parking stripes, trails, etc.
Survey		cleanup sidewalk on Cules Ave. above the football field
Survey		Regarding the economy: happy / healthy family members are good for the local economy.
Survey		Fight the effort to subdivide every square inch in the city in the pursuit of 'smart growth'.
Survey		creates investment in the community
Survey		more bathrooms
Survey		more lights, better restrooms
Survey		more lights. toilets need to be open all the time!
Survey		Improve the look and feel of the neighborhood
Survey		Improve and widen the sidewalks so my wife and I can walk together in the evenings
Survey		Assure access for handicapped and elderly with assisted devices
Survey		What's been done already along San Pablo ave. is great - keep it up!
Survey		Indoor pools improve year-round fitness.
Survey		We love living in EC and seeing positive changes in the community! Good Job!
Survey		I like all the improvements made in EC. Keep up the good work!
Survey		Clean restrooms More restrooms Benches for resting
Survey		Good work! Good luck!
Survey		I am new to the area and would like to become more involved.
Survey		Benches are very important. My elderly mother liked to walk, but needed to rest. She often commented on the difficulty on finding a bench to rest on.
Survey		disappointed that EC allows non-working, non registered cars and campers to be parked on lawns and driveways. we are situated near two such vehicles and I see many others around EC Del Norte. they are an eyesore and lower property values.
Survey		it's important to us to maintain the senior centers in el cerrito. they are well attended and much appreciated
Survey		i think it would be great to have another senior center. maybe with a vegetable garden and fruit trees and let high school students care for it. senior center need a large enough parking lot for those who still drive. the senior center in el cerrito is a little too small, needs to be much bigger.
Survey		Beautification!
Survey		El Cerrito has done an amazing job at improving its community over the past 5 years.
Survey		Until recently, I worked in Emeryville, played on the Bay (still do that), biked out of town, and I am still relatively oblivious about El Cerrito. Is there a There here?
Survey		Didn't like the unfair rezoning of parking spaces on the Arlington by the Clubhouse.
Survey		There's lots of space. Use it!!!
Survey		Couldn't see the survey on my iPad so had to get out my laptop, just FYI.
Survey		Think creating the survey & asking for feedback is GREAT--keep up the great work!
Survey		Buy the Busby property!
Survey		thanks for creating this survey. Support connecting green areas (hillside canyon)
Survey		Stop the interrogation! The City of El Cerrito should not need all of this private and personal information.
Survey		Extend swimming hrs. at community pool for public.
Survey		The El Cerrito Pool is a very important recreational and educational facility for the community; I hope that whatever plans are made in the future in terms greening the community will include improvements to the areas around the pool.
Survey		Love the way El Cerrito is greenifying - keep it up!!
Survey		The greener the better, a city that can provide the most natural environment for their people will be more healthy, and valuable now and in the future...thanks!
Survey		Information regarding and access to petroglyphs and american indian historical sites
Survey		I'm pretty new to El Cerrito and would like to learn more about this City. I like that its accessible to public transportation and has beautiful green hills and open spaces.

