

# Portfolio 2

## Regional Bayfront Habitat Protection and Public Access Partnerships



Stevens Creek Shoreline Nature Area (Clair Waagen)

### DESCRIPTION

- Partner to complete gaps in Bay Trail and develop city-to-bay trails.
- Support wetland restoration and associated interpretive facilities.
- Preserve additional bayfront open space.\*

**Portfolio Allocation: \$5,052,000**

**Portfolio Expenditures Through 6/30/2023: \$3,419,003**

\* Delivering on the minimum commitments for specific portfolio elements does not preclude additional future investment as opportunities arise. Remediation activities may indirectly support portfolio elements, contributing to a portfolio under open space preservation.

### NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#### MAA02-001 Cooley Landing Interpretive Facilities Design and Implementation

##### Prior Years

Completed six years of native plantings at Cooley Landing to enhance bayfront resource values.

Continued plant restoration activities in and around Cooley Landing Park (trail junctions, trash screen, entry sign and ethnobotany garden). Resumed volunteer activities when allowed during the pandemic.

Completed habitat and plant restoration work for FY20 (part of a multi-year restoration effort). Also, 638 volunteers in 36 working days installed approximately 1,100 native plantings at the trail junctions and parking lot.

Funded the completion of design drawings, permitting and construction of public access improvements at Cooley Landing Park, consistent with the Cooley Landing Vision Plan.

Obtained board approval for \$1.3M in MAA funding for remaining project elements at Cooley Landing Park. Amended partnership agreement to include MAA funding and coordinated reimbursement of eligible city expenses.

#### MAA02-002 Ravenswood Bay Trail Design and Implementation

##### Prior Years

Completed remaining construction punch list items, including the SamTrans property boundary fence.

Completed construction of the asphalt trail, boardwalk and bridge across wetlands on the new Ravenswood Bay Trail connection, which closed a critical 0.6-mile gap to connect 80 miles of continuous San Francisco Bay Trail.

Received \$700,000 in funds for public access improvements from Caltrans through a cooperative funding agreement related to a Bay Conservation and Development Commission permit requirement for the Caltrans San Mateo 101 Express Lanes Project.

Completed construction of two high tide refuge islands adjacent to Cooley Marsh to provide enhanced habitat for federally protected species, salt marsh harvest mouse and Ridgway's rail. Island plantings and vegetation were completed in January 2020 and will be monitored for 3-5 consecutive growing seasons.



Stevens Creek Shoreline Nature Area (Dennis Smith)

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Recorded trail easement from Caltrans.

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Received approval of a memorandum of understanding with City of East Palo Alto from the city council addressing a) patrol and emergency response, b) site security and c) future community trail access.

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Received two grants: \$300,000 from Facebook and \$1,055,328 from the California Natural Resources Agency's Urban Greening Program.

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Negotiated an exchange agreement and public trail easement with the City and County of San Francisco and City of East Palo Alto.

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Concluded negotiations with the City and County of San Francisco, which resulted in the board of supervisors approving a 0.6-mile Ravenswood Bay Trail easement over San Francisco Public Utilities Commission lands. This agreement facilitated the closure of a gap within a segment of the SF Bay Trail to connect 80 miles of continuous trail within the 500-mile route along the shoreline of the nine Bay Area counties.

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## **MAA02-004 Stevens Creek Shoreline Nature Area Restoration**

### **Fiscal Year 2023**

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Staff and volunteers improved breeding habitat for the snowy plover (a shorebird that has been declining in population due to declining and degraded habitat) by distributing oyster shells and 'mud stomping' the otherwise flat, uniform pond bottom surface. These habitat improvements create opportunities for the plover to camouflage its nests and hide from predators. Continued working in partnership with NASA for long-term site planning and with San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory to monitor and manage breeding plovers at the preserve.

### **In Support of MAA02**

#### **Prior Years**

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Celebrated the public opening of the Ravenswood Bay Trail Connection Project with an innovative virtual event that successfully garnered 1,400 views.

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### **PROJECT CHALLENGES**

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Heavy winter rains delayed physical and technical site assessments for the Stevens Creek Shoreline Nature Area Restoration project to future FYs.

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### **PROJECT NEXT STEPS**

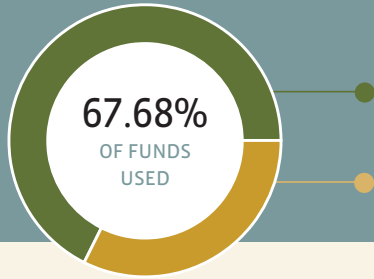
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Conduct technical site assessments to inform infrastructure changes planned for FY25 for the Stevens Creek Shoreline Nature Area Restoration project.

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Project	Expenditure Plan	Total Through Prior Period 6/30/22	Current Period 7/1/22 Through 6/30/23	Total Life-to-Date Through 6/30/23	Expenditure Plan Remaining	Percent Expended
Total Portfolio Allocation	\$5,052,000					
02-001—Cooley Landing Interpretive Facilities Design and Implementation		\$1,283,843	\$0	\$1,283,843		
02-002—Ravenswood Bay Trail Design and Implementation		\$5,588,765	\$0	\$5,588,765		
02-004—Stevens Creek Shoreline Nature Area Restoration		\$0	\$1,721	\$1,721		
<b>SubTotal</b>	<b>\$5,052,000</b>	<b>\$6,872,608</b>	<b>\$1,721</b>	<b>\$6,874,329</b>	<b>(\$1,822,329)</b>	<b>136.07%</b>
02-002—Ravenswood Bay Trail Design and Implementation Grant Income		(\$3,455,326)	\$0	(\$3,455,326)		
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$5,052,000</b>	<b>\$3,417,282</b>	<b>\$1,721</b>	<b>\$3,419,003</b>	<b>\$1,632,997</b>	<b>67.68%</b>



Total Life-to-Date Through 6/30/23  
**\$3,419,903**

Expenditure Plan Remaining  
**\$1,632,997**