

A CELEBRATION OF 25 YEARS!

Trails for Richmond Action Committee (TRAC)



June 1999 - June 2024

Our Mission Statement.

Complete the San Francisco Bay Trail in Richmond, assuring that it is linked to public parks and population centers, and maintained in perpetuity.



2003 BOAT RAMP STREET CLEANUP -

2007 - BOAT RAMP STREET PARK OPENED



2011 - THE 2.8 MILE LANDFILL LOOP TRAIL COMPLETED BY REPUBLIC SERVICES - INCLUDING INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE BY TRAC



2015 NATATORIUM BAY TRAIL OPENING



2017 DOTSON FAMILY MARSH TRAIL OPENS



2019 RICHMOND BRIDGE TRAIL OPENS



TRAC STEERING COMMITTEE 2021

- 1999** – Committee forms with nine members, Bruce Beyaert, Chair. Members included David Dolberg, Lyle Fisher, Hal Penny, Olene Sparks, Steve Spencer, Nancy Strauch, and Bette Tarr.
- 2000** – ¾ mile of new Bay Trail built in Richmond, for a total of 13 miles complete out of 32 miles.
- 2001** – 1 mile was built.
- 2002** – 4 miles of trail built, including initial route from Marina Bay to Point Richmond.
- 2003** – 1 ½ miles built or under construction. Featured in Richmond Chamber article, “Hidden Treasures of the Shoreline City”.
- 2004** – Important segments funded and in design. Marina Bay wayfinding signage and interpretive exhibits completed.
- 2005** – Construction began on three projects totaling 2.7 miles. Design for another three miles was begun thanks to EBRPD Measures AA and CC.
- 2006** – 2.2 miles of trail completed. Baytrail Website was launched. A new first – the Marina Bay trail guide was developed.
- 2007** – 0.6 miles completed. Boat Ramp Street opened to the public. New members to TRAC include Donald Bastin, Bruce Brubaker, Whitney Dotson and Jerry Rasmussen.
- 2008** – TRAC’s website, designed by David Moore of Sincere Design, wins CA Trails & Greenways Award. Planning commences on several new trail segments.
- 2009** – One mile completed at Ford Building and Harbour Way South. Ferry Point Loop Trail Guide completed.
- 2010** – 2.4 mile Kaiser Shipyard 3 Trail opens to the Red Oak Victory, set off by Rosie the Riveter wayfinding signs.
- 2011** – The 2.8 mile Landfill Loop trail completed by Republic Services. , including interpretive signage by TRAC.
- 2012** – The Wildcat Marsh Trail connected Wildcat Creek to the Landfill trail, a distance of 0.8 miles, thanks to EBRPD. Richmond’s Bay Trail was featured in the Contra Costa Times, San Francisco Chronicle, SF Examiner, and Richmond Confidential.
- 2013** – The Ferry Point Loop came closer to being closed through two new projects in Brickyard Cove, funded by the City using Cosco Busan oil spill mitigation funds sought by TRAC.
- 2014** – The Bay Trail Project celebrated its 25th anniversary at the Rosie the Riveter Visitor Center. Planning and engineering continued for projects at Bruener Marsh (now Dotson Marsh), Point Molate and Point Richmond. TRAC member Andrew Butt joined.
- 2015** – A new section of Bay Trail opened alongside the Plunge. Development agreements to fund Bay Trail were advanced at the Point Pinole Business Park and on Marina Way. Claudia Garcia joined TRAC.
- 2016** – Construction continues on Dotson Marsh. A new El Toro Sculpture installed at Boat Ramp Street. TRAC’s website highlights local vendors supporting the Bay Trail including East Brother Beer Co. and Riggers Loft Wine Company.
- 2017** – The beautiful Dotson Family Marsh trail opens, along with a new entry to Point Pinole Regional Park at Atlas Road.
- 2018** – At the 20 year mark, TRAC has seen the Bay Trail nearly tripled in length, from 12 to 35 miles completed. This year, 13 active projects were underway to design and build the last 7.5 miles.
- 2019** – This was a banner year. Ferry service was launched, and the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge Trail opened, along with new on-street trail improvements leading to the bridge. Over 1000 bikers and walkers turned out for the opening. TRAC welcomed new member Michelle Hook.
- 2020** – During the pandemic, pedestrian and bicycle use along the Bay Trail surged. The Goodrick Avenue trail opened. TRAC’s Bay Trail website was upgraded by Scott Harris of ClientClicks.
- 2021** – The City adopted the award-winning Ferry to Bridge to Greenway plan. New “Trails are Common Ground” signage was developed. EBRPD began design of new Bay Trail northward from Point Pinole. Amiee Flynn-Curran joined the TRAC Steering Committee in 2021.
- 2022** – The 2.5 mile Point Molate Bay Trail is now fully funded and construction is expected to start in 2024. The first phase of the Richmond Wellness Trail was opened – this trail will eventually connect Richmond BART to the Bay Trail.
- 2023** – As the pilot project for the Richmond Bridge Bay Trail comes to an end, advocates have gathered together to retain full Bay Trail access on the bridge into the future. Private development has contributed \$420K to Bay Trail projects, along with interpretive panels. The City of Richmond purchased a new Trail and Bikeway Sweeper machine to help maintain trails.
- 2024** – At TRAC’s 25th year, the original 12 miles of completed Bay Trail in Richmond have expanded to 36 miles, which represents 10% of the existing 355 miles of trail around the Bay. Six miles to go!

“There is an inherent legacy in trails – one that honors the past, enriches the present and provides a gift to the future.”

– Keith Laughlin, Rails-to-Trails Conservancy

