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Last Chance for the General Plan Phase 2 Update

[Share with us](#) your thoughts and ideas about what your neighborhood needs! How should Oakland plan for housing and jobs? What should the City focus on to make transportation, parks, and recreation even better? [Complete the survey and let us know](#). The Phase 2 Survey is open until October 31, 5pm. Read more at the end of this newsletter.

Take the Survey Now

Environmental Stewardship



These are exciting times for environmental stewardship at Civicorps!

Civicorps is diving into new conservation careers thanks to a new Career Pathways Grant from Parks California. This initiative is designed to pave the way for Corpsmembers like Oakland resident Tommy Kauffman, who has shown remarkable leadership and dedication during his time with Civicorps. Tommy was recently accepted into a year-long Facilities Maintenance Internship at Mt. Diablo State Park. The skills and experience gained through this internship and additional quarterly crew trainings will enable Corpsmembers to better understand and pursue permanent, sustainable positions at State Parks. Click to learn more about the [Career Pathways Grant program](#), and about Civicorps' [Conservation Career Pathways program](#).



Oakland Creek to Bay Day 2024 Recap

The City extends our sincere gratitude to all the volunteers who came out to Creek to Bay Day! You were part of an enormous effort and joined our community at 35 sites across Oakland to steward our watershed. We estimate that 650 volunteers worked together to gather 4,692 gallons of trash and 3,927 bags of green waste!!

Visit <https://www.oaklandca.gov/topics/creek-to-bay> to see photos of the day's events taken by our volunteers and staff, along with event activity numbers!

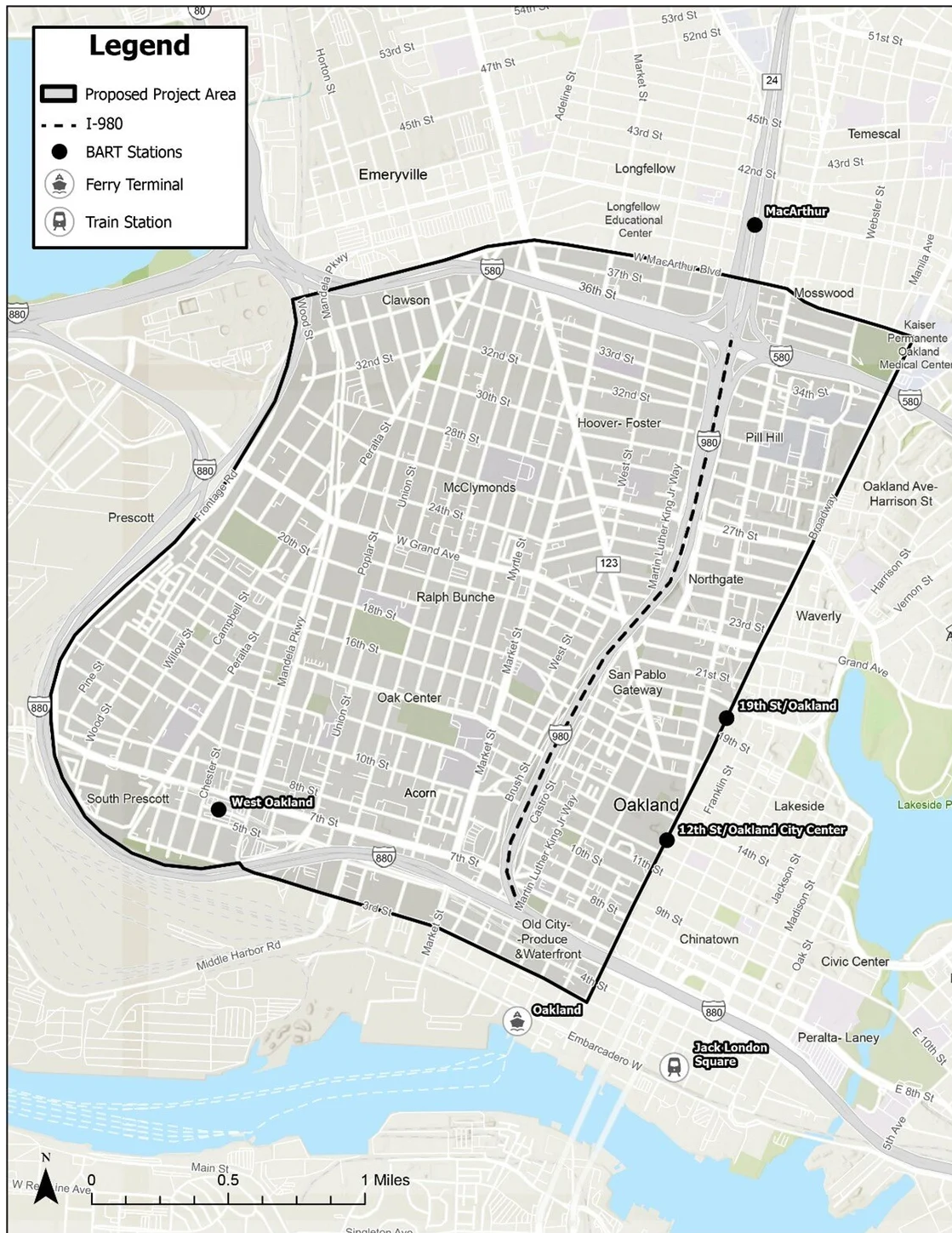
Visit <https://www.oaklandca.gov/topics/environmental-stewardship> to learn how you can serve your community year-round by Adopting a Spot. Volunteers with Adopt-a-Spot and Adopt-a-Drain can get City support to care for and maintain public spaces in Oakland.



