

9.5 OPEN SPACE, CONSERVATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Specialized natural resources, historical resources, urban open space, and focal points will be preserved throughout Alameda ~~Point West~~ and will include a full array of active and passive recreational opportunities. Water facilities, including a continuous shoreline trail and marina, will be included. A National Wildlife Refuge has been established in the western portion of Alameda ~~Point West~~. Public parks and plazas will be dispersed throughout the island. Historical buildings and other historical resources, as well as focal points, will be maintained and showcased. The goal is to provide a family-friendly environment serving all members of the community of all age groups, including individuals with special needs, children, teens, and seniors. Figure ~~9-7~~ 9-6 illustrates the parks and open space in Alameda ~~Point West~~, and Figure ~~9-8~~ displays the Alameda Point Historic District, including historically significant, or contributing, buildings.

Guiding Policy: Open Space and Urban Habitat

- 9.5.a Provide open space and recreational opportunities to serve new residents and employees of Alameda ~~Point West~~.

Implementing Policies: Open Space and Urban Habitat

- 9.5.b Integrate parks and plazas into new development at Alameda ~~Point West~~.
- 9.5.c Provide for community recreation opportunities throughout Alameda ~~Point West~~.
- 9.5.d Establish a pedestrian- and bicycle-accessible perimeter shoreline trail throughout Alameda ~~Point West~~. Ensure that this trail is open year round, that the trail meets minimum multi-use trail standards, and that landscape treatment of the open spaces adjacent to the Estuary and the San Francisco Bay does not block distant views.
- 9.5.e Establish a public plaza at the marina that will serve as a focus for public uses on the waterfront.
- 9.5.f Pursue an aggressive tree-planting program at Alameda ~~Point West~~ to bring it up to par with Alameda-wide forestation levels/standards.

Guiding Policy: Historic Resources

- ~~9.5.g Preserve Alameda Point's Historic District, buildings, development patterns, and open spaces.~~

Implementing Policies: Historic Resources

- ~~9.5.h Preserve to the greatest extent possible buildings within the Alameda Point Historic District (boundaries shown in Figure 9-8) to maintain the neighborhood and historic character.~~

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- 9.5.i — Provide a mechanism for timely and expedient reviews to ensure that contributing buildings in the Historic District are not left vacant and are managed in compliance with all applicable regulations.

~~Care for contributing buildings of the NAS Historic District using the standards presented in the National Park Service Preservation Brief 31, Mothballins Historic Buildings.~~

- 9.5.j — Preserve the historic sense of place of the Historic District by preserving the historic pattern of streets and open spaces in the area.

- 9.5.k — Minimize impacts on the architectural integrity of individual contributing buildings and structures.

- 9.5.l — Make every reasonable effort to incorporate compatible adaptive uses or uses for which the buildings were originally designed. Address impacts related to rehabilitation of historic buildings when proposals are submitted and tenants are selected. In addition, identify methods to eliminate hazardous materials (such as asbestos and lead paint), secure and protect vacant buildings, provide for fire detection and suppression, and correct deficiencies in access for people with disabilities with minimal impact on the buildings using the State Historic Building Code.

~~Advise tenants and property owners within the Historic District of the financial tools and economic incentives that are available, including, but not limited to, the State Historic Building Code and Federal and State tax incentives for the preservation and adaptive rehabilitation of historic properties.~~

- 9.5.m — Prepare design guidelines and specifications for new construction within and adjacent to the Historic District that ensures compatibility of new construction with the character of the Historic District.