

3.1. THE VISION FOR REDWOOD CITY'S INNER HARBOR

To create a unique and vibrant neighborhood and destination on the Bay, and to connect Redwood City to its water's edge in a manner that values and enhances the natural environment, serves as a regional model for waterfront communities and adaptation to sea level rise, and celebrates and preserves Redwood City's heritage.

3.2. GUIDING PRINCIPLES

These Guiding Principles support the Vision Statement and advise Inner Harbor's transformation.

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.

3.3. THE FUTURE INNER HARBOR

The Inner Harbor Specific Plan plans for the future of the Inner Harbor and its unique role in Redwood City. Upon crossing the Maple Street Bridge or traveling west on Blomquist Street, Inner Harbor visitors will recognize that they are in a special place, like no other in Redwood City nor the San Francisco Peninsula. Inner Harbor will be Redwood City’s “front yard” and gateway to the waterfront. Inner Harbor will be a Bayfront neighborhood with many possibilities—new bayside homes; a new floating home community; new employment center set in a campus-like setting; enhanced and restored wetlands; active parks; walking, biking, and watercraft trails and paths; water-oriented recreational activities; and a possible

wetland or water-oriented nature center. Inner Harbor will continue to be the site of the Redwood City Police Department headquarters and the County’s Maple Street Correctional Facility.

Blomquist Street will extend west, travel through a placemaking roundabout at Maple Street, and cross Redwood Creek to connect Seaport Boulevard and the One Marina neighborhood. The enhanced Maple Street Bridge will provide for pedestrian and bicycle travel and terminate at its intersection with Blomquist Street roundabout. A new two-way lane will provide vehicle access to the waterfront parks and Steinberger Slough.

Pedestrian amenities will include walkways and paths throughout the Inner Harbor neighborhood and provide access to the water’s edge, open spaces, and plazas.