



THE BAY TRAIL IN RICHMOND

NEW YEAR 2016 REPORT

This 17th New Year Report by TRAC, the Trails for Richmond Action Committee, highlights 2015 achievements and describes plans for completing the San Francisco Bay Trail in Richmond. The city has over 32 miles of Bay Trail built as shown on the last page of this report — more than any other city on the planned 500-mile walking and cycling path encircling San Francisco and San Pablo Bays. Nine projects now underway promise to complete seven miles of new Bay Trail in Richmond and 4.3 miles across the Richmond/San Rafael (RSR) Bridge by late 2017.

Remarkable advances were made during 2015:

Ferry Point Loop: The City completed the Plunge Bay Trail section.

Point Pinole: East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) and the City launched three design and construction projects, and LDK Ventures agreed to build 0.5 miles of Bay Trail north of Atlas Road.

Point Molate: Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA) accelerated design & permit work on the Bay Trail between Castro St. and the RSR Bridge, as well as across the bridge. EBRPD awarded a contract for design, environmental & permit work on 2.5 miles of Point Molate Bay Trail north of the RSR Bridge.

Marina Bay: Development Solutions Seascape LLC agreed to construct Bay Trail improvements on Marina Way South and Wright Ave. as part of the Bay Walk mixed use project to implement the South Richmond Transportation Connectivity Plan adopted by the City Council in September.

Ferry Point Loop



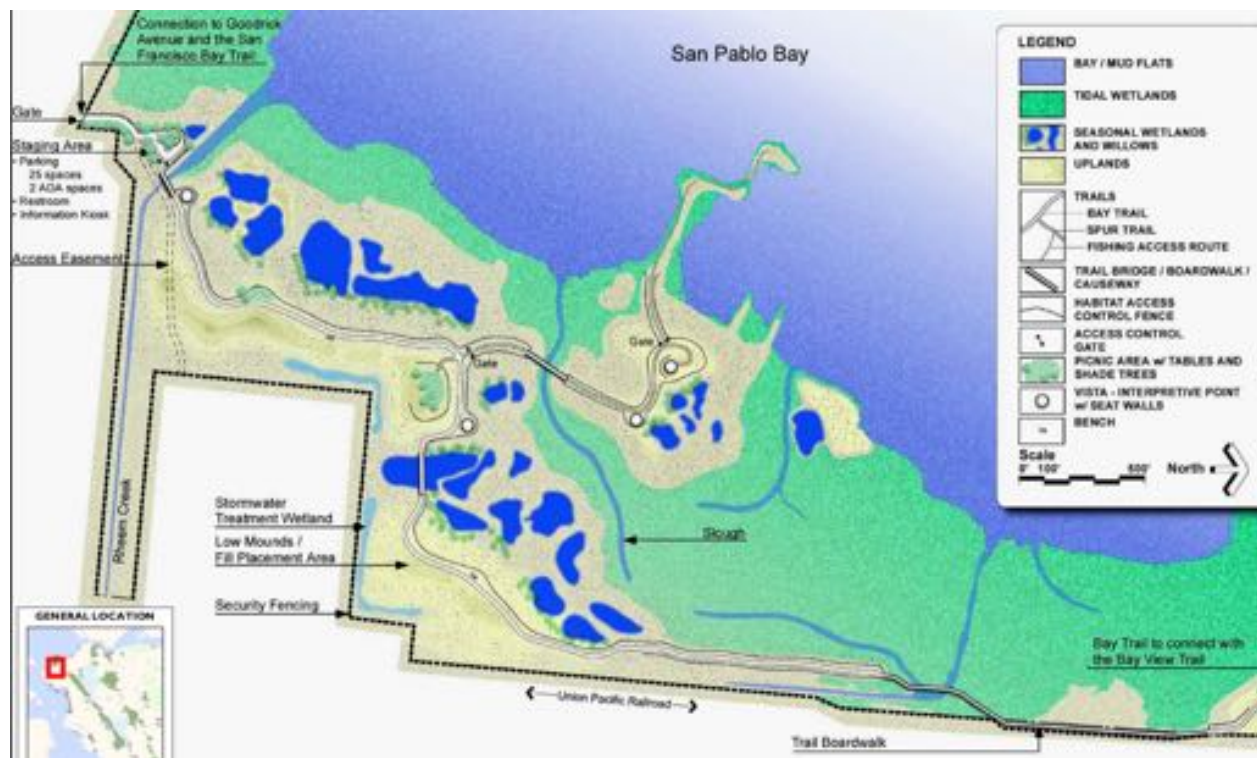
May 31 Celebration for Completion of Ferry Point Loop -- Photo by [Ken Osborne](#)

