



City of Albany

Albany Hill Master Plan Update Planning Session



Park and Recreation Commission Goals and Objectives July 14, 2011

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Overview of Consultant Work
 - Work scope, deliverables & schedule
 - Base data collected to date
3. Discussion
 - Vision for Future of Albany Hill and Creekside Parks
 - Goals and Objectives of the vegetation management portion of updated Albany Hill Creekside Master Plan
4. Next Steps
 - Preliminary Strategies
 - Draft Vegetation Management Map

Overview of Consultant Work

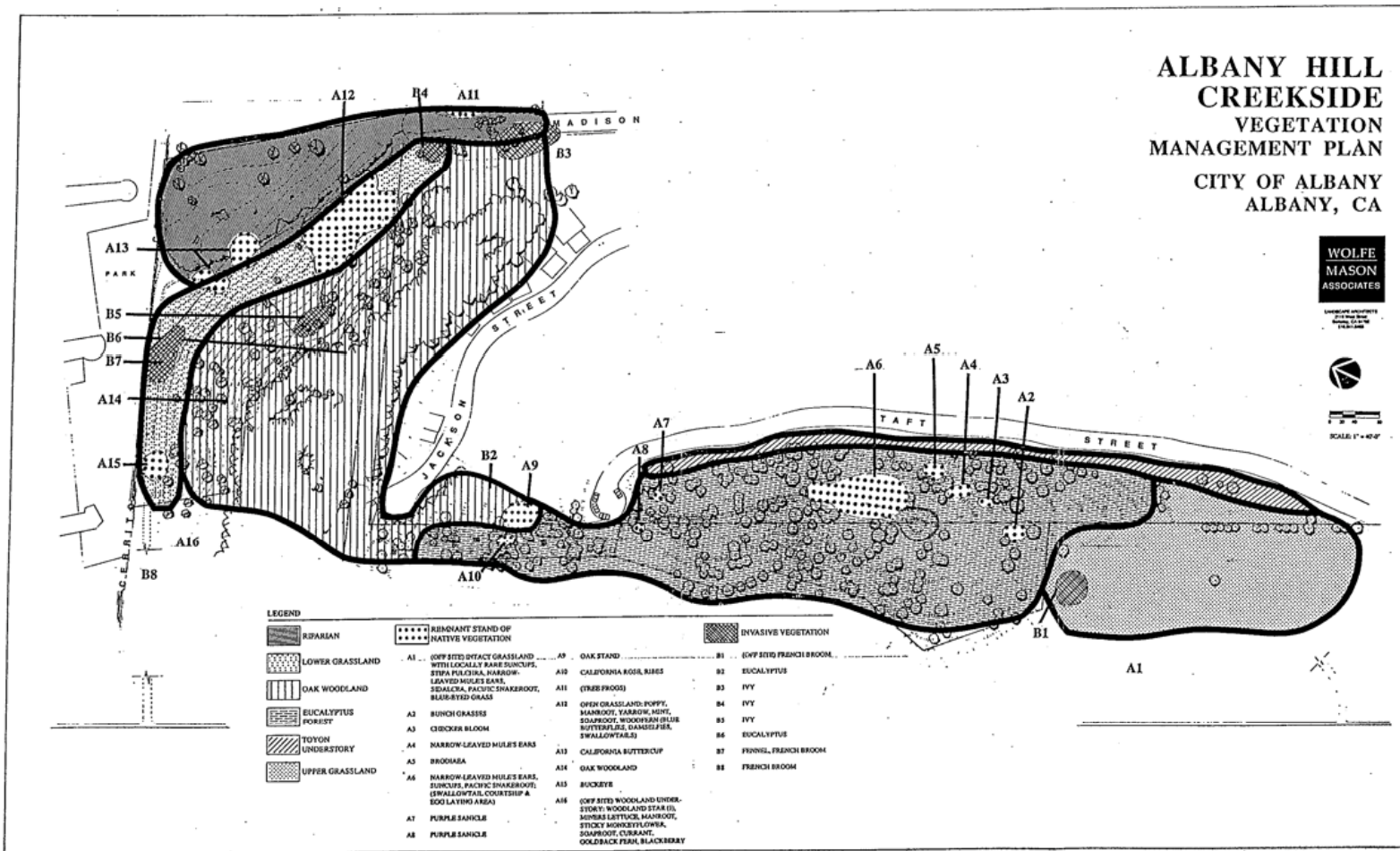
- Work scope, deliverables & schedule

Activity Name	Duration (Days)	Start Date	Finish Date	2011											
				June	July	August	September	October	November	December					
<i>Proposals due</i>	0.00	5/27/11	5/27/11												
<i>Contract with City of Albany</i>	20.00	6/13/11	7/8/11	■	■										
Task 1 Start Up Work Session	14.00	6/14/11	7/1/11	■	■										
Task 2 Base Data	30.00	6/20/11	7/29/11	■	■	■									
