

Albany Plateau Recreational Enhancements
Eastshore State Park
March 19, 2008

Description: The proposed project will enhance the recreational opportunities available to park users of the Albany Waterfront, particularly the Albany Plateau. The Albany Plateau is included within the Eastshore State Park, and is currently designated as a recreation/conservation area under the Eastshore State Park General Plan. The project would provide basic amenities as well as more extensive improvements to facilitate increased recreational use of the area. As identified in the Eastshore State Park General Plan, and in the City of Albany's Proposal for the Albany Portion of the Eastshore State Park, this project would include:

- 1) Park/Recreation Equipment: Picnic/barbeque facilities and a small, enclosed play area or "tot lot," would be added to the existing area to encourage extended recreational use. It is estimated that equipment costs would be approximately \$185,000, minor construction costs may also be needed.
- 2) Interpretive Center: An interpretive center is proposed for use by schools and park rangers to provide information and education on the history of the site, the geology and characteristics of the baylands and landfill areas, and other natural and important features of the setting. The interpretive center would include restrooms, and potentially a food service area for students. It is estimated that costs to design and construct an interpretive center would be approximately \$45,000.
- 3) Trail System: A path system would be designed around the northern edge of the plateau. Pedestrian and bicycle paths leading from these perimeter paths to other parts of the plateau may be desirable as well. Establishment of additional paths is intended to encourage recreational users to the Plateau area, and encourage alternative modes of transportation at the park. It is estimated that costs to design and construct a pedestrian/bicycle path system would be approximately \$75,000.

Benefits: Most importantly, this project will help increase the amount of recreational opportunity for users of the Eastshore State Park. This project would accomplish a number of the priority goals identified within the Eastshore State Park General Plan and the City of Albany's Proposal for the Albany Portion of the Eastshore State Park. Additionally, this project would compliment the burrowing owl habitat creation project currently underway on the plateau, which is a joint effort of the City of Albany and East Bay Regional Park District.

NATURAL RESOURCE DAMAGE ASSESSMENT
RESTORATION PROJECT INFORMATION SHEET

Organization:		Project Name:	
Organization Web Page:		Project Location:	
Contact Name:		County & Watershed:	
Contact Title:		Latitude / Longitude:	
Contact Address:		Contact E-mail:	
Contact Phone:			
Contact Fax:			

Restoration Activity

Resource/Habitat/Service	<input type="checkbox"/> Marine/Estuarine Wetland	<input type="checkbox"/> Freshwater Wetland	<input type="checkbox"/> Rocky intertidal	<input type="checkbox"/> Biological	<input type="checkbox"/> Eelgrass	<input type="checkbox"/> Recreational	<input type="checkbox"/> Sandy beach
Restoration Result	<input type="checkbox"/> Creation	<input type="checkbox"/> Rehabilitation	<input type="checkbox"/> Enhancement	<input type="checkbox"/> Protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	Project Size: <input type="text"/>	Affected Area: <input type="text"/>

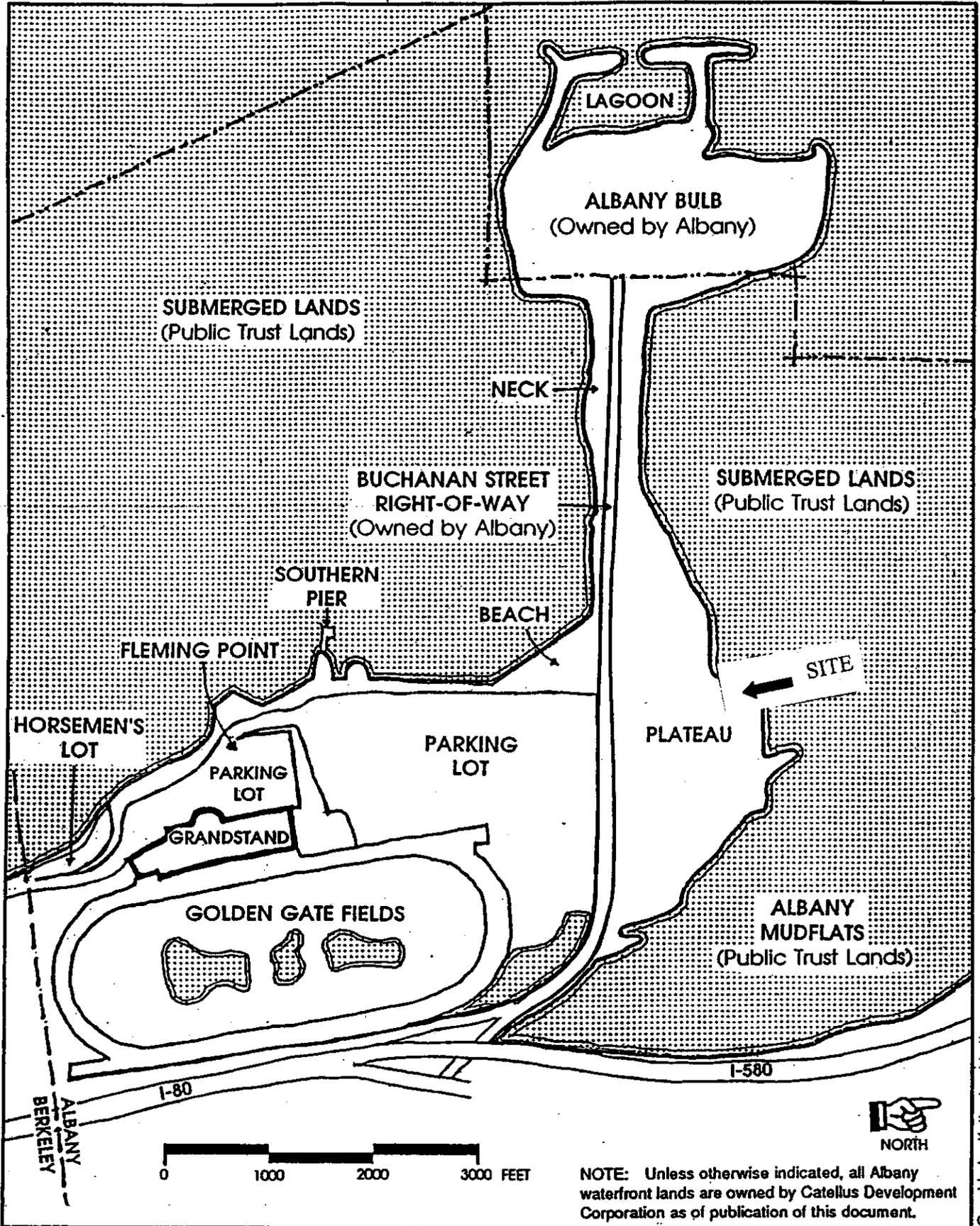
Project Status (please provide as much information as is currently available)

Activity	Funded?			Completed?			Additional Notes
Planning/Design/Permitting:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Maybe	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Maybe	
Property or Resource Acquisition:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Maybe	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Maybe	
Construction:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Maybe	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Maybe	
Maintenance & Future Activities:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Maybe	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Maybe	
Future Construction & Oversight:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Maybe	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Maybe	
Restoration Monitoring:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Maybe	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Maybe	
Conservation Servitude/Easement:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Maybe	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Maybe	
Other (_____):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Maybe	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Maybe	

Restoration Description & Benefits (use separate sheet if necessary):	
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Project Partners

Organization	Contact Information	Project Involvement



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