



SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL PLAN

**RECREATION &
OPEN SPACE ELEMENT**



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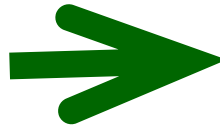
- Mayor's Open Space Taskforce
 - Bi-monthly meetings with over 80 community representatives, including city agencies landscape architects, open space and park advocates, and neighborhood representatives
- City Round Table on Open Space
 - Monthly meetings with all city agencies involved in open space planning and maintenance
- Working Committees
 - Finance
 - Planning and Programming
 - Policy & Implementation
 - Natural Areas, Pedestrian and Bicycle Access

- Community Workshops
- Open Space Survey



Open Space Framework

- A Vision for Open Space—the next 100 years
- Recreation and Open Space Element Update—the next 25 years



- Open Space Action Plan: Implementation Programs
- 5 and 10 yrs

Product Goals

- Programming Opportunities
- Financing Strategy
- Policy Recommendations
- Roadmap to Implementation



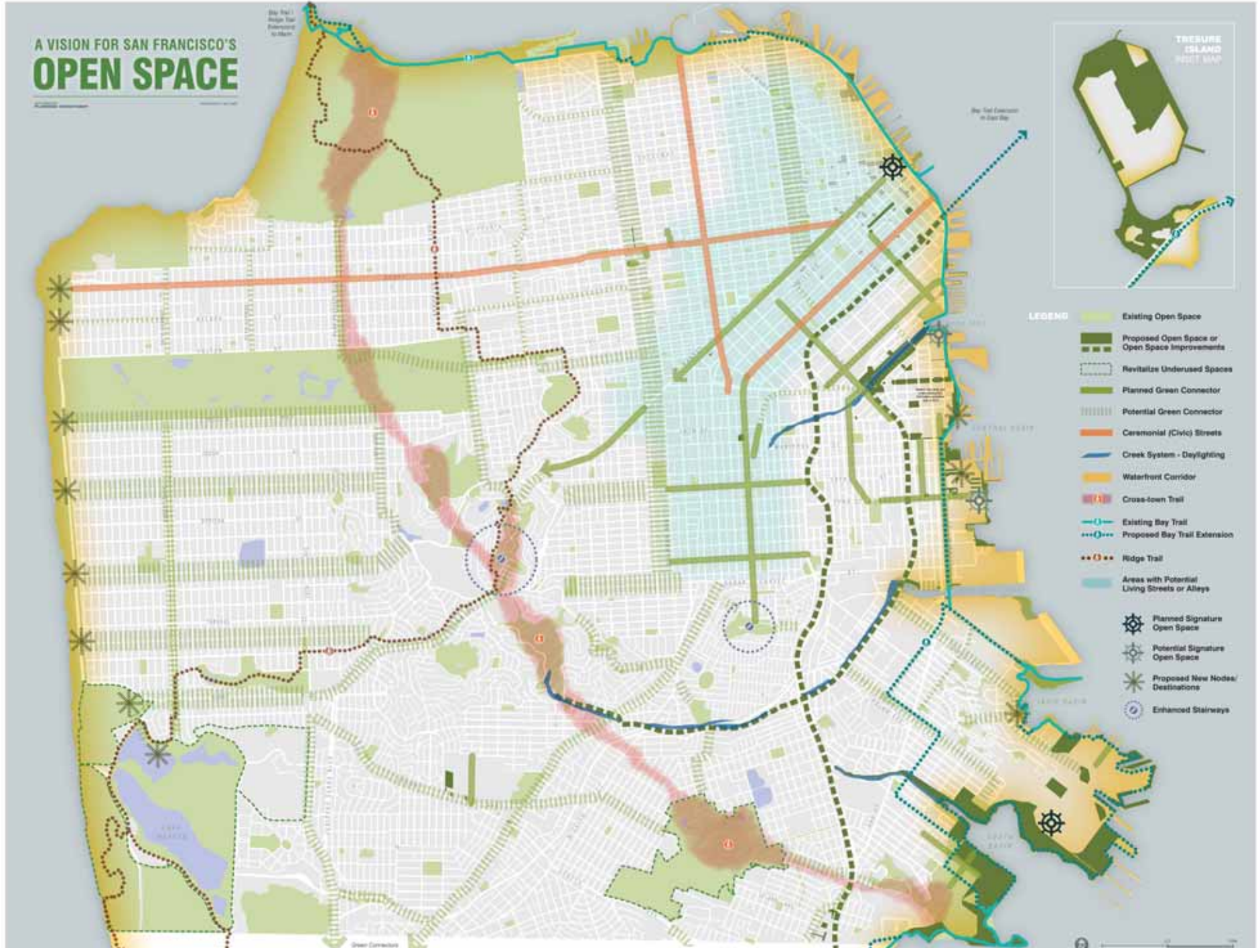
A VISION FOR SAN FRANCISCO'S OPEN SPACE

Bay Trail / Ridge Trail Extension to Alamo

Bay Trail Extension to East Bay



- LEGEND**
- Existing Open Space
 - Proposed Open Space or Open Space Improvements
 - Revitalize Underused Spaces
 - Planned Green Connector
 - Potential Green Connector
 - Ceremonial (Civic) Streets
 - Creek System - Daylighting
 - Waterfront Corridor
 - Cross-town Trail
 - Existing Bay Trail
 - Proposed Bay Trail Extension
 - Ridge Trail
 - Areas with Potential Living Streets or Alleys
 - Planned Signature Open Space
 - Potential Signature Open Space
 - Proposed New Nodes/Destinations
 - Enhanced Stairways



Green Connectors



General Plan Element

Goals, objectives, and policies for the next 25 years:

1. Making the Most of What We Have

- A High Performing Open Space System
- More facilities, more recreation, better maintenance