Task 3 Fire Prevention and Fuel Management	16.00	7/15/11	8/5/11		■	■									
Task 4 Prepare Long Term Management Plan	54.00 41.00	7/5/11 9/19/11	9/16/11 11/14/11		■	■	■	■	■	■					
Task 5 Site Reconnaissance	51.00	7/8/11	9/16/11		■	■	■	■	■	■					
Task 6 Biological Site Review	51.00	7/8/11	9/16/11		■	■	■	■	■	■					
Task 7 Commission Goal Setting Meeting	0.00	7/14/11	7/14/11		● 7/14										
Task 8 Initial Draft Review - Staff work sessions	0.00 0.00 0.00	8/8/11 9/2/11 9/23/11	8/8/11 9/2/11 9/23/11			■ 8/8	■ 9/2	■ 9/23							
Task 9 Commission Draft Review	0.00 0.00	9/15/11 10/20/11	9/15/11 10/20/11				● 9/15	● 10/20							
Task 10 City Council Draft Review	26.00	11/11/11	12/16/11							■	■				
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Base data collected to date

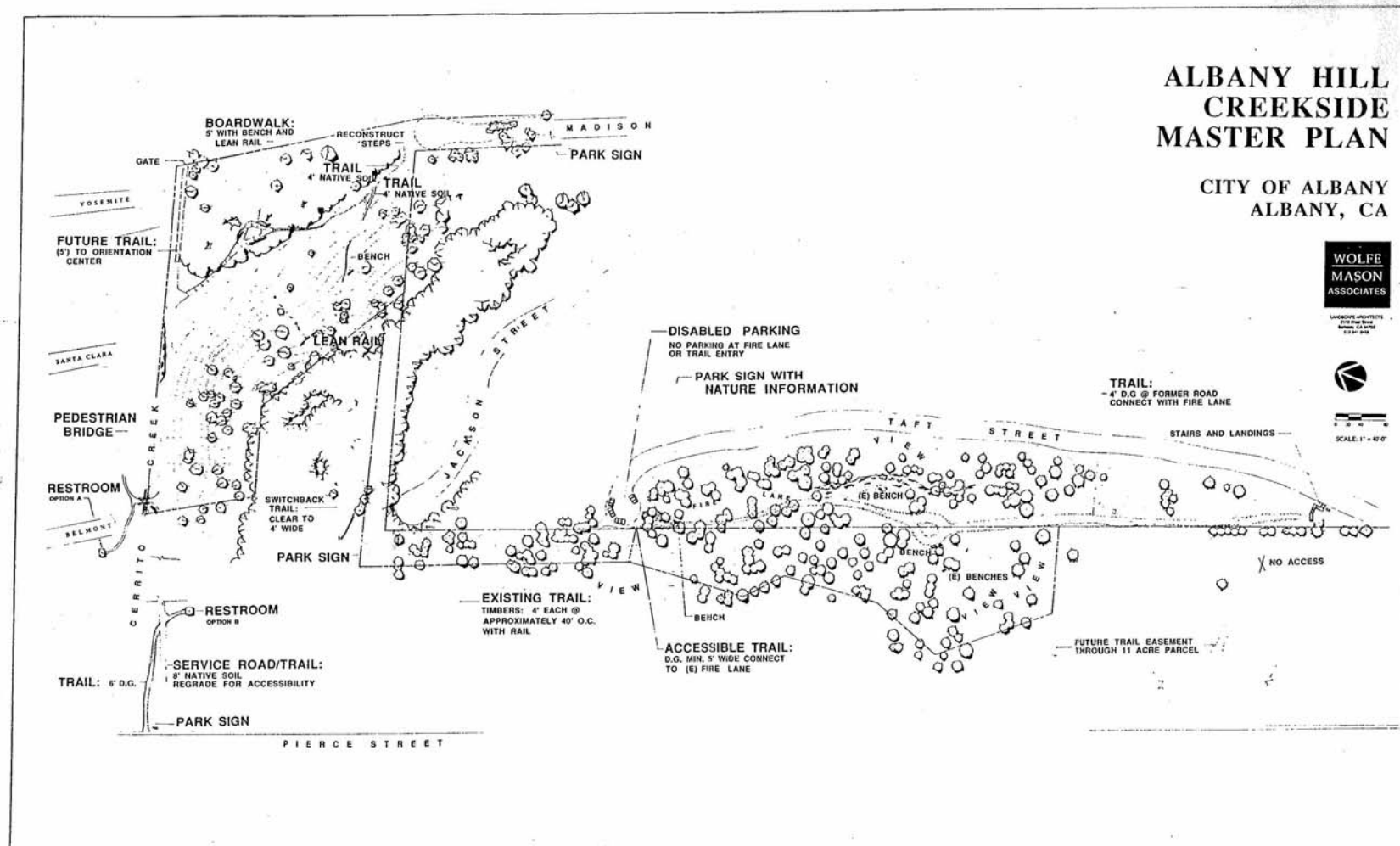
- Information from City Staff
 - 1991 Master Plan
 - GIS base layers from City data
 - City Integrated Pest Management Policy
- Information from Friends of Five Creeks
- Information from Friends of Albany Hill
- Site Reconnaissance

