

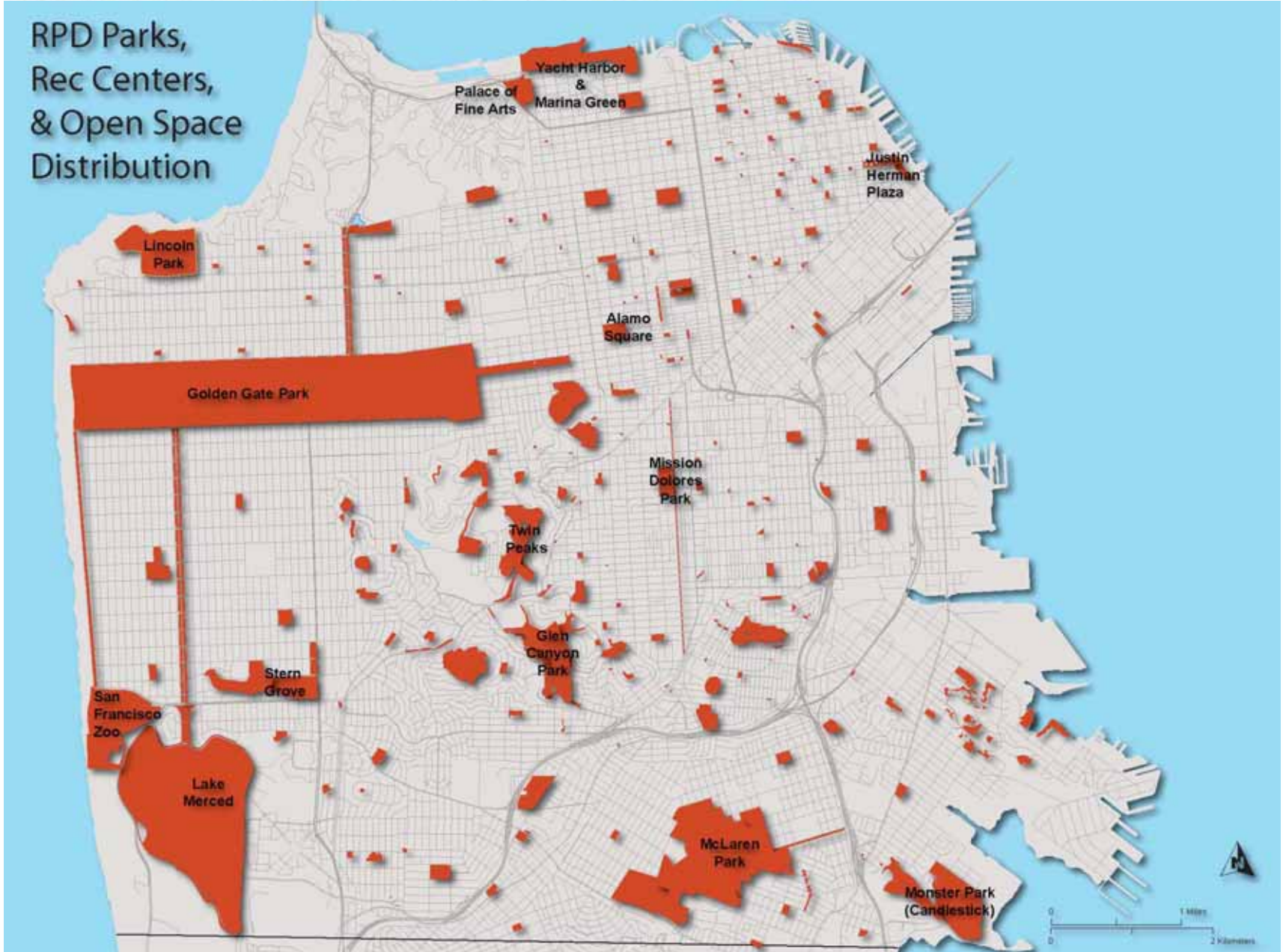


MEETING THE OPEN SPACE CHALLENGES OF THE FUTURE

PART I: WHAT WE HAVE NOW

Mayor's Open Space Task Force | January 31, 2008

RPD Parks, Rec Centers, & Open Space Distribution



RPD Summary of OS Assets

- Over 3,370 acres of open space
 - 1,030 acres GGP
 - 410 acres Sharp Park
 - 610 acres Lake Merced (transitioning to PUC)
 - 370 acres for McLaren/Crocker Amazon
 - 1,360 acres in all other parks
- Over 230 parks, and 400 buildings – including recreation centers, clubhouses, stadiums, swimming pools, etc
- Yacht Harbor to mini-park to skate park – full spectrum of recreation and open spaces

Challenges & Opportunities: Maintenance

Staffing

- Workload analysis revealed deficit of 200 gardeners
- Interagency collaboration
 - Ensure that park designs generated by other agencies will be easy to maintain and care for
- Stewardship
 - Need to foster new innovative partnerships with communities and businesses to help care for park properties – both capital and maintenance
- Prioritize Capital
 - Limited maintenance resources requires prioritization of capital needs – can't take care of everything equally

Challenges & Opportunities: Capital

- Limited capital funding resources – must develop a capital funding “toolkit”
 - GO Bonds
 - State/Federal Grants
 - Impact Fees
 - Philanthropy
 - CBDs, BIDs, landscape assessments
- New Open Spaces on the Horizon
 - Eastern Neighborhoods – open space critical to quality of life
 - Treasure Island
 - Bayview Hunter’s Point/Candlestick

Open Space Assets of the SFPUC

This map illustrates all of the lands owned by the SFPUC in the City and County of San Francisco. I will focus on just 3 larger parcels.

Total acreage of the 3 parcels is 673 acres, including 300 acres of water at Lake Merced



SF PUC

Attributes and Facilities

- Open Space
- Trail possibilities
- Natural Areas
- Endangered and protected species
- Trails – some paved, some “social”
- Picnic areas
- Fresh water lake
- Urban fishery
- Boating
- Public restrooms and other amenities

