

DE ANZA NATURAL PLAN



What is De Anza Natural?

De Anza Cove, located in the northeast corner of Mission Bay Park, is home to a variety of important community-serving amenities including wetlands, nature-based camping, and passive and active recreation uses. De Anza Natural amends the Mission Bay Park Master Plan to revitalize and enhance De Anza Cove, incorporating nature-based solutions to create a more resilient space that can be enjoyed into the future as sea level rises. Reflecting the input of many stakeholders over the development of the amendment, De Anza Natural plans for:

- Over 140 acres of new wetlands that will provide new habitat, improve water quality, and further the City's climate action and resilience goals;
- New low-cost visitor accommodations, providing access to affordable overnight coastal accommodations, camping, boating, and nature across 48.5 acres;
- Improved community serving recreational opportunities that maintains active recreation acreage that serves over 200,000 users per year and offers community-based recreational facilities for a growing population.

On May 14, 2024, the City Council unanimously approved De Anza Natural following extensive public testimony. The adopted plan is available for review on the [City Planning Department website](#).

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What is Next?

California
Coastal
Commission

As part of the City's Local Coastal Program, De Anza Natural must be submitted to the California Coastal Commission for review and certification. The City Planning Department will submit De Anza Natural in late Summer 2024, and review by the Coastal Commission and their staff is expected to take approximately one year. If the Coastal Commission requires changes, De Anza Natural would be conditionally certified pending City Council adoption of the Coastal Commission's modifications.

City Council
Adoption of
Modifications

If the Coastal Commission conditionally certifies De Anza Natural with modifications, those modifications must be heard and adopted by the City Council within six months. Once the City Council adopts the Coastal Commission's modifications, De Anza Natural must return to the Coastal Commission for final certification, which typically occurs within 1-2 months. Once unconditionally certified by the Coastal Commission, De Anza Natural will be final and in effect.

General
Development
Plan

Once De Anza Natural is final, implementation of the plan will begin with the General Development Plan (or GDP) process, which is initiated by the Parks & Recreation Department. The GDP process is guided by [Council Policy 600-33](#), which details the public notification and outreach that will occur, and how preliminary conceptual designs lead to a preferred plan and accompanying cost estimates and schedules. A robust review of environmental issues will be part of the process. The GDP process for a park improvement of this size and complexity is anticipated to take approximately 12-30 months. Individuals and organizations interested in participating in the GDP process for De Anza Natural can monitor the [Active General Development Plans website](#) and [sign-up for email communications from the Parks & Recreation Department](#).

Permitting &
Constructuion

Based on the approved GDP plans, construction documents (suited to the budget and potential phasing) will be prepared and permitted for construction. Permitting will require additional approvals from the Coastal Commission as well as State and Federal wildlife agencies. The City will leverage various funding sources, including grant opportunities, to implement De Anza Natural and realize the recreational, conservation, resilience, and sustainability benefits of the plan.