1991 Albany Hill Creekside Master Plan Vegetation Management Plan

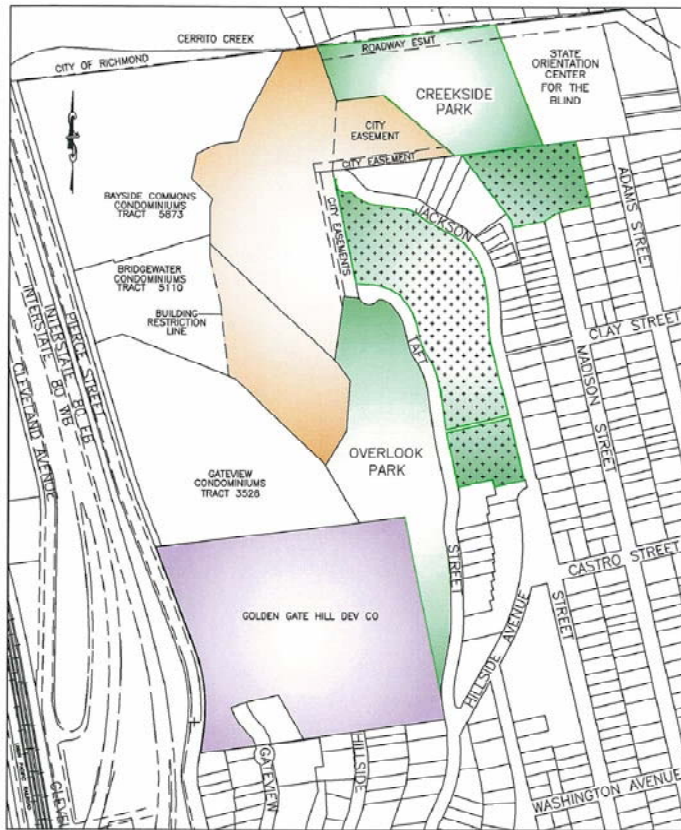


1991 Albany Hill Creekside Master Plan

Master Plan



Current Park Property



- City of Albany
Assessment District No. 1996-1
- Albany Hill Open Space
& Park Acquisition Sites
- City Trail/Open Space Easements(= 2 acres)
 - City Open Space - Measure R (= 6.6 acres)
 - City Park - Prior to Measure R (= 9 acres)
 - Private Open Space (= 11 acres)
 - Private Undeveloped Parcel (= 11 acres)

