

Grassroots Environmental



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• Question → How does OS. initiative affect the G.P.?

CARGILL

- Sierra Club supports the initiative. Restore site as wetlands.
- How does City pay for restoration? Bair Island has taken 10 years.
- 50/50 plan: Cargill would pay for restoration.
- Docketown is an example of balance of nature & housing
- Possible recreation uses

- Wetlands great for CO₂ sequestration
- Cargill site is intimately tied to entire Bay. Return to the balance that has been removed from the Bay.
- Infrastructure & maintenance costs on east side of SR 101 can't be recouped. Risk outweighs benefit.
- Bair Island restoration is a unique undertaking and thus more costly. Cargill site would be easier.
- RWC should be a steward for its portion of the Bay.
- Sierra Club supports recreational use.

- Levee maintenance would be expensive. Legislation (recent) requires cities to pay for any damages resulting from levee failure.
- Unfair to pass liabilities/costs on to future generations. Unfair to pass insurance costs on to all homeowners.
- Focus growth where it makes sense and where infrastructure exists.
- How much of RWC might be under water? Show an impact map.
- Levee height needs can't be known.
- Bay mud very unstable for buildings. Differential settling = significant concern

RWC'S ASSETS

- TREES, BUT NOT WELL CARED FOR
- CREEKS, BUT UNDERUTILIZED; DAYLIGHT THEM
- PARKS → BUT MAINTENANCE AND PATROLS NEEDED. ALSO OVERCROWDED
- SUNSHINE & WIND → HARNESS THE POWER
- WATERFRONT & SEA LIFE
- HETCH-HETCHY EASEMENT → TRAIL, WITH TIE-IN TO CREEKS
- POSSIBILITY OF CREATING NEW BIKE/PED OPPORTUNITIES

- TRAINS ARE GREAT, BUT MORE TRANSIT OPTIONS AND BETTER GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION
 - SHUTTLE TO BAY SIDE
- GREAT CLIMATE FOR DIVERSE VEGETATION; ATTRACTS WILDLIFE, ABSORBS CARBON
- BIKEABILITY ON FLATLANDS
- DIVERSITY & OUR KIDS, BUT RR DIVIDES
- EDGEWOOD PARK
- BAY → POTENTIAL FOR ENTERTAINMENT
- HISPANIC CULTURE; MIDDLEFIELD
- MIDDLEFIELD → NEEDS A ROAD DIET (INDUSTRIAL ROAD IS GOOD EXAMPLE)