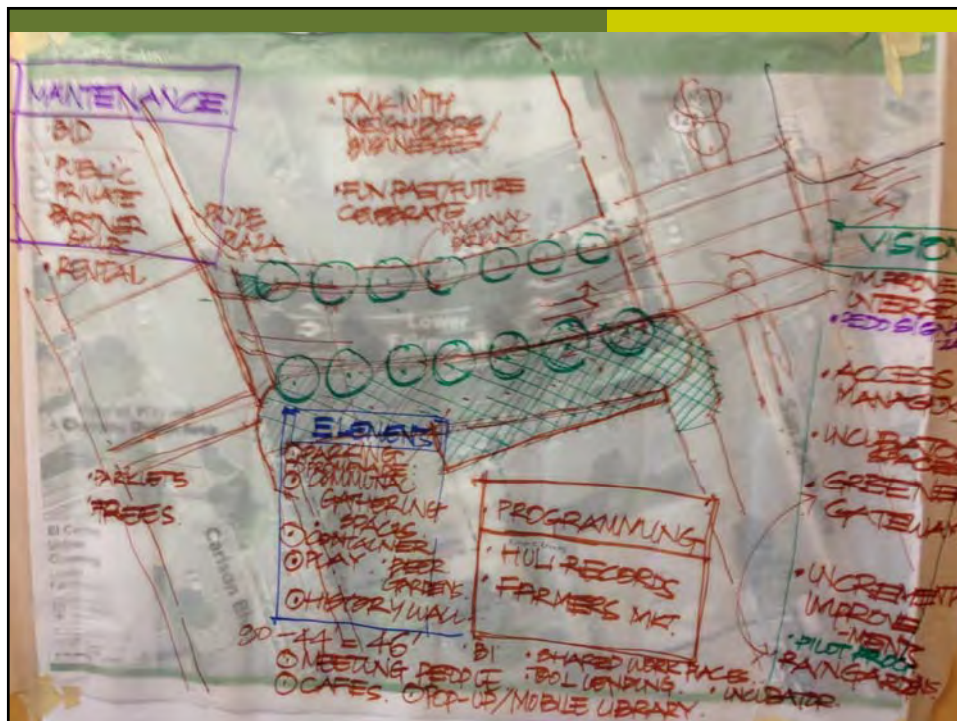
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Survey		Something positive: I am an avid lap-swimmer at the EC community pool. Hardly a day goes by that I don't experience a flash of gratitude that I have access to such a wonderful resource for my health (physical and mental). Thanks!
Survey		eliminate the individuals from the vicinity of Pasta Pomodoro who verbally solicit for cash.
		I believe EC does a great job on most things. Thank you!
		Diversify the police force and fire personnel.
Survey		Keep cost down at the swim center - could be more affordable. If so, I would go more often.
Survey		Hi and thank you. Just a repeat: please think of the masses not individual needs before any action; consider that anything you do is going to need to be maintained by someone; when you add facilities / signage, etc. you must simultaneously reinforce the (already strained) city services that preserve these public facilities / accessories. Walt Disney would never add until what exists is perfected; please also take into the consideration that the city is having a difficult time keeping-up with what exists. Be cautious about adding more to the plate simply because you can.
Survey		I appreciate all that El Cerrito has done so far. I love the street trees and want more! I think the more green spaces the better. We need more shade in this city!
Survey		Extend swimming hrs. at community pool for public.
Survey		Why, oh why are you destroying the green center of Moeser lane?
Survey		Traffic slowing on Ashbury between Fairmont and Stockton....
Survey		Better open family swim hours at the pool
Survey		Excited about the possibilities of expanding public and green spaces in the context of sustainable local/regional economic development. Looking forward to continued involvement in these efforts.
Survey		Would love to see El Cerrito have it's own animal shelter, a real refuge to help animals, not like Pinole and Martinez, where animals are killed on a time frame. Need to get rid of the Head of the shelter, alot of the officers and have someone in charge who is animal centered, concerned and Vet techs, Also, stop contracting out for vet care and get regular vet/s. Stop wasting taxpayers' money on these archaic shelters.
Survey		I just want to say that I LOVE the outdoor art that El Cerrito has developed (love those new metal sculptures on San Pablo, by the way). LOVE the median strip landscaping. LOVE the sidewalk areas that filter rainwater. All very beautifully and creatively done. Thank you!!!
Survey		i lived in your town in the early 80s and continue to shop and play there. El Cerrito is looking better and better. Bravo!
Survey		Please help pet owners and quality of life for pets, especially rescued pets.
Survey		thank you for pursuing this.
Survey		please insure that whatever projects are initiated can be completed with the available grant funds.
Survey		maps are an easy and useful way to help people learn about and better use open space a park areas.
Survey		We live in Richmond Annex, but all schools, activities, shopping, living in general is in EC. Many thanks in advance for any improvements to bring more nature into EC!
Survey		Wish the swim facilities were less expensive and that the library was open more days and longer hours.
Survey		The Environmental Services area of EC's govt. is the most effective branch of our city government.
Survey		More public water access. Public bathrooms and water fountains
Survey		Keep funding. Keep promoting. Work together with other groups. Get ideas from other cities.
Survey		It would be great if PG&E had to provide some kind of brick fence around their substation to block out the noise and sight of their station.
Survey		I like the sand and i think that putting sand in El Cerrito would be nice because then the ocean would come visit them.
Survey		extend/lengthen/provide more, longer ADULT-ONLY lap swim hours at E.C. Swim Center.
Survey		keep up the community involvement. Avoid the tragedy of the commons.
Survey		Focus on North El Cerrito.
Survey		Construction of questions are confusing, too long.
Survey		Senior citizens know that El Cerrito is not just grandstanding, but rather is sincerely interested in gathering people out of their cars when the City subsidizes an hourly bus that runs from El Cerrito Plaza to Plaza Bart to the service center, to the Community Center, to Ashbury, to City Hall to Del Norte Bart to home. \$2 would buy unlimited on/off privileges in either direction for four hours. Perhaps the bus should accept transfers from Bart as well. That would get people out of their cars and it would faster for shopping locally. Until then its all just talk. Return Portola ave. and Community Center painted curb red parking areas to their original color prior to the construction of the Splash Park. During construction they painted the curbs red and didn't restore them to their original condition. Correcting this will result in a few more parking spaces. The red paint parts are no longer needed.
Survey		Heavy fines for texting while driving
Survey		more bathrooms
Survey		No crime
Survey		Clean Bathrooms!
Survey		Develop new outdoor skills
Survey		I'm very proud of El Cerrito's Earth Day activities, as well as the 4th of July activity. I think the citywide garage sale could be consolidated onto the BART parking lot - that way I would save on gas and pollution.
Task Force 1		Business Development pays more to a city overall than residential development, yet most of the proposed development is residential?
Task Force 1		Help Create Special Place