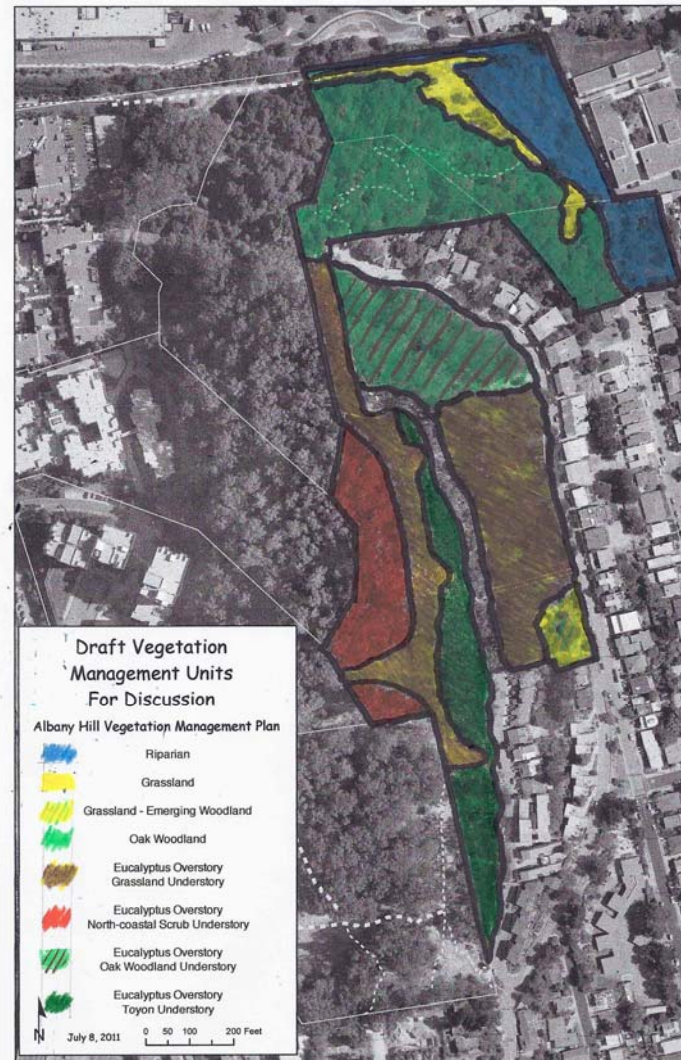
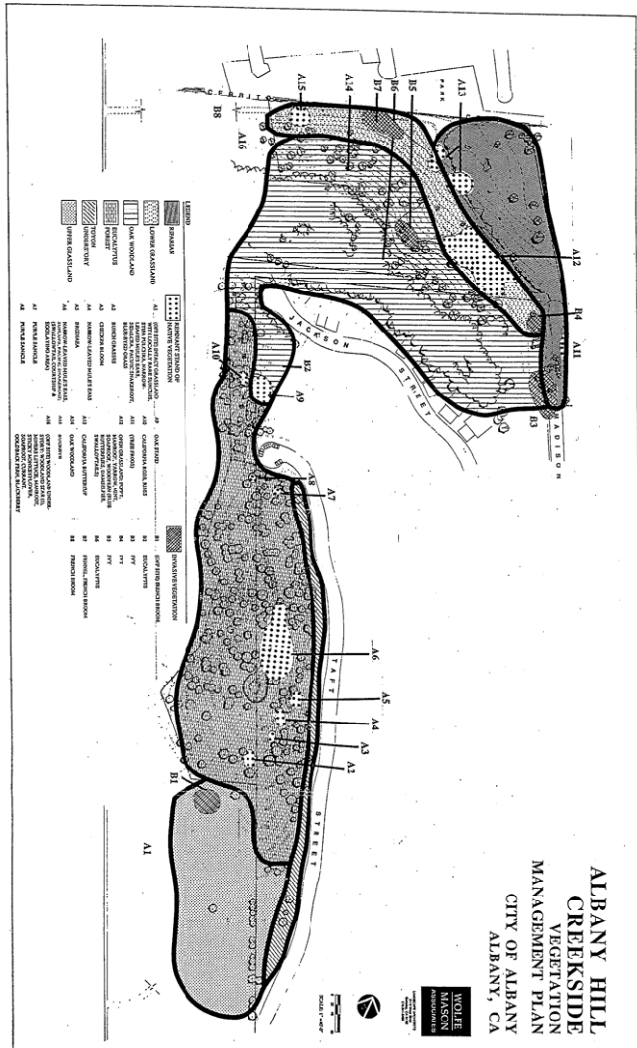
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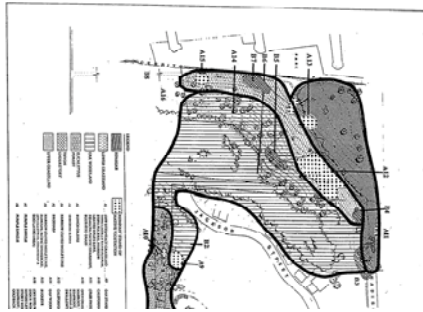
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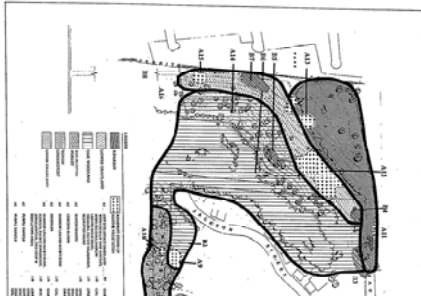
