Buena Vista Park Capital Improvement Plan

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Capital Improvement Strategy Plan: Two-Part Approach

1. Long Term: Establish overall magnitude of costs for entire park upgrade and restoration strategies for future big funding opportunities.

2. Short Term: Identify & prioritize 5+/- small (500K) high priority projects that can be funded with grant opportunities or other city funds.

Agenda

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Part 1: Buena Vista Park role within city context

Part II: Buena Vista Park Site Assessment:
Forest, Circulation & Programs, Erosion and Irrigation

Part III: Buena Vista Park Potential Projects and Zones

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SF Hilltop Park Context: Buena Vista Park

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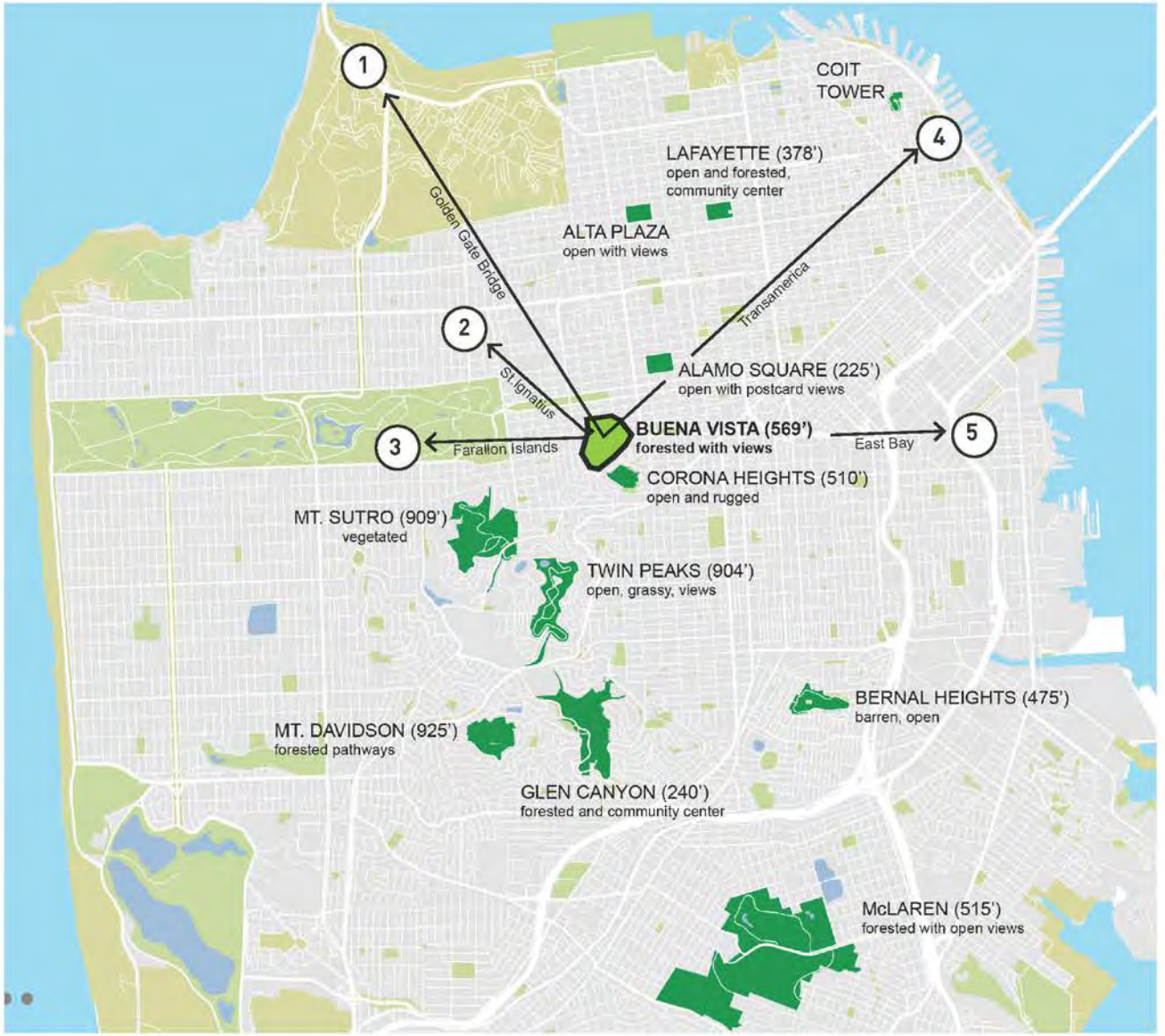