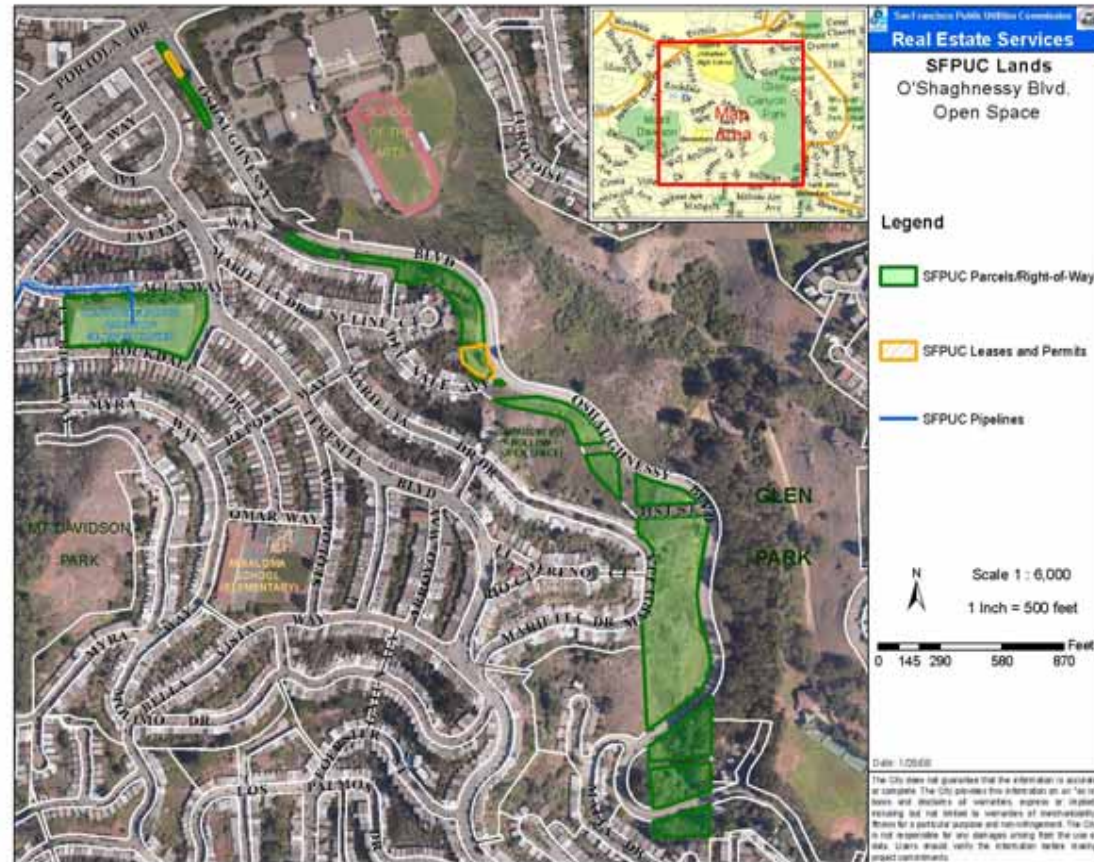
Funding Resources

- Revenue from rates, grants, bonds, etc.
- Community support for grants

Opportunities (and Challenges)

O'Shaughnessey Blvd. - 12.25 Acres

- Currently Zoned "OPEN SPACE"
- Full CEQA review needed if any modifications are to be made