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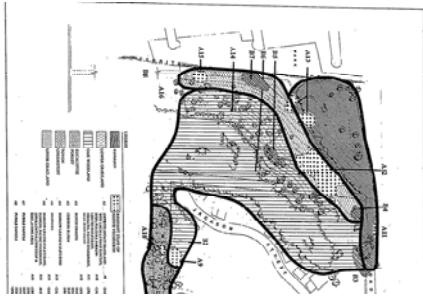
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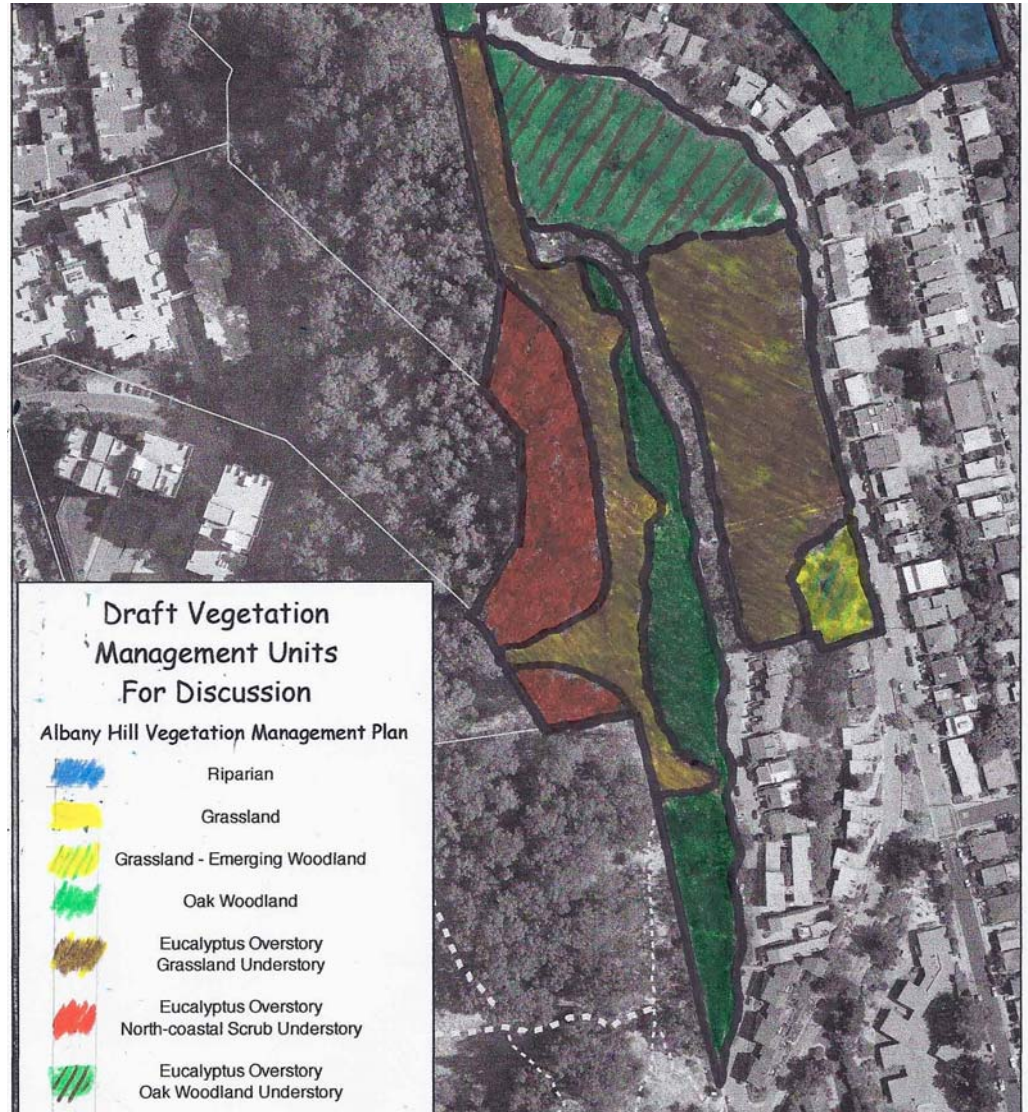
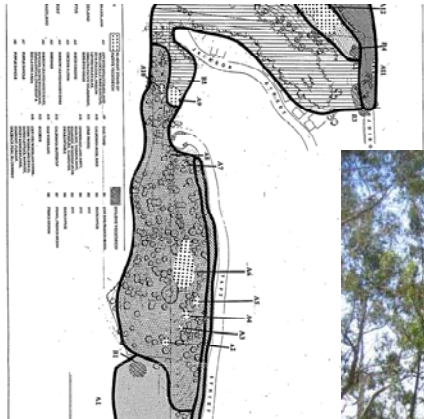
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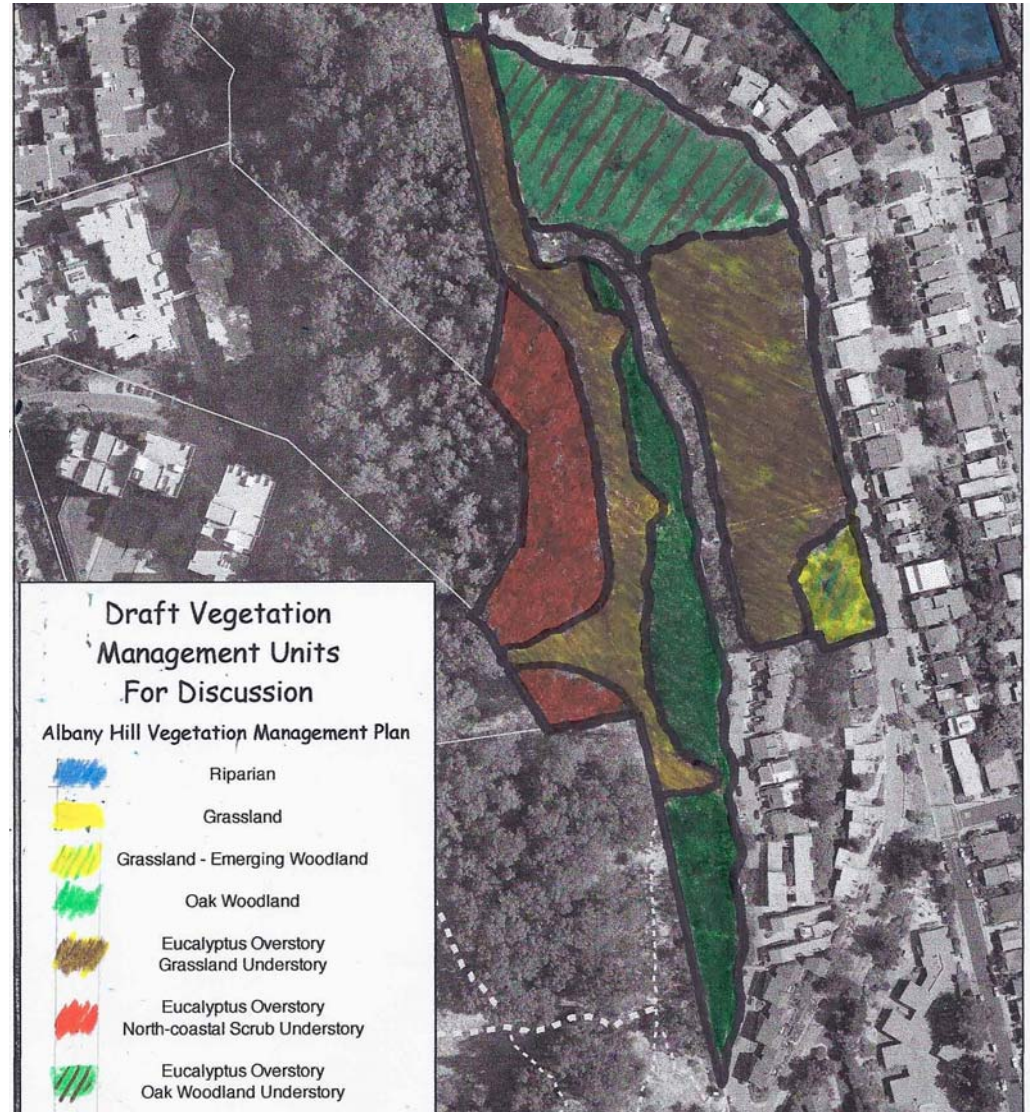