Buena Vista vs.Corona Heights

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Buena Vista Park Identity: Woodland Haven Within City

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Park Region Diagram

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Comments?

Planning and Assessment Projects/ Capital Projects

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Year	Planning & Assessment Projects	Capital Improvement Projects
1970		Annual Neighborhood Tree Planting Begins
1980		Eckbo Pathway and Erosion Control Project
1987	Buena Vista Park Master Plan	
1989	Erosion Control Plan	
1990		Grassy Knoll Installation
1995	Overall Park Tree Map	
1997	North Side Revegetation Plan	
2001	USDA Review of 1989 Erosion Control Plan	
	USDA Landslide Report	
2006	Buena Vista Park Natural Resources Area Management Plan	
2008	Geotechnical Report for Southeast Slope	
2009		Southeast Slope Improvements
2012	Perimeter Tree Assessment (Hort Science)	
2014	Preliminary Tree Assessment (Wade and Latker)	

Tree Grouping Diagram: Cypress

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LEGEND

AGE

120

- Cypress
- Pine
- Eucalyptus
- Oak
- Redwood
- Special
- Lawn

Tree Grouping Diagram: Pine

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The Monterey Pines are in serious decline and much of the existing massings are being taken over by other trees species (or nothing at all).

LEGEND

AGE

- Cypress
- Pine — 120
- Eucalyptus
- Oak
- Redwood
- Special
- Lawn

Tree Grouping Diagram: Oak

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LEGEND

AGE

- Cypress
- Pine
- Eucalyptus
- Oak — 80-100
- Redwood
- Special
- Lawn

