



YEAR 1 OUTREACH SUMMARY

Since the February 15, 2012 kick-off event, the Green Connections team has led over 20 outreach events across the City. This effort has helped us to understand your preferred routes to parks as well as your vision for a Green Connection.

This board contains both a summary of the these events and an overview of community generated ideas about how a Green Connection could look and feel.

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.

EMBARCADERO	MAR 11, 2012
GREAT HIGHWAY	APR 15, 2012
MISSION	JUN 03, 2012
BAYVIEW / DOGPATCH	JUL 22, 2012
CHINATOWN	AUG 26, 2012
WESTERN ADDITION	SEP 09, 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 28, 2012
VISITACION VALLEY	APR 04, 2012
CHINATOWN	APR 11, 2012
BAYVIEW	APR 25, 2012



BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY

Bike to School Day took place on April 12, 2012. Postcards were distributed to over 3,000 students with information about the project and ways to participate in outreach events.



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/or 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.

BIRDING AT HERON'S HEAD PARK (WITH JOSIAH CLARK)	AR 10, 2012
VISITACION VALLEY GREENWAY WALK	APR 21, 2012
GREEN HAIRSTREAK BUTTERFLY: A WALK THROUGH AN ECOSYSTEM CORRIDOR	MAY 20, 2012
HOLLY PARK TO ALEMANY FARM BUTTERFLY WALK	MAY 26, 2012
GREEN STREETS, MEAN STREETS: SOMA ALLEYS AND GARDENS	JUN 16, 2012
UNLIKELY HABITAT: A TENDERLOIN SWALLOWTAIL TOUR	JUL 01, 2012
POTRERO HILL TO THE BLUE GREENWAY, GREY TO GREEN TO BLUE	AUG 19, 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 Sunnyside	Market Street (separated bike lanes)
Mid-block open paths in Balboa Terrace	Valencia Street



