INDIA BASIN WATERFRONT PARK PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT 2024

SAN FRANCISCO'S NEXT GREAT PARK IS BEING CONSTRUCTED IN THE CITY'S BAYVIEW-HUNTERS POINT NEIGHBORHOOD



INTRODUCTION

In 2014, the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department acquired the property at 900 Innes Avenue in India Basin, a site that features scenic views, waterfront access, and natural resources in San Francisco's Bayview-Hunters Point (BVHP) neighborhood.

Since then, the Department, in partnership with the Trust for Public Land, San Francisco Parks Alliance, A. Philip Randolph Institute, and the BVHP community, has endeavored to build a park that is both spectacular and crucial to the health of San Francisco's southeast communities, which have been historically underserved. The development of 900 Innes will transform a post-industrial brownfield into a 21st-century legacy park.

To date, significant progress has been made on the development of the new India Basin Waterfront Park, as well as the continued implementation of community initiatives outlined in the project's previously published Equitable Development Plan, a blueprint for delivering a park designed by and for the community.







CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The park plan combines the existing India Basin Shoreline Park area and 900 Innes property into India Basin Waterfront Park, one grand 10-acre waterfront park development that closes a critical gap in the San Francisco Bay Trail. Since the remediation of 900 Innes in 2022, we are now building the future park, which is in its second phase of construction.

Progress from 2023 and beyond includes:

The raising of Shipwright's Cottage, San Francisco landmark #250, to rehabilitate this historic building for modern use.

The construction of three new buildings— A food pavilion, makers shop and maintenance building.

The construction of two new public piers, which include the installation of the Lady Bayview art piece, as well as the installation of a new floating dock.

Looking Ahead

Completion of the second phase of the project, focused on 900 Innes, is anticipated in late 2024, with construction of the third and final phase, which would renovate India Basin Shoreline Park, to begin shortly thereafter.

Sundown Cinema screening of "Black Panther: Wakanda Forever"

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EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND PROGRAMS

As part of the construction of India Basin Waterfront Park, the project partners collaborated closely with the Bayview-Hunters Point (BVHP) community, facilitated by a leadership committee, to develop an Equitable Development Plan (EDP) for this transformative renovation. The landmark plan, a first for San Francisco, ensures this waterfront park will benefit current BVHP residents while preserving the culture and identity of the historic neighborhood. It provides a blueprint for delivering a park designed by and for the community while improving economic opportunity and environmental health for its residents.

Its areas of focus are:







Workforce & Business Development





Connectivity, Transit,

Access & Safety



Teen Night

WE SUPPORT YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

The India Basin Waterfront Park project partners have invested in programming to create educational and leadership opportunities for Bayview-Hunters Point youth.

This includes the Bayview Safety Swim and Splash program, a free learn-to-swim program, in partnership with the Y of San Francisco, for elementary school students living or attending school in the 94124 ZIP code. Based out of Martin Luther King Jr. Pool, the program served 220 youth in 2023 with more than 70 reaching their water safety goals.

Additional programs included a STEM Day in the Park, Teen Night, and a number of family-friendly community events.

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WE BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER

India Basin project partners have hosted or supported a number of events and programs aligned with the goals of the Equitable Development Plan that build cohesion and social capital within the community.

Our signature accomplishment in the past year was transforming the park's tech hub into the Community Innovation Lab (CIL), a goal highlighted in the Equitable Development Plan. The CIL expands on tech offerings such as free Wi-Fi and laptop lending to also include sports and recreation services, while also creating a hub for programming.

We celebrated the CIL's opening at the park's Fall Festival, which featured musical performances from local artists, kayaking, youth art activities and more. The event served as a preview for programming currently at the park in partnership with the community-based organization, Hip Hop for Change.

Additional accomplishments included collecting stories of the park and neighborhood from community members for historical purposes; gathering community feedback on art proposals for the project; hosting holiday events, movie nights and concerts at the park; and much more.

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WE SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Leveraging the India Basin Waterfront Park project, as well as current and future park space, we aim to economically uplift community members by providing job trainings and professional development opportunities, while also supporting local businesses.

We saw the graduation of 16 community members from the India Basin Waterfront Park project's specialty construction training program in 2023. The program was a partnership of the India Basin Waterfront Park project partners and the San Francisco Office of Economic and Workforce Development and its CityBuild Construction Training Academy. The aim was to provide family-sustainable careers, with graduates being placed in jobs throughout the Bay Area and even working on the park project at 900 Innes.

Additional programs we've organized include job fairs, markets at the park featuring local small businesses, a financial planning program through Smart Money Coaching and more.

India Basin Fall Festival

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More than 2,500 people participated in project-related events and programs in 2023

BY THE NUMBERS



More than 100 youth participants in the Bayview Safety Swim and Splash program have become water safe to date



More than 4,000 people are now subscribed to the monthly project newsletter and more than 35,000 people have visited the project website



16 participants graduated from the Workforce Development program in 2023 and 31 participated in job readiness training programs



Project partners hosted 15 community events in 2023



200 community members participated in arts and cultural opportunities related to the project



A special thanks is owed to the project partners, city and state leaders, partner agencies, donors, and the Bayview-Hunters Point community for their continued support and enthusiasm for this once-in-a-generation park project.



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