The City finished the Plunge section of the Bay Trail along Garrard Blvd. between Cutting Blvd. and the Ferry Point tunnel. This completes the 4.4-mile [Ferry Point Loop](#) encircling Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline. An additional 0.5-mile shoreline trail will be incorporated in the residential development planned on the City's historic Terminal One property at the foot of Dornan Drive.

Point Pinole

Extending over a mile into San Pablo Bay, Point Pinole Regional Shoreline (PPRS) is the Bay Area's largest shoreline park with 4.5 miles of Bay Trail within the park. EBRPD is making a full court press to provide Bay Trail pedestrian and bicyclist access to the park.

The District began construction of public access improvements on the southern end of the Breuner Marsh Restoration and Public Access Project. [The project](#) includes a staging area with restrooms and motor vehicle parking accessible from the northern end of Goodrick Ave. Leading north over Rheem Creek will be 0.3 miles of new Bay Trail plus a 0.3-mile scenic spur trail enhanced by picnic areas and vista points with benches as shown below. This project will be finished by May 2016. Building another 1.2 miles of Bay Trail into PPRS is scheduled for completion by May 2017.



Complementing EBRPD's Breuner project, the City awarded BKF Engineers a contract for design, environmental and permit work on a 0.3-mile trail along Goodrick Ave. to connect the Breuner trail staging area with the Bay Trail along the Richmond Parkway. Geotechnical and environmental technical studies are being finalized with 65% design work underway.

EBRPD awarded a \$5.6 million contract for the [Atlas Road Extension Improvement Project](#). Improvements include a bridge over UP railroad tracks for the Bay Trail and two-lane road, parking area, entry kiosk, restrooms and picnic areas. Complementing this EBRPD project, LDK Ventures has agreed to construct 0.5 miles of Bay Trail north from Atlas Road toward Pinole before occupancy of a new 700,000 sq. ft. industrial building they plan to build.

Point Molate



BATA and EBRPD are advancing separate projects that together will complete the Bay Trail to and along the shoreline of the City's Point Molate property by late 2017. BATA accelerated their [RSR Bridge Access Improvements Project](#) by funding preparation of final construction design documents in parallel with environmental studies and

permitting work. This project includes 1.16 miles of Bay Trail between Castro St. and the RSR Bridge and 4.34 miles across the bridge's top deck to Francisco Blvd. in San Rafael.

EBRPD retained NCE to design and help obtain permits for a 2.5-mile section continuing the Point Molate Trail from the bridge to the northern border of the City's Point Molate property. This includes 1.1 miles on a shoreline easement donated by Chevron and 1.4 miles on City property. [Click Here](#) for more information.



Point Molate Beach Park

Marina Bay

The City adopted the [South Richmond Transportation Connectivity Plan](#) promising major safety improvements to inland sections of the Bay Trail, and Development Solutions Seascape LLC agreed to construct Bay Trail improvements on Marina Way South and Wright Ave. to begin implementing the plan.



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. For maps, a calendar of events and other information about the Bay Trail in Richmond, please visit <http://pointrichmond.com/baytrail/>.



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P	Parking
	Parks/Open Space
	Water Bodies