Moraga Street Steps

SUGGESTED COMPONENTS OF A GREEN CONNECTION

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



Visitacion Valley Greenway



The Wiggle, Scott Street



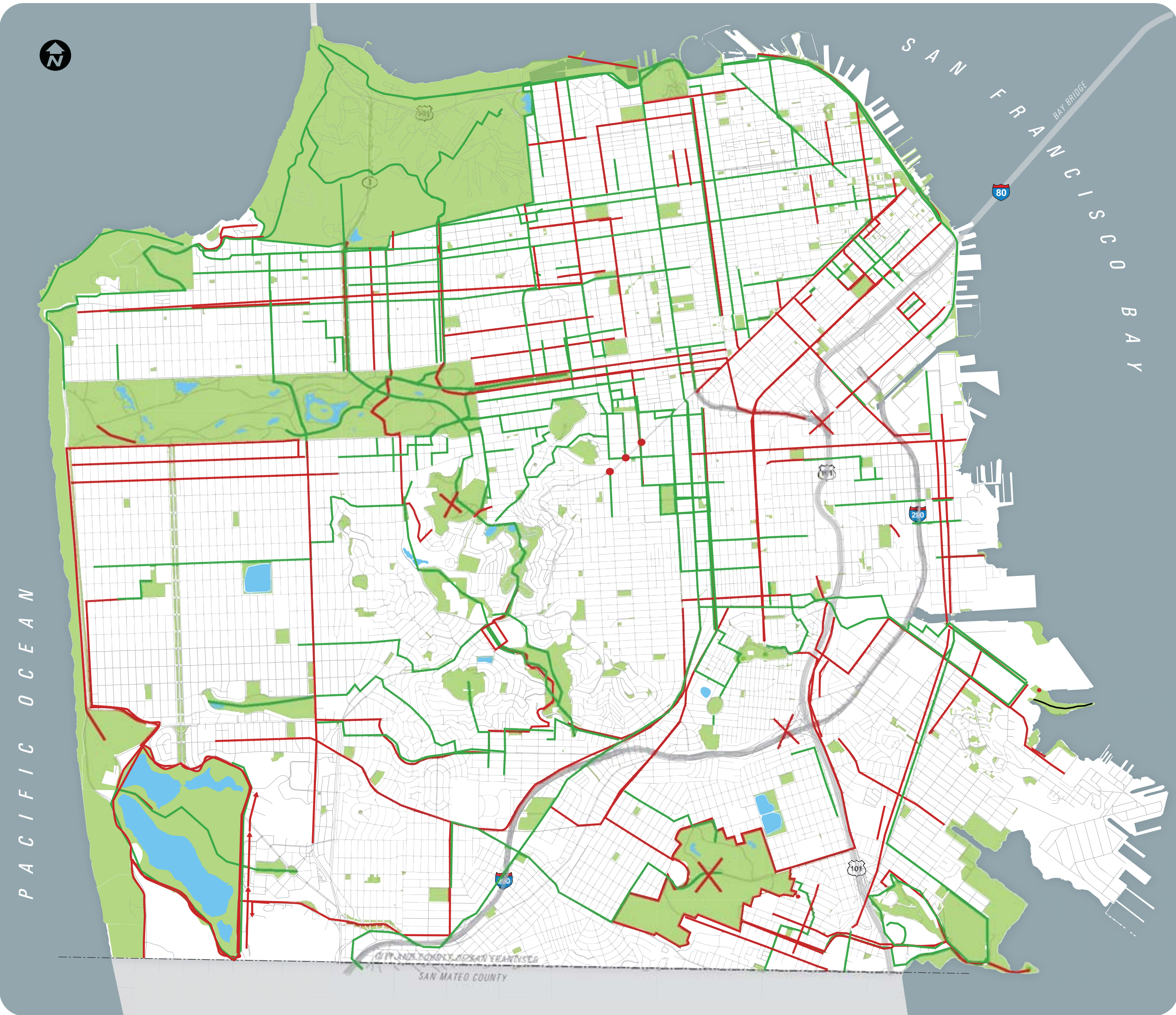
Presidio, Crissy Fields



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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.



Parks & Routes
Pedestrian Charrette: July 9, 2012
— Favorite Routes
— Least Favorite Routes

WHAT WE HEARD...

- “Better and more continuous pedestrian connections to open space. Also, more signage pointing pedestrians to nearby open space”
- “Progress park - great example of community based greening and improvements. More opportunities for community to create public open spaces would improve neighborhoods.”
- “No cars, landscaping, trees, gardens, birds, butterflies and kids playing. I want to feel SAFE.”
- “I would envision a pedestrian corridor surrounded by really nice landscaping/sidewalk gardens. Birds, 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 could 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.



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— Least Favorite Routes

WHAT WE HEARD...