Adopt-a-Drain Before the Rain!

With the start of Fall comes the start of our rainy season. You can help reduce flooding and keep trash out of our waterways by adopting a storm drain and keeping it clean and clear! The City of Oakland's Environmental Stewardship Team provides tools, supplies, and debris-bag pick-up for Adopt-a-Drain volunteers. Remember to *"Clear the drain before the rain"* and report storm drain maintenance needs to Oak311! Visit Oaklandca.gov/AdoptADrain to adopt one or more storm drains in your neighborhood or near your workplace.

Transportation



Vision 980: Share your Input, Shape your Future

Caltrans has announced two ways to get involved with the Vision980 Study. Please engage and amplify as you are able! The I-980 freeway is a barrier to travel and economic opportunities between Downtown Oakland and the historically Black neighborhood of West Oakland. Acknowledging past injustices to underserved communities and seeking to repair harm, Caltrans has launched the Vision 980 Study to reimagine the possibilities for the I-980 corridor. We need your help! In this early stage there are two ways to get involved:

- Click [here](#) to take the short survey to share your priorities
- Click [here](#) to register for the October 2nd Virtual Community Workshop starting at 6:00 PM

Learn more [here](#)

Buildings & Energy

Electrification announcements and incentives

The California Energy Commission (CEC) announced that applications are open for the first phase of the Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates (HEEHRA) program, part of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). This program offers \$80 million in rebates to owners and agents of multifamily buildings for electrification upgrades, such as heat pumps, aimed at improving energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Single-family homeowners will soon be able to apply for similar rebates. The CEC is partnering with TECH Clean California to distribute the funds, focusing on low-income and disadvantaged communities. Additionally, the Home Efficiency Rebates (HOMES) program will soon launch, offering funding for energy retrofits for homes. These programs are part of a larger federal and state effort to reduce climate change impacts through building decarbonization and promote energy equity across California.

Zero Waste



City of Oakland Announces Advanced Manufacturing Partnership

Oakland City leaders, local manufacturing businesses, and community leaders announced a special local partnership between Oaklandish, Artefact, and Kay Chesterfield that showcases Oakland's diverse and growing manufacturing sector. As part of Manufacturing Month, these local Oakland manufacturers hosted an exclusive VIP tour to showcase a new state-of-the-art bio-composite manufacturing system capable of producing new products as part of the circular economy, in which waste is converted into useable products. Artefact is collaborating with Oaklandish to debut a new line of eyewear this holiday season, using fabric scraps from Oaklandish and Kay Chesterfield operations that would otherwise wind up in landfill. The eyewear design collaboration will leverage the iconic designs and brand values of Oaklandish and Artefact's novel new materials and manufacturing.

Oakland has become the center of climate technology innovation in the Bay Area, including the location of many federal and state funded climate startups located in an around the American Steel hub, working in such critical areas as new battery technologies, carbon dioxide capture and storage, and low or negative emission concrete production. Artefact's production partnership producing low impact and high value products shows how even small, local businesses and workers will benefit from the climate tech advancements coming out of Oakland.

Five Fruitvale Restaurants Adopt Dine-In Reusables

With technical assistance and support from ReThink Disposable and the Unity Council, Emil's Burger and Breakfast, Hogar Panaderia Y Restaurant, La Torta Loca, Parra's, and Powderface made the switch (back) to dine-in reusables, ahead of the [City's reusable ordinance](#) which mandates reusables for all dine-in food service starting July 1, 2025. Collectively, the five Fruitvale restaurants **reduced single-use disposable waste by over 187,000 individual pieces and over 3,240 pounds** annually. In addition, after an average payback period of 2.74 months, the group of restaurants will **save over \$10,000 every year** by purchasing fewer disposables.

Learn more about how these Fruitvale restaurants made the switch by reading the [case study from ReThink Disposable](#).

Announcements



Add Your Voice to the General Plan Update

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Thanks for a Great Phase 2 Kickoff

Thank you to everyone that attended our virtual and in-person kickoff events. We received many thoughtful comments and questions during the webinar and had a lot of fun playing General Plan bingo and talking to folks about their neighborhood at the Oakland Museum. It was great connecting with you all and hearing about your experiences and ideas for making our city better.

Materials from the virtual kickoff are now available on our website, including the presentation and meeting recording, results from the zoom polls, and a Q+A report.

More engagement events coming up soon, stay tuned, and be sure to email generalplan@oaklandca.gov with any suggestions or comments.

Questions?

For more information, visit the [General Plan Update website](#) or please contact Joanna Winter at generalplan@oaklandca.gov.

If your organization would like to have relevant community events or opportunities posted here, please email us at climate@oaklandca.gov.



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