

The 60-year Saga of Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline

<u>Year</u>	<u>Event</u>
1950s	Thomas E. Edwards, a docking pilot for Standard Oil, sells all his stocks and bonds to buy the western half of Nicholl Knob's summit for \$23,000 because his wife, Lucretia, was heartbroken when she discovered that housing was planned there.
1964	Contra Costa County residents vote to join East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD). Contra Costa Shoreline Parks Committee & Save The Bay launch a campaign for shoreline access at a time when public land represents only 64 feet of Richmond's 32-mile shoreline.
1966	EBRPD General Manager William Penn Mott writes "The place for a hillside shoreline park in Contra Costa County is at Point Richmond." EBMUD cancels plans for a water tank on top of Nicholl Knob.
1967	City of Richmond establishes Keller Beach park.
1968	"Picnic In The- Point Park Cookbook" published by Contra Costa Shoreline Parks Committee "to promote a regional park on a section of our shoreline and the hills above it, including Nicholl Knob".
1970	Lucretia & Tom Edwards sell EBRPD their protected 371' elevation southern summit of Nicholl Knob at their original purchase cost.
1970-72	EBRPD acquires lands from Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad (AT&SF) and others.
1972	Miller/Knox lands dedicated for public park uses.
1975	Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline established, including Keller Beach.
1983	Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline Land Use-Development Plan & EIR.
1988-92	EBRPD purchases 28 acres of Ferry Point land (18 subtidal) from AT&SF.
1995	Ferry Point Amendment to Land Use-Development Plan.
1996	EBRPD buys Crest Avenue site of AT&SF steam engine water reservoir in response to neighborhood requests and donations.
1997	Capping a 5-year effort of Point Richmond Neighborhood Council (PRNC), EBMUD completes underground water reservoir to replace old leaking tank on inland side of Nicholl Knob.
1999	EBRPD purchases 7-acre Bray Oil Company property.
2002	Ferry Point park land and improvements dedicated.
2003	Nicholl Knob park facilities dedicated after City of Richmond consolidates and undergrounds regional emergency telecommunication facilities. This completes a PRNC project launched in 1994 when cell phone facilities were proposed on and around Nicholl Knob.
2004	Voters approve Measure CC with \$1.222 million for capital improvements to "Remove tracks, fencing, and re-grade railroad right of way to provide public access from park to the bay and to Keller Beach" plus a major renovation of meadow areas.
2013	EBRPD begins update of Miller/Knox Land Use Plan.



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