

Redwood City Inner Harbor Draft Guiding Principles
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VISION: Overarching Themes

- Connect Redwood City to the water's edge.
- Create a unique and vibrant neighborhood destination on the bay.
- Value and enhance the natural environment.
- Serve as a regional model for waterfront communities and adaptation to sea level rise.
- Celebrate and preserve Redwood City's heritage.

Guiding Principles

1. Accommodate a mix of habitat, recreational, educational, residential, and commercial uses in the Inner Harbor.
2. Create a day/night environment that is safe and enjoyable for residents, employees, and visitors.
3. Develop strong visual and circulation linkages from Downtown and other areas into the Inner Harbor.
4. Prioritize use of the waterfront for public-oriented and water-dependent uses and activities.
5. Provide recreation and open space amenities in the Inner Harbor in support of the citywide adopted parkland standard.
6. Preserve existing and accommodate new floating communities.
7. Insist upon quality architecture, streetscapes, public place improvements, and other "placemaking" features that define the Inner Harbor.
8. Respond creatively and appropriately to projected sea level rise; include use of sustainable and adaptable approaches—such as floating walkways and floating structures—for land use and infrastructure improvements.
9. Promote recreational uses that accommodate human- and wind-powered watercraft.

10. Emphasize and enhance boater access to Redwood Creek and the Bay for recreation and educational purposes.
11. Provide for new and improved pedestrian, bicycle, transit, and auto connections between the Inner Harbor and Downtown Redwood City, and between the Inner Harbor and adjacent developed areas along the Bay.
12. Complete the Bay Trail connection through the Inner Harbor.
13. Incorporate marine and freshwater wetlands areas within or near the Inner Harbor plan area as habitat and for education.
14. Accommodate educational use amenities such as museum exhibits and hands-on learning labs that feature historic Redwood City and local flora/fauna/habitat.
15. Require private development to include community benefits—either on-site or within the Inner Harbor—such as open space accessible to the public, recreation areas, trails, docks, water access, affordable housing, community services, habitat, or as determined by the City Council.
16. Incorporate historic features and references to City history into the overall composition of the Inner Harbor area, and into new buildings and public spaces.
17. Plan for land use and circulation compatibility with adjacent institutional, industrial, and port-dependent uses.