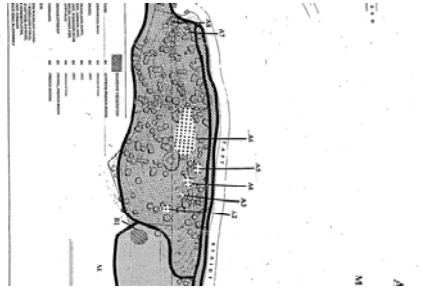
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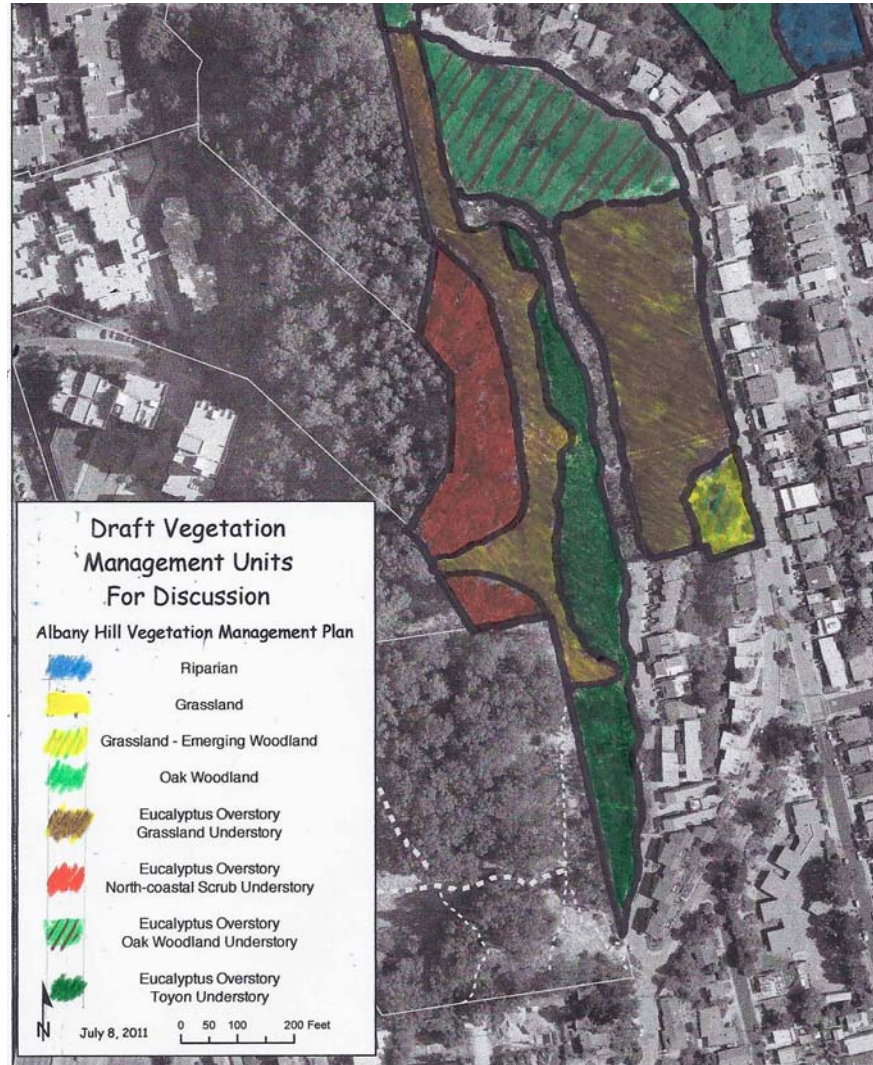
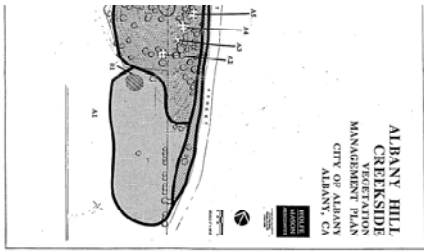
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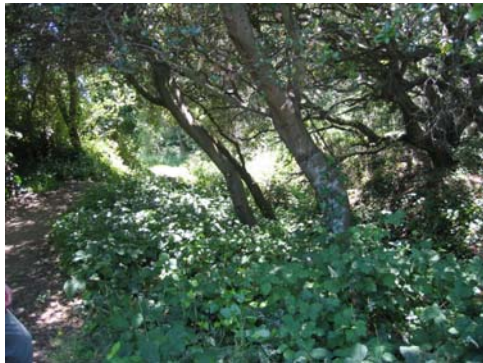
