



East Third Avenue / Windsurf Park Site Improvements: Final Programmatic Report (AMENDED)

Recipient Organization/Agency: City of Foster City

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Project Period: 2/04/2013 to 7/31/2015

Award Amount: \$60,000

Matching Contributions: \$60,000

Total Disbursements: \$60,000

Project Number: # 8006.12.033209

1. Summary of Accomplishments

Site Improvements at East Third Avenue are completed and projected closed out. Primary objectives were to install a bathroom and new turf rigging areas. Those primary goals were accomplished as well as environmental work that including site grading and drainage, installation of site utilities, site and levee signage, parking lot striping and seal, drinking fountain, site furniture, dog bag dispenser, and additional landscaping.

All of the site improvements are benefits to the public, ultimately enhancing the space. Since the improvements, there has been an overall increase in park use by all recreational groups: water sports, passers-by, dog walkers, resting on a bench and taking in the view, etc. There are many positive reports with the installation of a permanent bathroom (not a portable toilet).

2. Project Activities & Outcomes

Activities

Initial environmental work to address storm water run-off and drainage requirements as well as location of utility installation were major factors driving the start of the project. Once those components were complete, installation of the turf rigging areas, bathroom, and additional site fixtures went quickly and smoothly.

There were no discrepancies between the activities conducted for the project and the activities agreed upon in the contract.

Benefits

As described in the project proposal, there was significant collaboration among users groups to provide an enhanced space for all Bay Trail users. The project addresses the interests of many park users with the installation of the turf rigging areas and outdoor rinse station. Added site improvements for the benefit of all users include the installation of a permanent bathroom, pedway striping, enhanced site furniture, signage, and landscaping.

The results of the site improvements were not unexpected but more confirmation of the things we anticipated. For example, could the project have also included enhancements to the ramp to the Bay; maybe down the road we can... The lesson here was that after many projects, there is comment about additional improvements. Overall the energy and excitement for the project have been excellent and the end result well-received.

3. The Future

The future for this site is getting the community to buy into “pride of ownership”. Because the water sport community often puts stickers on signs or is self-directed in putting additional barriers (despite cautionary pedway striping) to slow bike traffic, there are challenges in maintaining the gem of the new facilities. While these occurrences are fairly infrequent, it is discouraging after spending over \$800,000 on a project to see it misused.

There are hopes of eventually utilizing the site to host a regional event as the site has amenities to support a small event.

4. Lessons Learned

There were a lot of moving parts to this project. What looked like a straightforward project on the surface required much more preparation to result in the final improvements. Environmental work and location of utilities required significant investigation and time. Engineered structural drawings of the retaining wall that ultimately led to the raised bathroom and additional ADA requirements were other project components that were not as straightforward as initially thought. Overall, it was an excellent result with many agencies working together to complete an enhanced community amenity.

5. Project Documents

- Photos included below.

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Photographs



Image 1: Close up of a deteriorated and flooded carpet rigging area at the north end of the windsurf park site, prior to the project.



Image 2: Overview of the north end of the windsurf park site after the project. Synthetic turf installation at far end of photo was funded through the NFWF grant. Other amenities pictured, but not funded through the grant, include: drainage improvements throughout the turf area and parking lot; new restroom and outdoor rinse station; landscaping; slurry sealed and restriped parking lot; levee striping to caution of pedestrians; and a BBQ and picnic table.



Image 3: Close up of a deteriorated and flooded carpet rigging area at the south end of the windsurf park site, prior to the project.



Image 4: Overview of the south end of the windsurf park site after the project. Synthetic turf installation at far end of photo was funded through the NFWF grant. Other amenities pictured, but not funded through the grant, include: drainage throughout the turf area and parking lot; new restroom and outdoor rinse station; landscaping; slurry sealed and restriped parking lot; levee striping to caution of pedestrians; and a BBQ and picnic table.