- May be endangered or protected species



Opportunities (and Challenges)

Laguna Honda

41.99 Acres

- Trail potential
- Native plants
- Sensitive habitat
- Steep slope
- Safety
- Maintenance
- Poison Oak



Opportunities (and Challenges)



Lake Merced

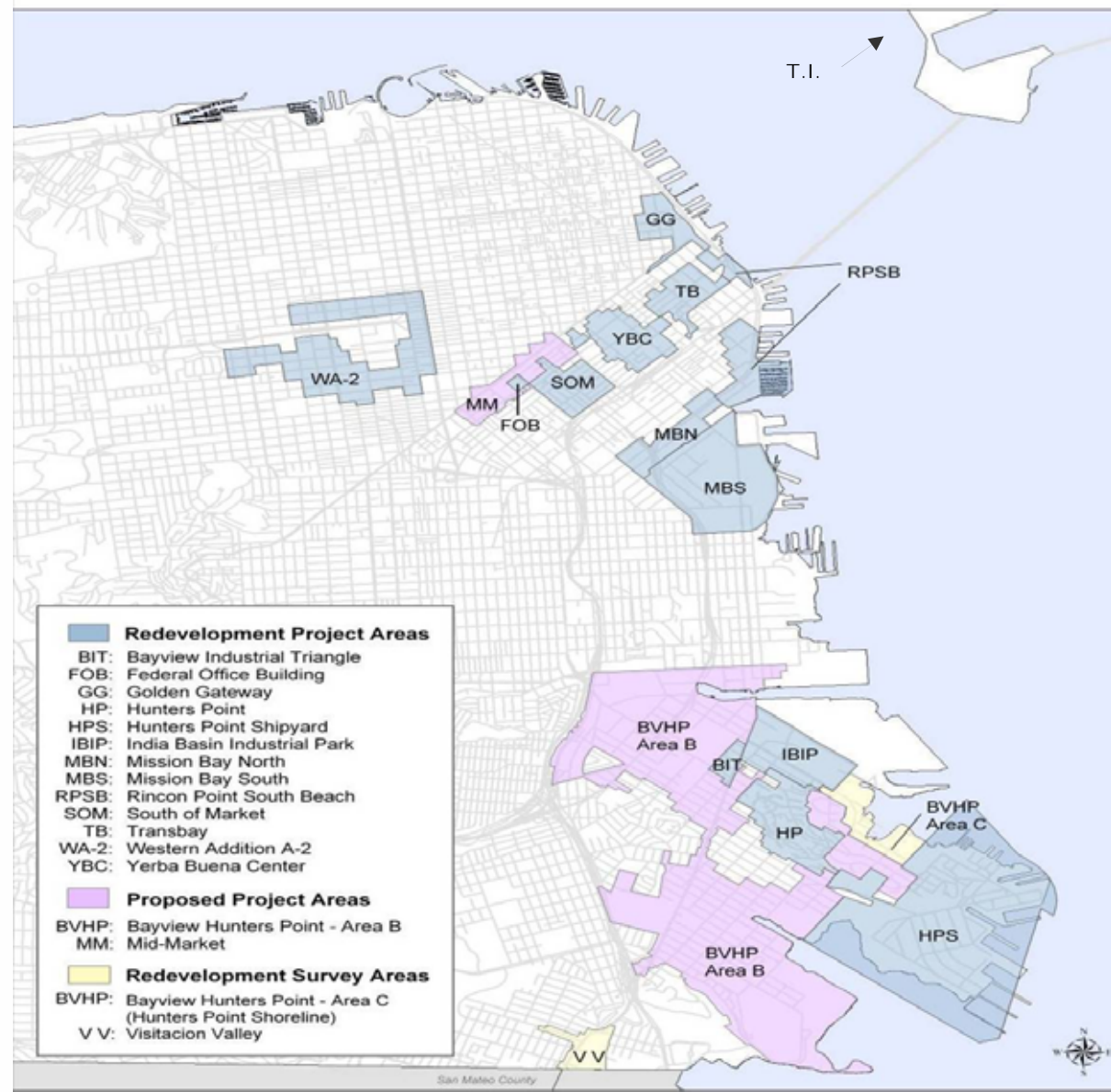
618.82 Acres (including water)