Source	Location	Comment
Task Force 1		Exploire Repurposed Property and Under Utilized Land
Task Force 1		BMPs
Task Force 1		Educational and Job Creation
Task Force 1		Rec Needs Assessment: Prioritize Open Space, Grant Ready
Task Force 1		Training Packets and Toolkits
Task Force 1		Locationally Diverse
Task Force 1		Committee on Aging
Task Force 4		Show adopted policies
Task Force 4		Update Caltrain Improvements
Community Wkshp 2		The building heights are to tall even Albany and Berkeley will not go that high on San Pablo.
Community Wkshp 2		Views and overshadowing along San Pablo are not taken into consideration
Community Wkshp 2		San Pablo will have a tunnel effect especially when you add in the tall trees that never got trimmed
Community Wkshp 2		There is not, nor will there be enough public transit to serve the area if you build all high density along San Pablo Ave.
Community Wkshp 2		People in Richmond have a vision of EC and the hills above.
Community Wkshp 2		They do not want to see a row of high rise buildings along San Pablo Ave.
Community Wkshp 2		Haight limits should respect existing reviews from private houses
Community Wkshp 2		Bart is near capacity in EC unless you will add a parking garage at this plaza station
Community Wkshp 2		I think there is a very real issue with 6 story buildings on San Pablo next to Kearny, where there are residential houses
Community Wkshp 2		Allow residential apartments / condos on San Pablo
Community Wkshp 2		I think 6 stories is too high, I would be more in favor of 3-4
Community Wkshp 2		I heard something about reduced parking @ BART, however there aren't enough spots right now.
Community Wkshp 2		I ended up driving to Oakland BART because there wasn't parking
Community Wkshp 2		I know you want bikes instead but cars vs Bart, Bart is better so please more parking @ BART!
Community Wkshp 2		Residential Parking - If 1 or fewer off street parking required, then curb cut for driveway removes 1 on street space - So why require it?



Breakout Design Groups Focus Areas

- Bay Trail (Blue Belt) to Wildcat Canyon (Green Belt) Connections
- Hillside Natural Area
- Fairmont Park
- Lower Fairmount Ave
- Overall Vision / Character, etc?
- Key Programming Elements, Activities, Settings, etc
- Location of Elements, Routes, etc
- Maintenance Strategies