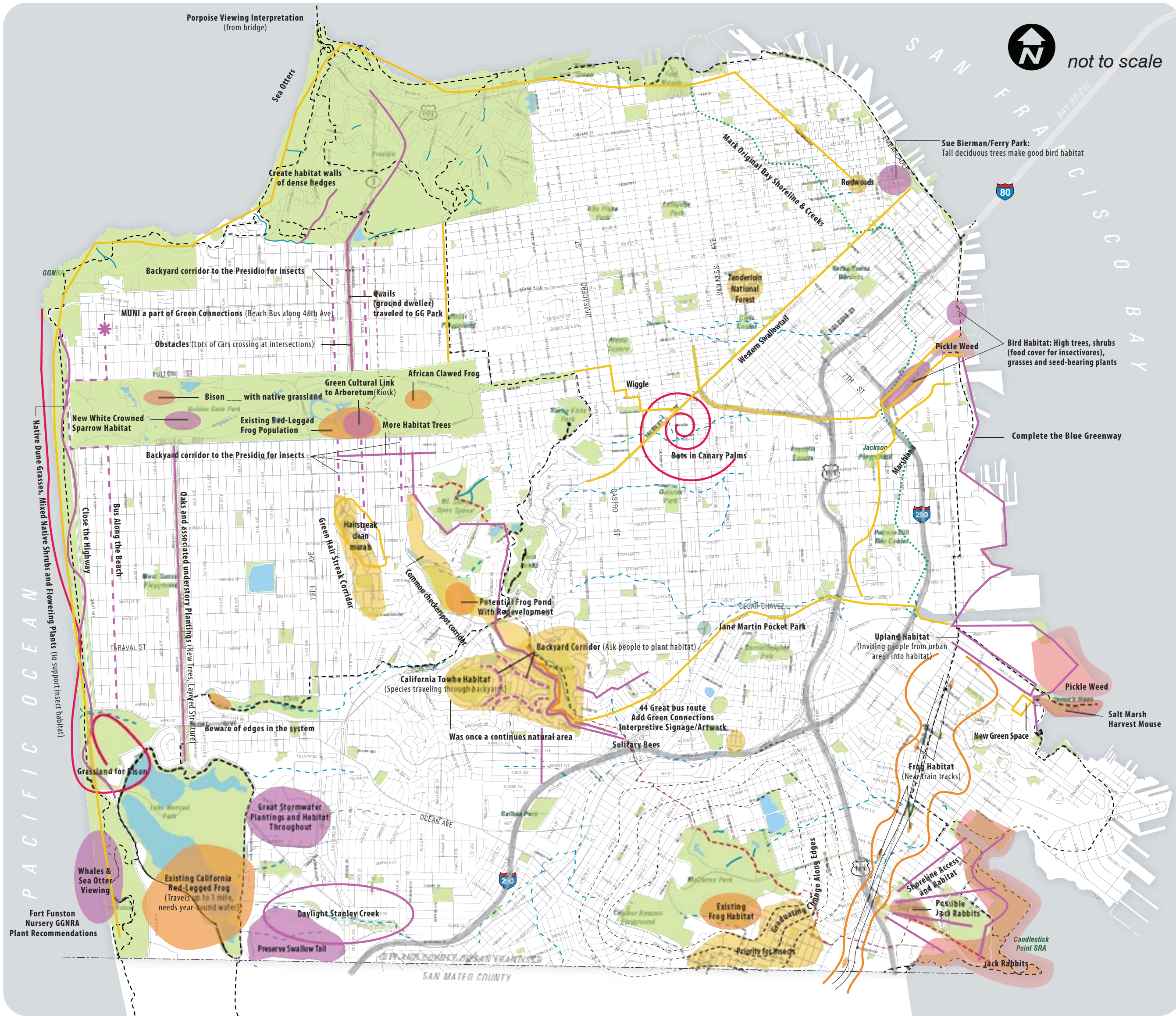
- Qualities that make you choose a street to walk along:**

 - “Cozy”
 - Trees
 - 4-way stops (“not lights”)
 - 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
 - Timed 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.



Ecology Thinktank Summary

- Bird Path
- Backyard Bird Path
- Bird Patch
- Herpetile Path
- Herpetile Patch
- Insect Path
- Insect Patch
- Mammal Path
- Mammal Patch
- Cultural/Other Path
- Cultural/Other Patch
- Current Creeks
- Historic Creeks
- Existing and Planned Trails
- Conceptual Cross-town Trail Connections
- Water
- Parks and Open Space

WHAT WE HEARD...

- “Stewardship is critical to success”
- “Generally good design for habitat includes appropriate planting for food, breeding, habitation and protection of target species.”
- “Key considerations when locating corridors for more sensitive wildlife include: building on existing pockets of habitat (such as mission creek, heron’s head, the presidio) and insuring that the corridor does not present more risks than benefits”
- “Other interventions include sculptures and street furniture that serves a habitat function—bee hotels or planters on top of soil that create a moist home for herps and insects.”



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Online Survey. 450 Participants. February to June 2012.