Tree Grouping Diagram: Eucalyptus

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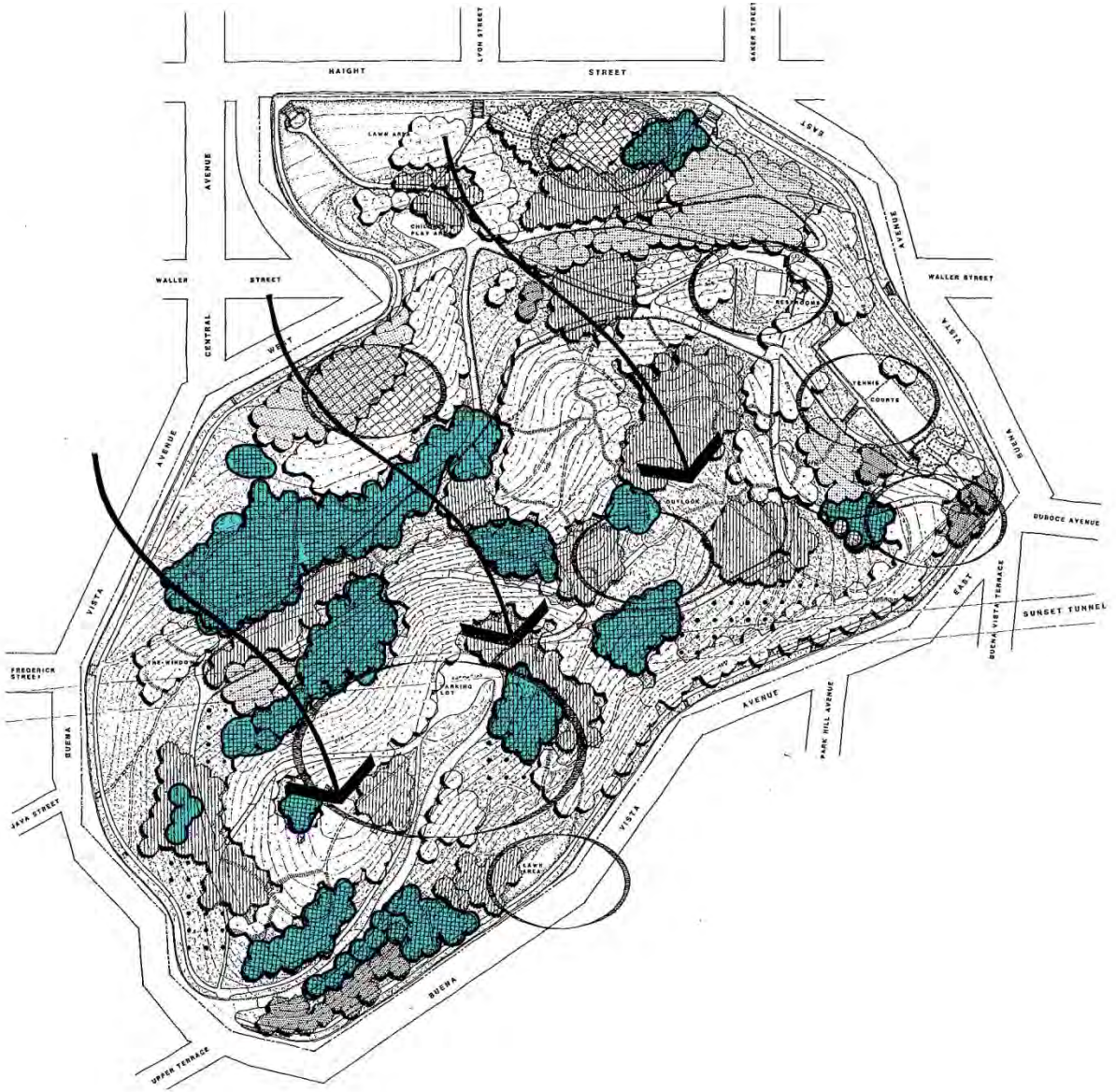

LEGEND

AGE

- Cypress
- Pine
- Eucalyptus — 100
- Oak
- Redwood
- Special
- Lawn

Tree Grouping Diagram: Redwood

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Tree Grouping Diagram: Special

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Special Trees include mixture of Liquidambar, Mayten, Poplar, and Olive

LEGEND	AGE
Cypress	
Pine	
Eucalyptus	
Oak	
Redwood	
Special	VARIES
Lawn	

Tree Grouping Diagram: Overall & Goals

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Short Term:

1. Remove / Prune Hazardous Trees.
2. Diseased and Aging Pines continue to decline and need to be assessed regularly.
3. Reforest Critical Areas.

Long Term:

1. Create / Implement Sustainable Forest Management Plan.

LEGEND	Approximate Age (yrs)
Cypress	120
Pine	120
Eucalyptus	100
Oak	80 -100
Redwood	60
Special	varies
Lawn	

Existing Circulation and Program: Primary

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Entry Point

Accessible Entry Point

Existing Circulation and Program: Secondary

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Entry Point

Accessible Entry Point

Existing Circulation and Program: Tertiary

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Entry Point

Accessible Entry Point

Circulation: Potential Paths to Remove

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Entry Point

Accessible Entry Point

Proposed path to remove

ISSUES:

1. Complex Path system that is difficult to maintain.
2. Slopes susceptible to erosion from foot traffic and dogs.

SOLUTIONS:

