



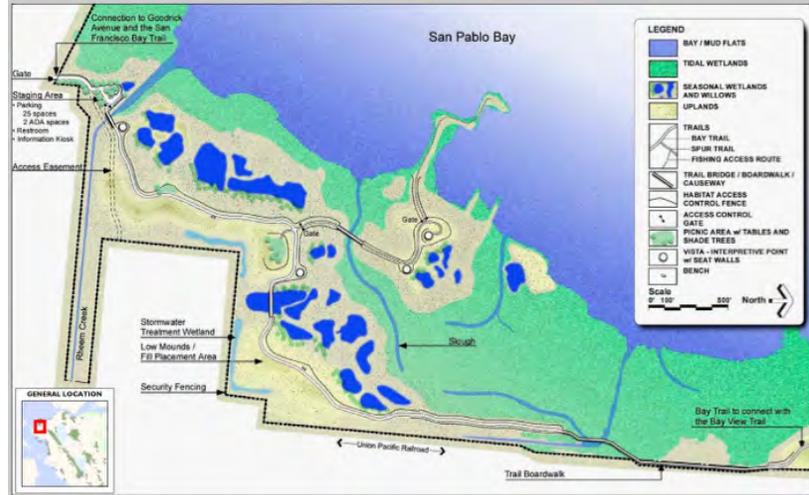
THE BAY TRAIL IN RICHMOND NEW YEAR 2017 REPORT

This 18th New Year Report by TRAC, the Trails for Richmond Action Committee, highlights seven projects underway to construct 6.7 miles of Bay Trail in Richmond and 4.3 miles across the Richmond/San Rafael (RSR) Bridge. Featured also are new attractions along Richmond’s existing 32 miles of Bay Trail, e.g. the Every Kid in a Park program, wine tasting, a brewery tap room and a full-size El Toro sailboat sculpture.

Point Pinole

Extending over a mile into San Pablo Bay, 2650-acre Point Pinole Regional Shoreline (PPRS) is the Bay Area’s largest shoreline park. East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) is putting the finishing touches on two new staging areas and 1.7 miles of spine Bay Trail providing a North-South pedestrian and bicyclist route through the park.

On the south side of PPRS, the District completed the Dotson Family Marsh staging area at the end of Goodrick Avenue. By spring 2017, they will finish building 1.5 miles of Bay Trail connecting this staging area with the Bay View Trail in the park. This new trail will feature spectacular vistas overlooking newly-created tidal wetlands.



The City completed final design for a 0.3-mile Class I Bay Trail section along Goodrick Ave. connecting the Dotson Family Marsh staging area with the Bay Trail along the Richmond Parkway. The Bay Trail Project awarded a \$130,000 grant toward construction, but additional funding is needed for this \$1.1 million project.

To the north, EBRPD will complete the [Atlas Road Extension Improvement Project](#) in early 2017 to create a second entrance to PPRS. A bridge has been built over Union Pacific railroad tracks leading to a new parking lot, restrooms and picnic areas. This bridge includes both a two-lane vehicle road and a Bay Trail connection between Atlas Road and Cook’s Point Trail in the park.

LDK Ventures is mobilizing for construction of a light industrial building at the end of Atlas Road. By summer 2017, this project will provide 0.5 miles of Bay Trail leading toward Pinole from Atlas Rd. bridge.

Point Molate

The Bay Area Toll Authority (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.

In December, BATA awarded O.C. Jones and Sons a contract to construct Package A of their [RSR Bridge Access Improvements Project](#). This project has two distinct elements:

- 1.16 miles of Point Molate Bay Trail between Castro Street and Stenmark Drive and
- converting the bridge lower deck shoulder to a third eastbound motor vehicle lane.



BATA plans to request bids in Spring 2017 for Package B to convert the top deck shoulder into a barrier-separated, ten-foot wide, bidirectional Bay Trail for use by both pedestrians and cyclists traveling between Richmond and San Rafael. Both the Point Molate and bridge Bay Trail sections are scheduled for completion in Spring 2018.

Dovetailing with BATA's Point Molate Bay Trail section, EBRPD has completed a 65% preliminary design for 2.4 miles of Point Molate Bay Trail between the Stenmark Drive exit and the northern border of the City's Point Molate property. This includes 0.9 miles of Bay Trail on a shoreline easement donated by Chevron and 1.5 miles on City property. EBRPD is funding design, environmental studies and permitting, and efforts are underway to secure funds for construction. [Click Here](#) for more information.



Location, Location, Location!

The City Council approved a 316-unit residential development on the City's former Terminal 1 property next to Ferry Point. This project includes 0.5 miles of Bay Trail and a public park providing public access to this shoreline for the first time in over a century. The project exemplifies the real estate adage "location, location, location", as do all residences and restaurants in Marina Bay and Brickyard Cove blessed by proximity to a necklace of city, regional, state and national shoreline parks linked by the Bay Trail.

In 2016, the City Council adopted new zoning and subdivision ordinances to codify the General Plan provision "Require owners of property along the shoreline to provide maximum feasible public access to the shoreline and to complete the Bay Trail as part of any project approval process". This ensures that Richmond's shoreline will continue to be reserved for public enjoyment with a Bay Trail that is free and accessible to all.

Public agencies started new programs last year to take advantage of the Bay Trail along Richmond's shoreline. UC Berkeley's [California Outdoor Engagement Coalition](#) launched Every Kid in a Park - Richmond featuring a one mile walk along the Bay Trail. This program brought all 1,200 fourth graders from public schools in Richmond and San Pablo to Rosie the Riveter/WW II Home Front National Historical Park for an outdoor learning experience in partnership with the National Park Service (NPS), Rosie the Riveter Trust, Groundwork Richmond and West Contra Costa Unified School District. In addition, the NPS partnered with the City in conducting public workshops to plan a [Richmond Wellness Trail](#) using the Richmond Greenway and the Bay Trail to connect Kaiser Permanente Medical Center and Richmond BART station with the Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historic Park visitor center.

New Attractions Along the Bay Trail



The Bay Trail was enriched this year by installation of a life size El Toro sailboat sculpture at Boat Ramp Street paddling access off Cutting Blvd. east of Canal Blvd. This sailing dinghy was designed in 1940 during "bull sessions" held nearby at the former site of the Richmond Yacht Club. The global fleet now numbers over 11,000 boats. When visiting Boat Ramp Street, be sure to use the nearby public access path to view KKMI's world class boat repair yard at 530 W. Cutting Blvd.

After touring Richmond's boat works district, you may wish to visit other nearby Bay Trail attractions. The first is [East Brother Beer Co.](#) tap room at 1001 Canal Blvd. Next, continue out Canal Blvd. to the end of the [Shipyard 3 Trail](#) and visit the new [Riggers Loft Wine Company](#) tasting room and Street Eats food truck near the [SS Red Oak Victory](#). The [Ferry Point Loop](#)

of the Bay Trail continues on through Miller Knox Regional Shoreline and into historic downtown Point Richmond.



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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SAN FRANCISCO BAY TRAIL PROJECT

Richmond

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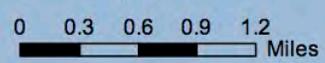
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P Parking

Parks/Open Space

Water Bodies



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