- Watershed Planning
- Boating
- Fishing
- Birding
- Natural Areas
- Trails
- Picnicking
- Programming and Management
- Maintenance
- Access

SF REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

San Francisco Redevelopment Agency

- Redevelopment Areas
- Survey Areas



SFRA Developed Open Space

Project Area	Acres
▪ Bayview Hunters Point	15
▪ Golden Gateway	12
▪ Mission Bay	20 (includes UCSF)
▪ Rincon Point/South Beach	19
▪ Yerba Buena Center	11
TOTAL DEVELOPED:	78 acres

SFRA Planned Open Space

Project/Survey Area	Acres
▪ Hunters Point Shipyard Phase I	26
▪ Candlestick Pt./ HPSY Phase II	425
▪ Mission Bay	31
▪ Transbay	7
▪ Visitation Valley	3
TOTAL PLANNED:	492 acres
▪ Treasure Island*	300

* Under the purview of the Treasure Island Development Authority

Yerba Buena Gardens



Mission Bay



Candlestick Pt./Hunters Pt. Shipyard



SFRA Funding Sources

- For Development
 - Tax Increment
 - Mello Roos Community Facilities Districts
 - Developer payments

- For Maintenance
 - Lease revenues
 - Developer payments
 - Mello Roos



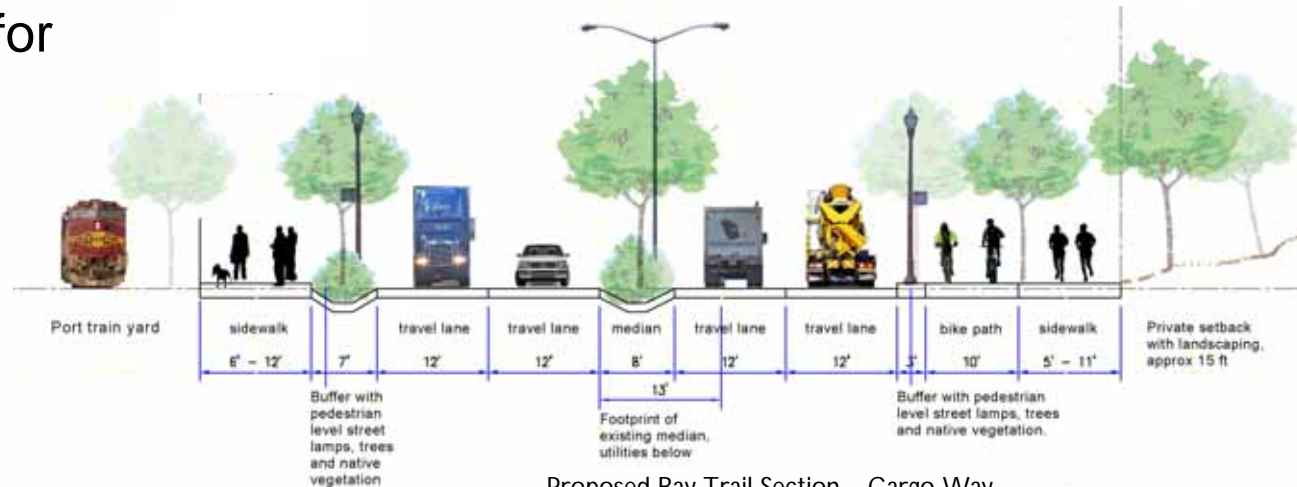
South Beach Park



Rincon Park

Opportunities and Challenges

- Integration with other City departments
 - Mapping & GIS -- data
 - Programming
 - Future maintenance
- Bay Trail connections
 - Funding for gaps
- Key Lesson:
 - Identify funding for maintenance in advance



Proposed Bay Trail Section – Cargo Way

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS



Agenda

- What is the Street Parks Program?
- Areas included in Street Parks Program
 - Public Rights-of-Way
 - Unaccepted Streets
 - Center Island Medians
 - Public Rights-of-Way Triangles
 - Unaccepted Street Stairways
- The Partnership between DPW & SF Parks Trust
- Benefits of the Street Parks Program





Street Parks Program

- Street Parks are community-run public open-space gardens located on public rights-of-way that are developed and maintained by local residents.
- The Department of Public Works' Bureau of Urban Forestry began the Street Parks Program in 2004. It currently functions as a partnership between DPW and the nonprofit land trust, San Francisco Parks Trust.



Public Rights-of-Way



- The area across, along, beneath, in, on, over, under, upon, and within the dedicated public alleys, boulevards, courts, lanes, roads, sidewalks, spaces, streets, and ways within the City, as they now exist or hereafter will exist and which are or will be under the permitting jurisdiction of the Department of Public Works. (Public Works Code, 2007)





Unaccepted Streets



- Any public right-of-way that has not been built to City standards, nor has the Board of Supervisors accepted it for maintenance



