

Brickyard Cove Acacia Removal

The Regional Parks Found was founded to support the mission of the East Bay Regional Parks District through fundraising to provide universal access, environmental stewardship, educational and recreational programs and the acquisition of parklands. Strawberry Creek flows through the central campus of University of California, Berkeley (UCB) and discharges into San Francisco Bay.

Approximately 4,000 square feet of invasive black acacia trees (*Acacia melanoxylon*) were removed from the outfall of Strawberry Creek to the San Francisco Bay at Brickyard Cove, Berkeley, Alameda County, CA. The project site is part of the Eastshore State Park, managed by EBRPD. Removal of acacia trees facilitated ongoing habitat restoration efforts at the site. This project was one of three projects aimed at mitigating the effects of a diesel fuel oil spill that occurred on the UCB campus in December 2011. Approximately 850 gallons of diesel fuel entered Strawberry Creek and a portion of the spill reached as far as the San Francisco Bay at the Brickyard Cove outfall.

The removal of invasive black acacia at this site allows for progress in habitat restoration efforts ongoing along the San Francisco Bay Shore at portions of the McLaughlin Eastshore State Park. This project was overseen by EBRPD and was conducted in partnership with Friends of Five Creeks.



Topographic map of acacia removal location