1. Simplify path system.
2. Protect hillside with fencing.
3. Alternate dog park location.

Circulation and Erosion Control Areas

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Circulation and Erosion Control Areas

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Erosion Fencing options

Antiquated Irrigation Diagram

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- Existing Quick Coupler

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Park Region Diagram

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Perimeter Region

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- Primary Entry
- Secondary Entry
- Accessible Entry
- Informal "Rock Steps"
- Perpendicular Parking
- Parallel Parking

Perimeter: Buena Vista East

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Perimeter: Haight

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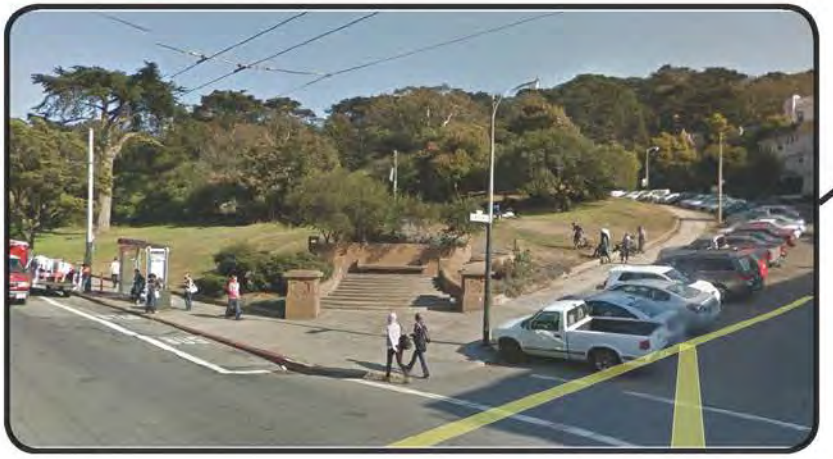

Perimeter: Buena Vista West

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Perimeter: Character & Patterns

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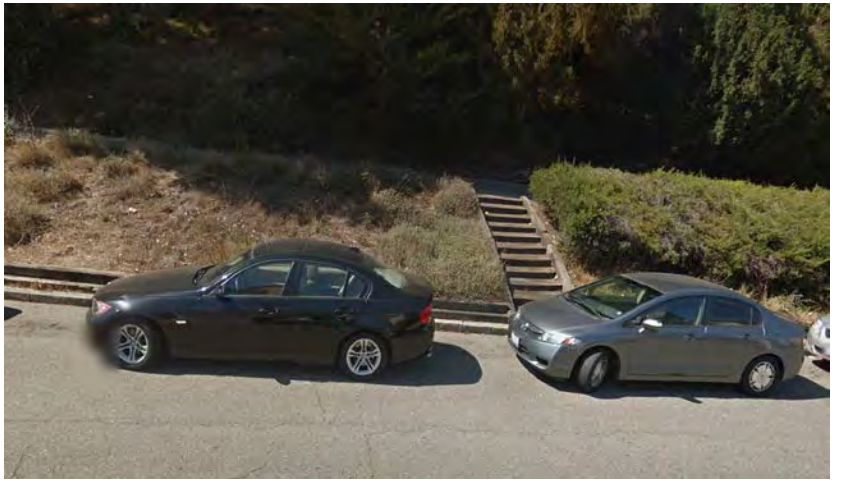
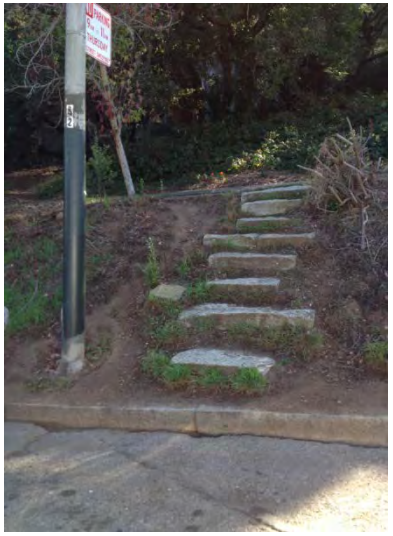
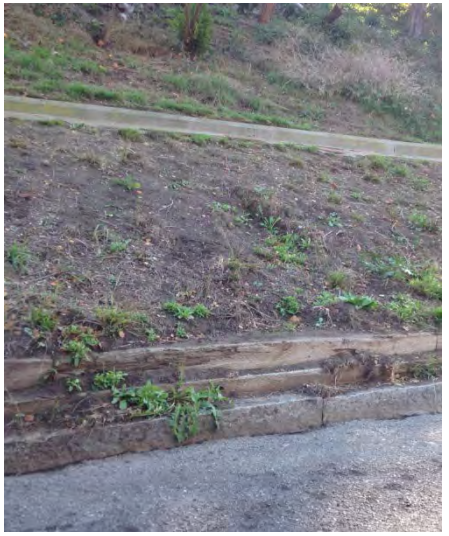
PRIMARY ENTRY STAIR