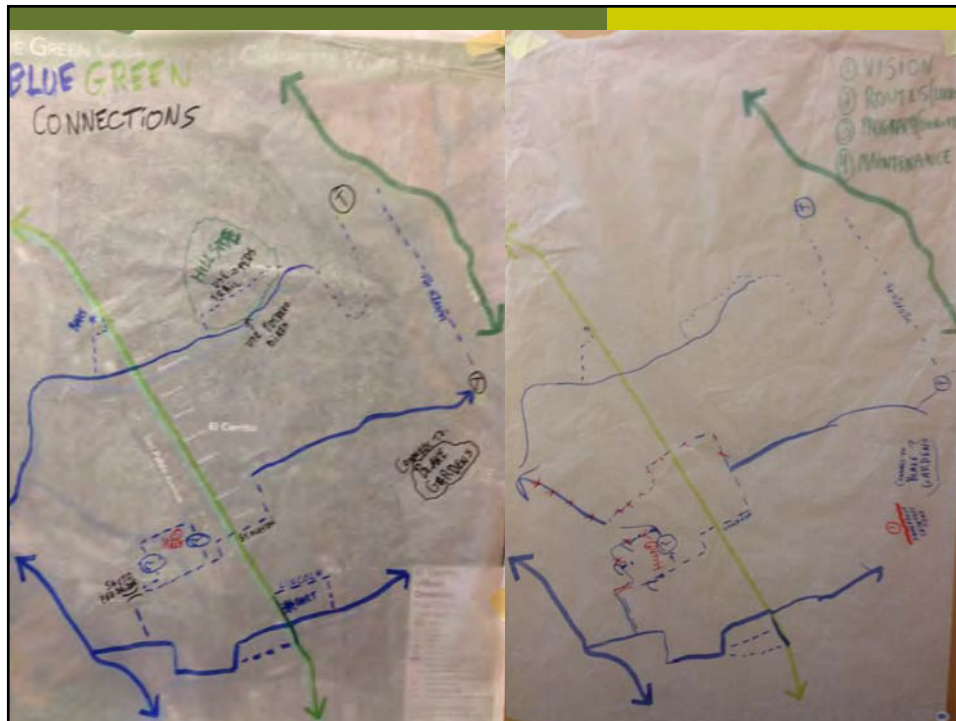
LOWER FAIRMOUNT AVENUE

Vision

- Improved multi-modal access –
 - At Realigned Intersections
 - Along the block
- A Green Gateway
 - Landscaping
 - Rain gardens
- re:Street Placemaking
 - Pop-ups: Liner retail, incubator spaces, etc
 - Temporal programming: farmers market, etc
- Incremental Change

Key Elements

- Traffic Lanes + Parking
- Promenade with Community Gathering Spaces (Beer Gardens, etc)
- Multi-purpose Containers for Cafes, Libraries, Shared Work Spaces etc
- Opportunities for Play
- History Wall





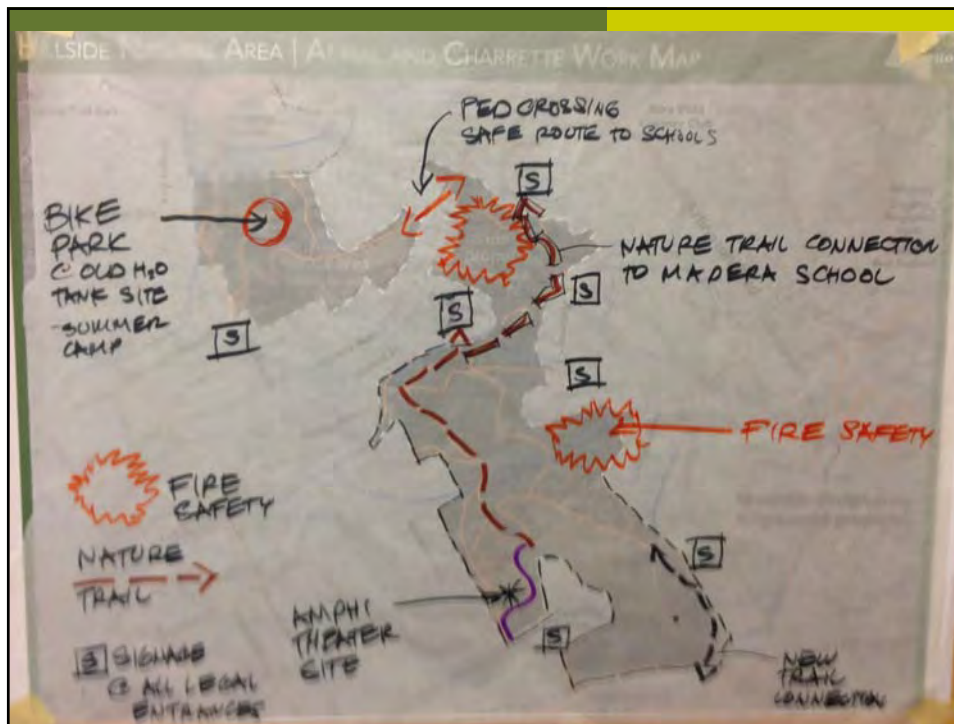
BLUE TO GREEN CONNECTIONS

Vision

- Big picture concept
- Simplify routes
- Use trails and existing ped infrastructure
- Connect to BART
- Different opportunities bike-only, ped-only, and multi-use trail sections

Route Ideas

- Blue-green crosswalks
- Big blue green arrows on street and sidewalks
- Signage
- Trees and green infrastructure



HILLSIDE NATURAL AREA

Vision

- Trailheads and signage
- Incorporate Bike Park
- Fire Safety
- Nature trails
- Amphitheater

Elements

- Improved pedestrian crossings and nature trail connections
- Bike Park at old water tank site
- Trailheads and signage at all legal entrances
- Enhance fire safety



FAIRMONT PARK

Vision

- Let's make a deal ! With elementary school
- Accessible for all ages
- Park as Community Garden
- Artful
- Let the dogs be

Elements

- Improved and expanded garden, with school and senior center
- Central multi-use area
- Young children's play area
- Access points from Ohlone Greenway
- Enhance art wall