YEAR 1 OUTREACH SUMMARY

What we've done: Citywide Events

SUNDAY STREETS

We asked for your feedback on how the route to the park in your neighborhood could be improved.

- ENGLISH CAFE: MAR 10, 2012
- GREAT SF HIGHWAY: APR 15, 2012
- MISSION: JUN 09, 2012
- BAYVIEW / DOGPATCH: JUL 22, 2012
- CHINATOWN: AUG 26, 2012
- WESTERN ADDITION: SEP 06, 2012

NEIGHBORHOOD OFFICE HOURS

We held meetings in the focus neighborhoods to share ideas and hear community input.

- WESTERN ADDITION: MAR 14, 2012
- TENDERLOIN: MAR 21, 2012
- POTRERO HILL: MAR 30, 2012
- VISITACON VALLEY: APR 04, 2012
- CHINATOWN: APR 21, 2012
- BAYVIEW: APR 25, 2012

WALKS

A series of walks hosted by Nature and the City, San Francisco Parks Alliance, and Walk San Francisco. These walks explored what a Green Connection could look like in San Francisco. The walks highlighted projects initiated by both community members and the City. These projects are successful examples of how greening and landscaping, traffic calming, wildlife, and community stewardship could be incorporated into the design. Participants were invited to complete a short questionnaire summarizing observations and their vision for a green connection.

- BIRDS AT HERON’S HEAD PARK (WITH JOSIAH CLARK): APR 12, 2012
- VISITACON VALLEY GREENWAY WALK APR 21, 2012
- GRAND SIERRA STREET BUTTERFLY WALK MAY 20, 2012
- HOLLY PARK TO ALAMEDA FARMLAND BUTTERFLY WALK MAY 20, 2012
- CHOICE STREET, MEND STREETS: SUMMER 2012
- TULLIVER HANDBEE (TENDERLOIN) SWALLOWTAIL TOUR JUN 15, 2012
- POTRERO HILL TO THE BLUE GREENWAY, DOWN TO GREEN TO BLUE: AUG 10, 2012

What we heard: Your vision of a Green Connection

EXAMPLES OF STREETS THAT ARE LIKE GREEN CONNECTIONS

- Visitacion Valley Greenway
- Paths at the top of San Jose Avenue
- The Wiggle
- Stairways
- Poppyland and Penny Lane, Glen Park
- Presidio
- Alleys in Sunnyvale
- Market Street (separated bike lanes)
- Mid-block open paths in Balboa Terrace
- Valencia Street
- Moraga Street

SUGGESTED COMPONENTS OF A GREEN CONNECTION

- Daylighted creeks (Mission, Islais)
- Connections to transit
- Urban agriculture, farmer’s markets, community gardens, permaculture
- Mosaics, public art, murals
- Separated bike lanes
- Connections to footbridges, walking bridges
- Alleys, if sunny and clean
- Pocket parks
- Chicanes, bulb-outs
- Par course exercises
- Benches
- Shade
- Stormwater gardens
- Interesting architecture
- Native plants
- Trellises on (retaining) walls with native plants, green roofs
- Seasonal plantings

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COMMUNITY FEEDBACK ON PARKS & ROUTES

The map below summarizes feedback from Sunday Streets, office hours and general comments over the last year. Participants were asked to identify their favorite park and the route they take, as well as a park they would like to visit more and barriers they face in getting there.

WHAT WE HEARD...

"Better and more continuous pedestrian connections to open space. Less, more signage pointing pedestrians to nearby open space."

"Progress park - great example of community-based growing and improvements. More opportunities for community to create public open space would improve neighborhoods."

"No cars, landscaping, trees, gardens, birds, butterflies and kids playing. / want to feel SAFE."

"I would envision a pedestrian corridor surrounded by really nice landscaping (walk gardens, Arths, etc, optional. Should be safe enough for kids to play and people to walk at night)."

PEDESTRIAN CHARRETTE

In July, Walk San Francisco hosted a pedestrian charrette. Walk SF board members, pedestrian planners and city staff were invited to provide feedback on how to create a network of great walking connections to parks, open space and the waterfront. The map below summarizes the ideas and feedback from the charrette.

WHAT WE HEARD...

Qualities that make you choose a street to walk along:

- "Cute"
- Trees
- 4-way stop ("not fright")
- Wide sidewalks
- Community shops, activity, street life, vibrancy
- View corridors, especially to monuments
- Clean, litter-free
- Quiet

Pedestrian barriers:

- Freeway ramps
- Nasty crossings
- Closed crosswalks
- Streets with more than 3 lanes to cross
- Proximity to freeway
- Broken sidewalks
- Tired lights
- Multiple turn lanes
- Construction
- Steep streets

ECOLOGY THINK TANKS

In April, Nature in the City convened a series of Ecology Think Tanks. Local ecologists, naturalists and city staff were invited to participate and provided feedback on potential habitat corridors, identification of target species and recommendations for plants and landscaping. Opportunities for stewardship, education and demonstration projects were also discussed. The map below summarizes feedback and ideas from these sessions.

WHAT WE HEARD...

"Stewardship is critical to success."

"Generally good design for habitat includes appropriate planting for food, breeding, habitat and protection of target species."

"Key considerations when locating corridors for more sensitive wildlife include: building on existing patches of habitat (such as mission creeks), area's head, the presence and ensuring that the corridor does not present more risks than benefits."

"Other interventions include sculptures and street furniture that serve a habitat function—e.g. hotels or planters on top of soil that create a made home for hips and insects."

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Online Survey. 450 Participants. February to June 2012.

WHAT WE HEARD...

"I think the three biggest things to helping our city get greener and more enjoyable: would be better transit, less garbage everywhere and in parks, slow traffic (people are tearing around in their cars)."

"Our neighbors are creating backyard natural plant corridors for birds, bees, butterflies. City should encourage this w/info. Backyards can be wildlife corridors too. Minima city case, build constituency".

"Want more fruit trees in public spaces so we can snack as we explore the city!"

"Combine improvements with storm water enhancements."

"What about a Seniors Green Connection?"

"City needs a grid of bicycle boulevards and cycletracks"

"More stormwater management! The polluted runoff in our streets could be drastically reduced!"

"Connect people with Golden Gate Park by redesigning the Presidio with a Green Connection. Day light creeks and old abandoned right of ways, transform high speed, high volume auto route into greenscape using Alley networks by implementing green stormwater management techniques such as raingardens and bioawales."

"Would be great to have a good intuitive bike route to Balboa Park"

"Great project! I'd love to see a focus on people-oriented streets vs car-oriented streets. I feel like our streets are designed to accommodate cars have highest priority still, and they make many even temporarily"

"More green connections in the Bayview!"