SECONDARY STAIR



INFORMAL “STAIR”



ERODED SLOPE, BUTTRESSED BY TEMPORARY RETAINING LOGS

PROMINADE WALK

FAILING EDGE

Perimeter: Potential Projects

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1. **Design Goals:**
   - Introduce consistent edge treatment along roadway
   - Build park identity with consistent signage/wayfinding
   - Celebrate primary entries
2. **Infrastructure:**
   - Erosion Control
   - Irrigation
   - Improve compromised paths
   - Introduce more “informal” stairs to deter “cutting” across perimeter berm
   - Introduce lighting
3. **Tree Management:**
   - Remove hazardous trees
   - Implement Forest Management Plan
4. **Landscape Management:**
   - Create attractive, consistent, drought-tolerant landscape

Woodland Region

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ADA PATH/ BOARDWALK

WOOD STAIRS

ENDURING STONE WALL /ASPHALT PATH

Woodland: Potential Projects

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1. **Design Goals:**
   - Build park identity with consistent signage/wayfinding
   - Enhance “The Window”
   - Prune / Manage trees to frame important vistas
2. **Infrastructure:**
   - Simplify path network and create protected erosion control areas
   - Irrigation
   - Renovate compromised paths
   - Renovate Child Play Area
   - Shift dog play area
3. **Tree Management:**
   - Remove hazardous trees
   - Implement Forest Management Plan
4. **Landscape Management:**
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Ridge Region

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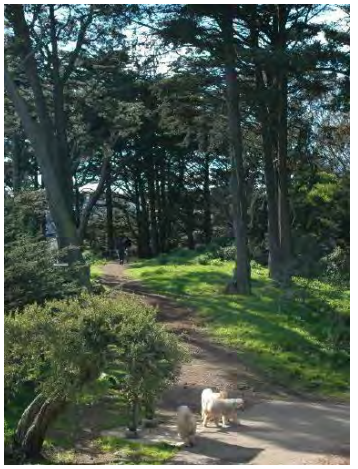
THE OVERLOOK



THE GROVE

THE GRASSY KNOLL

Ridge: Potential Projects

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1. **Design Goals:**
   - Build park identity with consistent signage/wayfinding
   - Enhance the three gathering spots--The Overlook, Grassy Knoll, and Grove--to reflect the inherent and unique qualities of each space
2. **Infrastructure:**
   - Erosion control
   - Irrigation
   - Remove fallen trees
   - Extend ADA path to the Overlook
3. **Tree Management:**
   - Remove hazardous trees
   - Implement Forest Management Plan
4. **Landscape Management:**
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Feedback on Priorities

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Priorities:

- Perimeter Zone
- Woodland Zone
- Ridge Zone

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Next Steps

1. Collect and assess feedback on goals and priorities

2. Develop potential project scenarios for community review

3. Next Community Meeting Late March

Thank you!