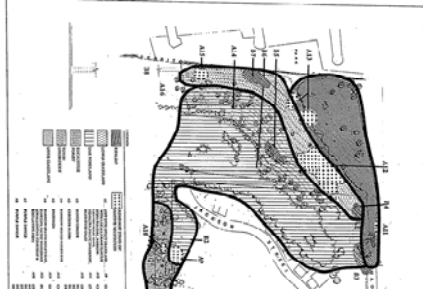
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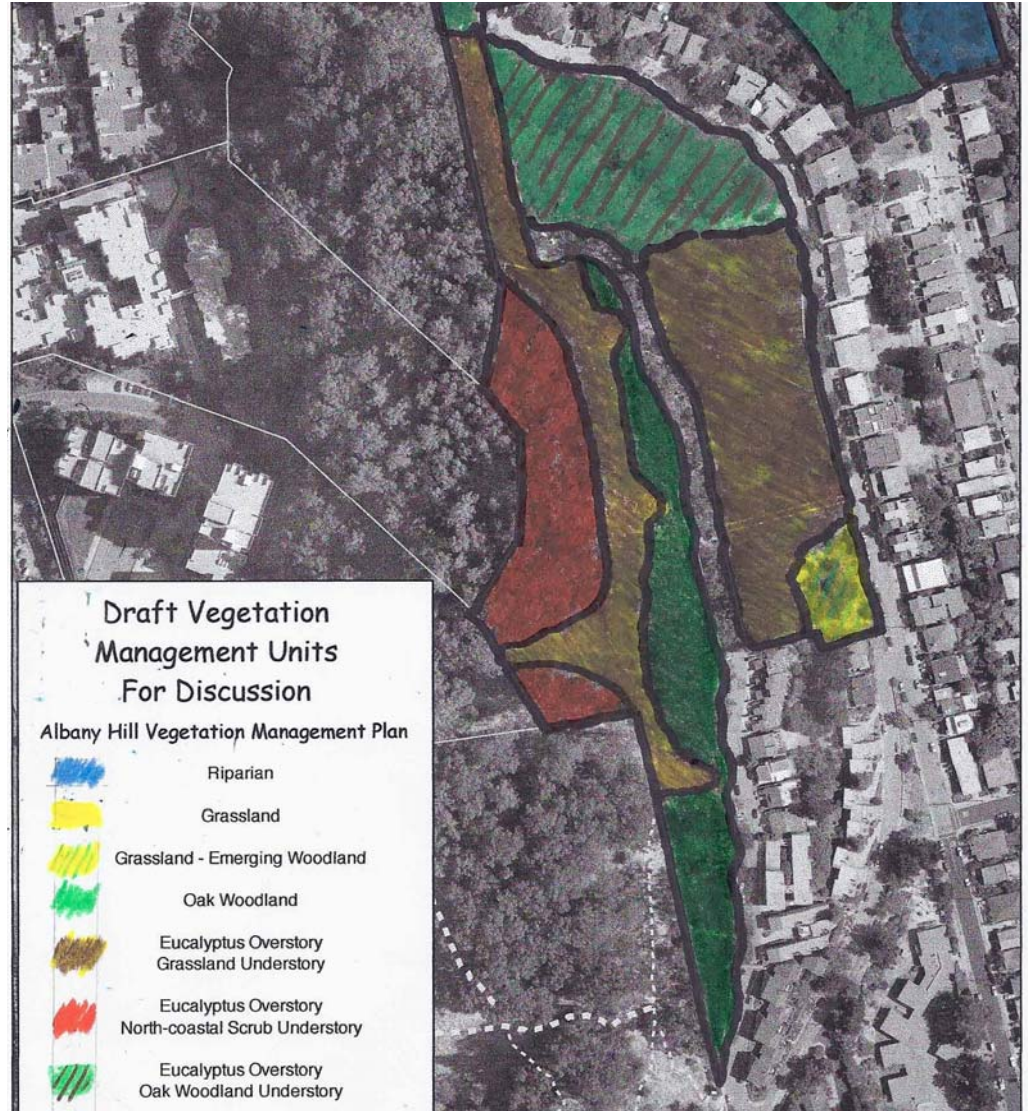
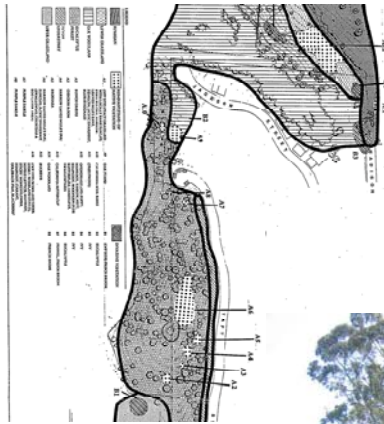
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Measure R City Purchase Riparian/ Lower Grassland/ Oak Woodland



