

## Waterfront Sub-Committee Report: November 10, 2008

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1. **City owned and controlled public property.**
2. **Non-city owned or controlled public property.**
3. **Geography of the different zones**

### **History of what has been done.**

- Poster Board was an Eagle Scout Project.
- Periodic efforts to remove the homeless. There were up to 250 in the late 90's.
- The Cove was commissioned by the Arts and Waterfront Committees.
- Portable toilet: EBRP maintains it.
- Waterfront Linear Park: Interpretive signs, elevated viewing stands, egret sculpture.

There have been only three organized events on the waterfront in recent history

1. Shoreline Clean-up
2. Peace Day
3. Shakespeare Play.

### **What has been the main road blocks to improvements?**

- State of California wants control of the planning.

### **What are the present obstacles to getting things done?**

- Lack of \$\$\$\$\$\$, Budget constraints
- Political Climate: conflicting goals and needs of different governmental and community organizations.
- Red Tape: **Can we choose projects with the highest likelihood of accomplishing in the short term?**

How can we work with Fern Tiger? Yes, but at what level of detail.

Bay Trail completion: In EBRP hands

Owl Habitat: done for now.

### **Private Partners/Supporters/Sponsors of Improvements: \$\$\$ and Labor**

- Golden Gate Fields
- Ford
- Target
- Toyota
- Whole Foods

### **Public sponsors: \$\$\$ and Labor**

- EBRP: What moneys are available from district bonds? **Contact Nancy Skinner and/or Jim Dotson.**
- CESP:
- UC Berkeley
- City of Albany: City Council can find money in the budget.
- City of Berkeley: Berkeley citizens use our waterfront.
- Community Organizations: Lions, Chamber of Commerce, Solano Ave Association, Friends of Five Creeks, Citizens for the Albany Shoreline
- **Rebuilding Together: Anthony Maples ,the new Executive Director, is very interested in doing a community project sponsored by the City of Albany. Francesco Papalia to follow up.**