

# Richmond Bay Trail Mid Year 2010 Report



RICHMOND STANDS OUT FOR HAVING 26 MILES OF SAN FRANCISCO BAY TRAIL COMPLETED, more than any other city on this planned 500 mile hiking and biking trail encircling San Francisco and San Pablo Bays.

Assuming timely cooperation by Contra Costa County, an additional 2.6 miles should be built by year end with completion of the Landfill Loop trail plus a connection to Wildcat Creek Regional Trail. This will leave 12.4 miles of planned Bay Trail yet to be built in Richmond.

Readers of this report get credit for funding the public agency trail planning, design and construction projects described below by voting for East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) Measures CC(2004) & WW(2008) and statewide parks bond propositions 40(2002) & 84(2006). More than half of the \$3.35 million in competitive grant funds TRAC obtained for City of Richmond Bay Trail projects during the last ten years came from the state park bonds, and EBRPD used Measure CC & WW funds as leverage to obtain additional grants for Bay Trail projects in Richmond.

## Bay's Best Bike Ride:

Northern California Editor's Picks in the June issue of Sunset magazine extolled Richmond's "Bay Trail with shimmering views to the San Francisco skyline ... skirts neighborhoods, parks and a marina filled with sailboats" headlining The Bay's Best Bike Ride Just Got Better with the new menu at the BoilerHouse Restaurant.

## Breuner Restoration & Public Access:

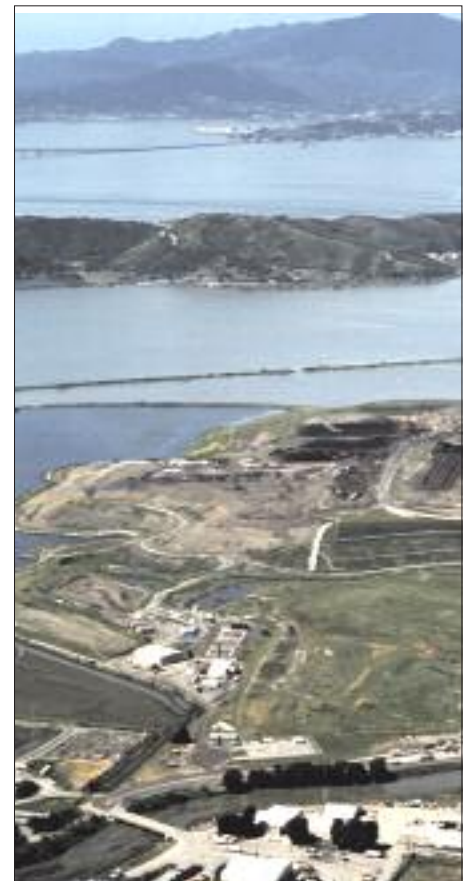
EBRPD signed a \$576,385 contract with Richmond's Questa Engineering Corp. to conduct field investigations, prepare preliminary design and an EIR for an integrated natural habitat restoration and public access plan on the former Breuner property south of Point Pinole Regional Shoreline. An important objective of this project is to enhance pedestrian and bicyclist access to Point Pinole Regional Shoreline by linking it with the San Francisco Bay Trail system. The District is working to assemble funds to complete this expected \$7 million project in stages during the 2013-2015 period.

## Landfill Loop:

Currently there is a 1.4-mile scenic trail along the border of Wildcat Marsh on the south side of the closed West County Landfill. After delays caused by the prolonged rainy season, Republic Services was able to begin construction for completing the

planned 3-mile loop of the Bay Trail encircling the former landfill. To be completed in 2010, this loop will provide dramatic vistas overlooking San Pablo Bay as well as the delta of San Pablo Creek.

## Landfill Loop Trail



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### Wildcat Creek to San Pablo Creek:

EBRPD completed construction documents for a 1.1-mile Bay Trail link connecting the Wildcat Creek Regional Trail with San Pablo Creek and the Landfill Loop trail. Thanks to cooperation by West County Wastewater District, this scenic connector trail will be completed in 2010 if a timely right of way agreement can be obtained from Contra Costa County.

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### Kaiser Shipyard 3:

The Port of Richmond advertised for bids to construct the 2.4-mile Kaiser Shipyard 3 Bay Trail out Canal Blvd. from Seaciff Drive and around Point Potrero Marine Terminal to the Whirley Crane and SS Red Oak Victory. Part of the trail and the staging area at the historic Kaiser cafeteria is being built as part of the Honda Port of Entry Project. This Bay Trail project should be completed by Spring 2011 with engaging exhibits about historic Kaiser Shipyard 3 as part of the Rosie The Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historical Park.



of the Shipyard 3 Bay Trail.

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### Point Richmond to Point Molate:

Efforts continued toward closing the dangerous gap in the Bay Trail on the south side of I-580 between Tewksbury Ave. and the Richmond/San Rafael Bridge toll plaza where an existing trail goes under the bridge toward Point Molate. The City of Richmond retained Questa Engineering to work with Caltrans and Chevron in preparing needed studies and construction documents at a cost of about \$1.6 million. In addition to conducting field reconnaissance along the trail corridor and scoping meetings with stakeholders and sub-consultants, Questa continued to gather information regarding opportunities, constraints and design criteria. The Questa team will use information gathered to prepare a Caltrans Project Study Report and Preliminary Environmental Analysis Report, which will identify and select the apparently viable trail route linking Point Richmond and Point Molate by the end of this year. The goal is to complete construction design with cost estimates, comply with CEQA & NEPA and obtain the necessary easements from Chevron & Caltrans by early 2012. This will provide a basis for seeking funds to cover the expected \$15 million cost of construction. As part of a utility tax settlement with the City of Richmond, Chevron reaffirmed its commitment to provide a trail easement and invest up to \$2 million for security enhancements related to the trail.

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### Atlas Road Entry to Point Pinole Regional Shoreline:

Under contract to EBRPD, Mark Thomas & Company is designing a bridge over the UP rail tracks for access to Point Pinole Regional Shoreline from the end of Atlas Road. This will provide a new park entry from the existing Class I trail along Atlas Road. Plans and permits should be in



hand next year enabling completion of the project in 2012.

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### Marina Bay Trail Upgrades:

Portions of the Bay Trail connecting Jay & Barbara Vincent Park with Meeker Slough and Marina Bay Parkway were built before the San Francisco Bay Trail was authorized by state legislation in 1987. These older, narrower trail sections are being widened, repaved and enhanced with new landscaping and lighting as a project of Richmond Community Redevelopment Agency. Richmond's Questa Engineering Corp. has completed design and construction documents, and Agency staff expect to initiate trail improvements later this year.

*Thank you for supporting completion of the Bay Trail in Richmond. Please share this report with your friends and neighbors, encouraging them to join the Richmond Bay Trail Network at no cost by e-mailing [tracbaytrail@earthlink.net](mailto:tracbaytrail@earthlink.net). For maps and other information about the Bay Trail in Richmond, please visit <http://pointrichmond.com/baytrail/>*

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### Shipyard 3 to Ferry Point:

The San Francisco Bay Trail Project awarded a \$150,000 grant to the City of Richmond for a new shoreline trail linking the Shipyard 3 Bay Trail with Brickyard Cove. Combined with a \$300,000 local grant from EBRPD Measure WW, funds are in place to close two Bay Trail gaps between Shipyard 3 and Ferry Point. The City's Engineering Services Department will begin construction design with completion of these trails expected Spring 2011 to coincide with opening





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