2. Filling in the Gaps

1. High Needs Areas
2. Accommodating Planned Growth

3. Utilizing our Strongest Asset: The Community

- Supporting community led improvements
- Removing red tape
- Providing tools



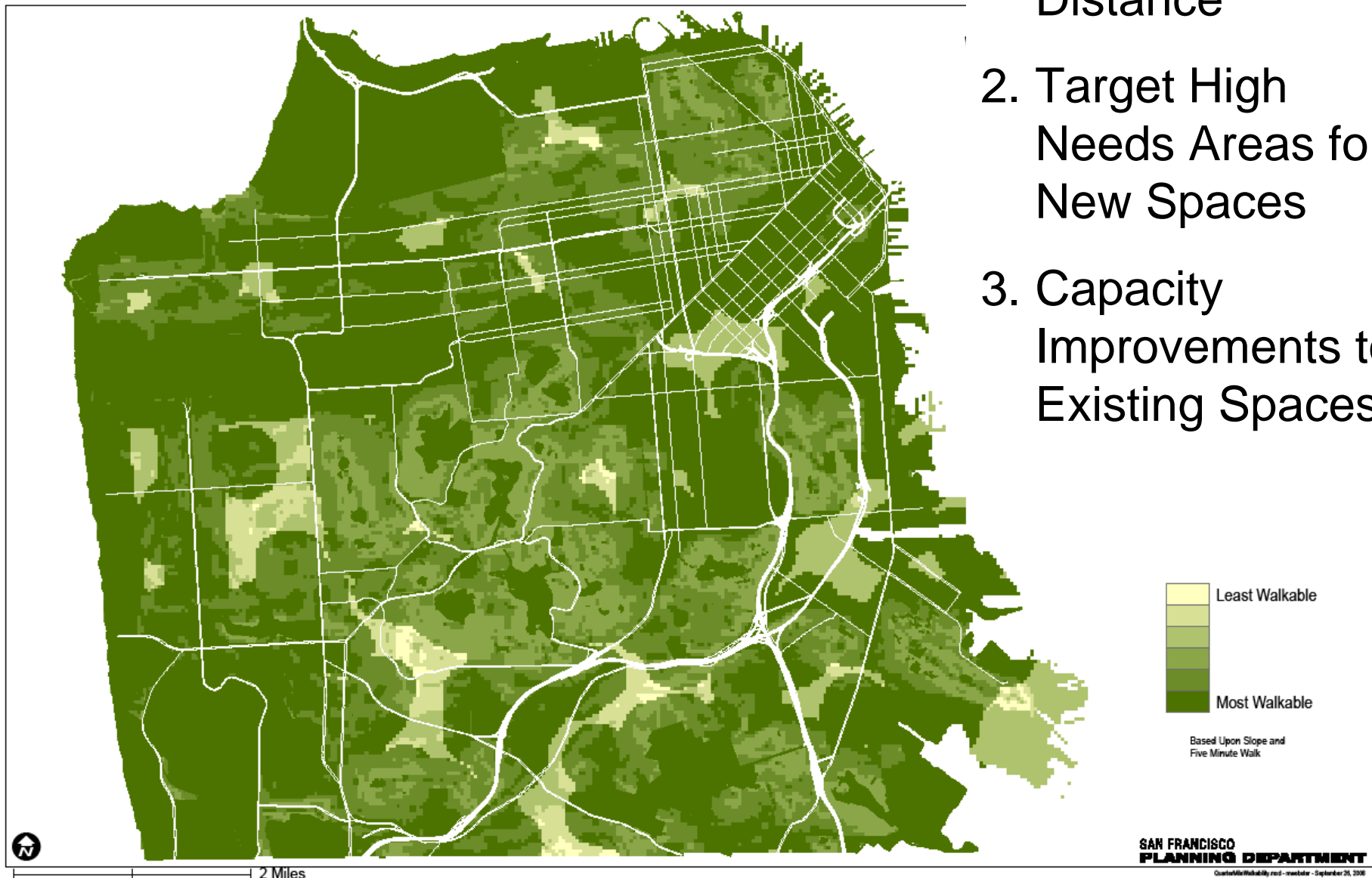
A High Performing Open Space System

- Multifunctional recreational opportunities
- Active and passive uses, facilities for sports and young children
- Engagement with nature (birding, wildlife observation and education displays)
- Food production, education, cultural uses
- Amenities such as concessions
- Temporary uses such as festivals, concerts and farmers markets



New Open Spaces

1. Within Walking Distance
2. Target High Needs Areas for New Spaces
3. Capacity Improvements to Existing Spaces



Connectivity: An Open Space Network

- Street Network:
 - *Green Connectors*
 - *Parkways*
 - *Living Streets*
 - *Living Alleys*
 - *Street Closures*
- Trail Network:
 - *Bay Trail/ Coastal Trail*
 - *The Ridge Trail*
 - *Cross-Town Corridor*



Biodiversity

- Restoring native habitat, wetlands and riparian areas.
- Preservation of natural characteristics
- Education and awareness of habitat/ecology.
- Environmentally sustainable design



Engaging the Community



Governance and Maintenance

- Interagency coordination and cooperation
- Public - private partnerships
- Interagency partnerships

- Innovative Funding & Maintenance Mechanisms:

- Citywide Impact Fee
- Park Improvement Districts.
- Voluntary Contributions.
- Tax Revenue Options.



Next Steps: Action Plan

- A flexible, short-term roadmap updated regularly to take advantage of the opportunities that may arise over time.
- Set of five and ten year implementation programs.
- Plan of action for City agencies and our open space partners, advocates, organizations and residents.
- Resource and planning guide for the *Recreation & Parks* Department.
 - What specific actions should be taken NOW
 - Who is responsible
 - When specific measures should be taken.

Next Steps