Measure R City Purchase Mixed Woodland between Taft & Jackson





Discussion

Vision for Future of Albany Hill and
Creekside Parks

Goals and Objectives of the vegetation
management portion of updated Albany Hill
Creekside Master Plan

1991 Master Plan Goals

- Protect, maintain and enhance natural features, native vegetation & wildlife habitats of the site.
- Protect cultural resources
- Improve basic services to make the site safe and accessible to all people
- Provide simple amenities which respect the site, educate the user & allow for the appreciation and enjoyment of the site.

1991 Vegetation Management Recommendations

- Protect remaining native stands
(Remnant oak woodland, grasslands, toyon understory & riparian ecosystems under threat from introduced and invading exotics)
- Protect rare, endangered & sensitive species
- Co-existence of existing eucalyptus forest with protection of woodland and grasslands
- Removal of trees that threaten human safety due to unstable growth or serious fire danger
 - Remove understory debris and fire ladders on annual basis
 - Manage debris to reduce slip potential on trail between Taft & Jackson

1991 Vegetation Management Recommendations continued

- View shed protection- specific corridors:
 - East facing bench – view to east bay hills
 - South west facing bench – view to SF
 - West facing benches – view to Mt Tam + golden gate
 - Taft street circle – view to Mt Tamalpais
- Creek protection and restoration
- Protect wildlife diversity
- Protect archaeological resources



Vegetation Management Questions

raised by site reconnaissance

How much grassland? Narrow trails or wider meadows?

Vision for hilltop eucalyptus forest? Manage for the next generation of eucalyptus trees or allow the forest to age and remove trees as they become hazardous?

Vision for new parklands between Taft and Jackson? Oak woodland? Eucalyptus overstory? Grassland?

Additional considerations

- Managing vegetation to:
 - Reduce fire ignitions (from roadsides, illegal camping or smoking)
 - Reduce flooding (from unmanaged vegetation in creeks/ banks)
 - Discourage illegal camping (potential for fire ignitions and health/ safety issues)
 - Improve visibility and security (perceived and actual park user safer)
 - Improve access (overgrown black berry or poison oak)
- Application of City IPM policy
- Education, signage and awareness activities.

Next Steps

Preliminary Strategies

Draft Vegetation Management Map

Park and Recreation Commission Meeting

Thursday Oct 13, 2011

Draft Long -term Vegetation Management Plan