Center Island Medians



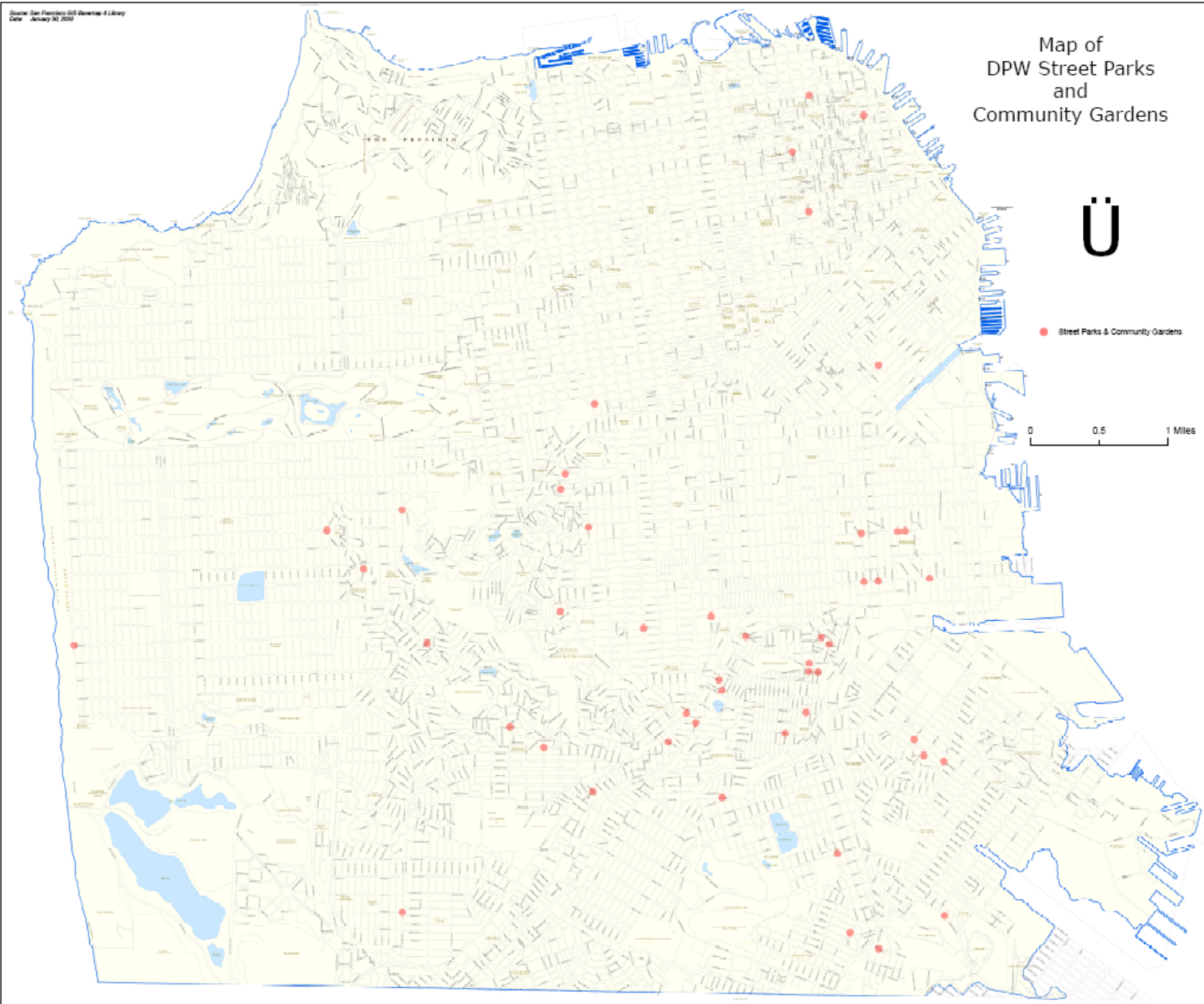
Public Right-of-Way Triangles



Unaccepted Street Stairways



Source: San Francisco GIS Research & Library
Date: January 30, 2008



DPW Partnership with SF Parks Trust

DPW Provides:

- Outreach
- Permits
- Street Vacations
- Design & Construction
- Horticultural & technical advice
- Wood chips, water, etc.
- Clean-up help



SF Parks Trust Provides:

- Outreach
- Permit holder
- Conditional landowner in public trust
- Neighborhood group management
- Fundraising
- Education
- Liability coverage
- In-kind donors





Benefits of Street Parks

- Transforms vacant lots into garden-parks and trash and illegal dumping into greenery
- Supports and enhances public land use
- Supports community control of and engagement in local green open spaces



Additional Benefits



- Supports City efforts to maintain public rights-of-way
- Makes a statement to others about the community's long-term commitment to the area and to preserving open land in the neighborhood
- Creates long-term opportunities for local non-profits to expand programs that include gardening or park activities



Benefits Continued

- Beautifies the neighborhood
- Enhances the value of neighborhood properties
- Builds community
- Provides recreation
- Is fun and rewarding



Department of Public Works Great Streets Program

- Currently: 11 funded Streetscape Improvement Projects
- Typical improvements: Street tree planting, sidewalk extensions/bulb-outs, lighting upgrades, site furnishings, public art

