

## **VI. PARKS AND OPEN SPACE**

### **A. Existing Parks and Community Facilities**

There is a number of existing park and community facilities within Alameda Point that are currently actively used. These facilities provide a range of benefits and uses to the community. The existing facilities within Alameda Point are as follows:

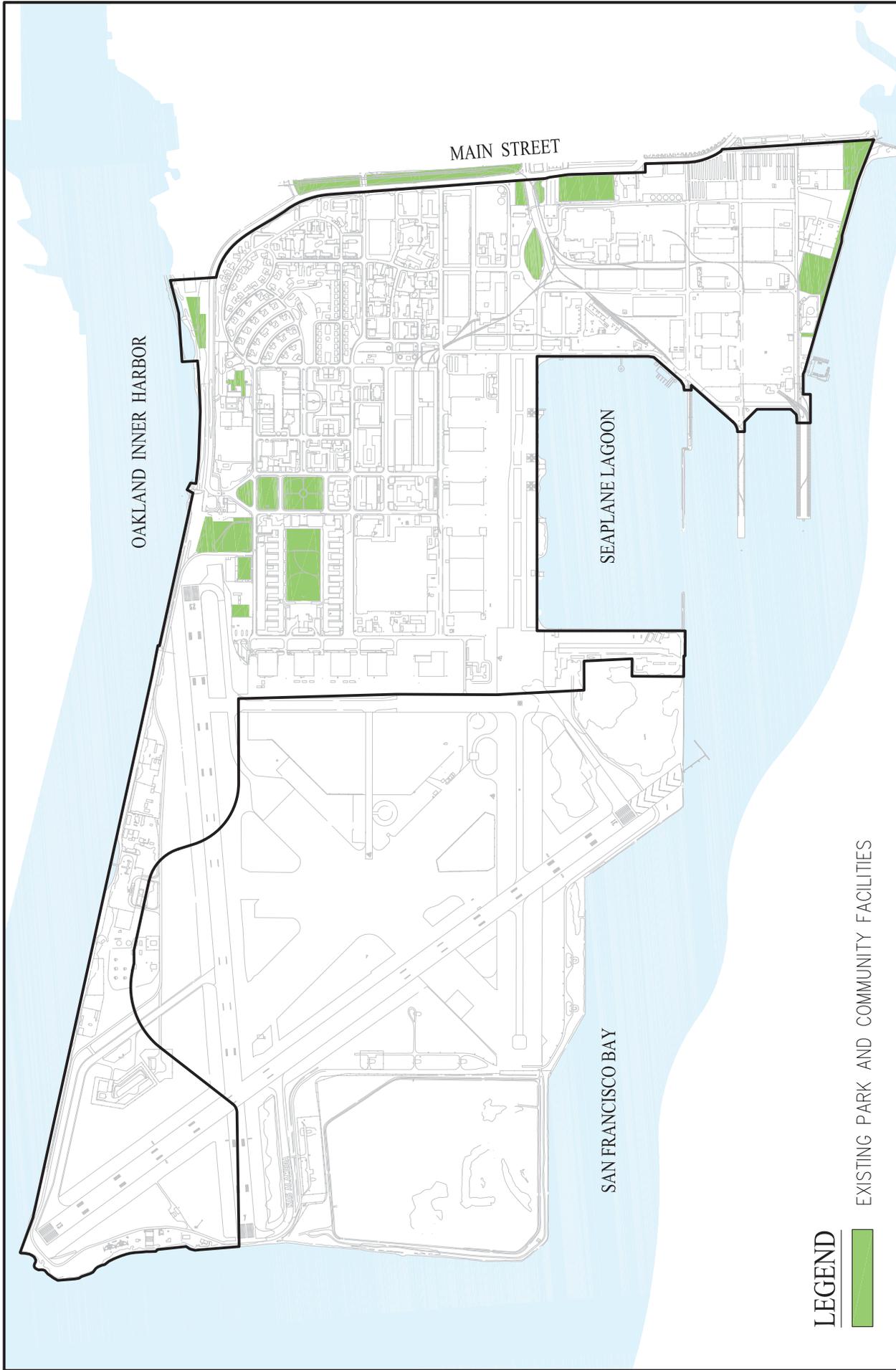
#### **1. Existing Parks & Open Space Areas**

- Alameda Point Multi-Purpose Field (W. Redline Avenue)
- City View Skate Park
- Main Street Dog Park
- Main Street Linear Park
- Main Street Soccer Field
- Hornet Soccer Field
- Lexington Street Soccer Fields
- Encinal Boat Ramp
- Parade Grounds
- Entry Monuments

#### **2. Existing Community Facilities**

- Alameda Point Gymnasium
- Albert DeWitt Officer's (O) Club

See Figure 29 depicting the locations of the various existing parks and community facilities within Alameda Point.



**LEGEND**



EXISTING PARK AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES

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**FIGURE 29  
EXISTING PARK AND  
COMMUNITY FACILITIES**



## **B. City of Alameda's Urban Greening Plan and Parks Improvement Assessment**

The City of Alameda prepared an Urban Greening Plan and Parks Improvement Assessment in 2012. This Plan defines a strategy of refinements and enhancements to the existing and proposed park system within the City of Alameda in order to meet the evolving needs of the community. This plan integrates the existing and new park improvements with a Urban Greening Plan targeted to mitigate the long-term effects of climate change and achieving a more sustainable and healthy community. Through this process the plan has established goals, standards and recommendations for the open space and park facilities at Alameda Point. These are summarized as follows:

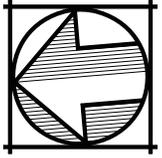
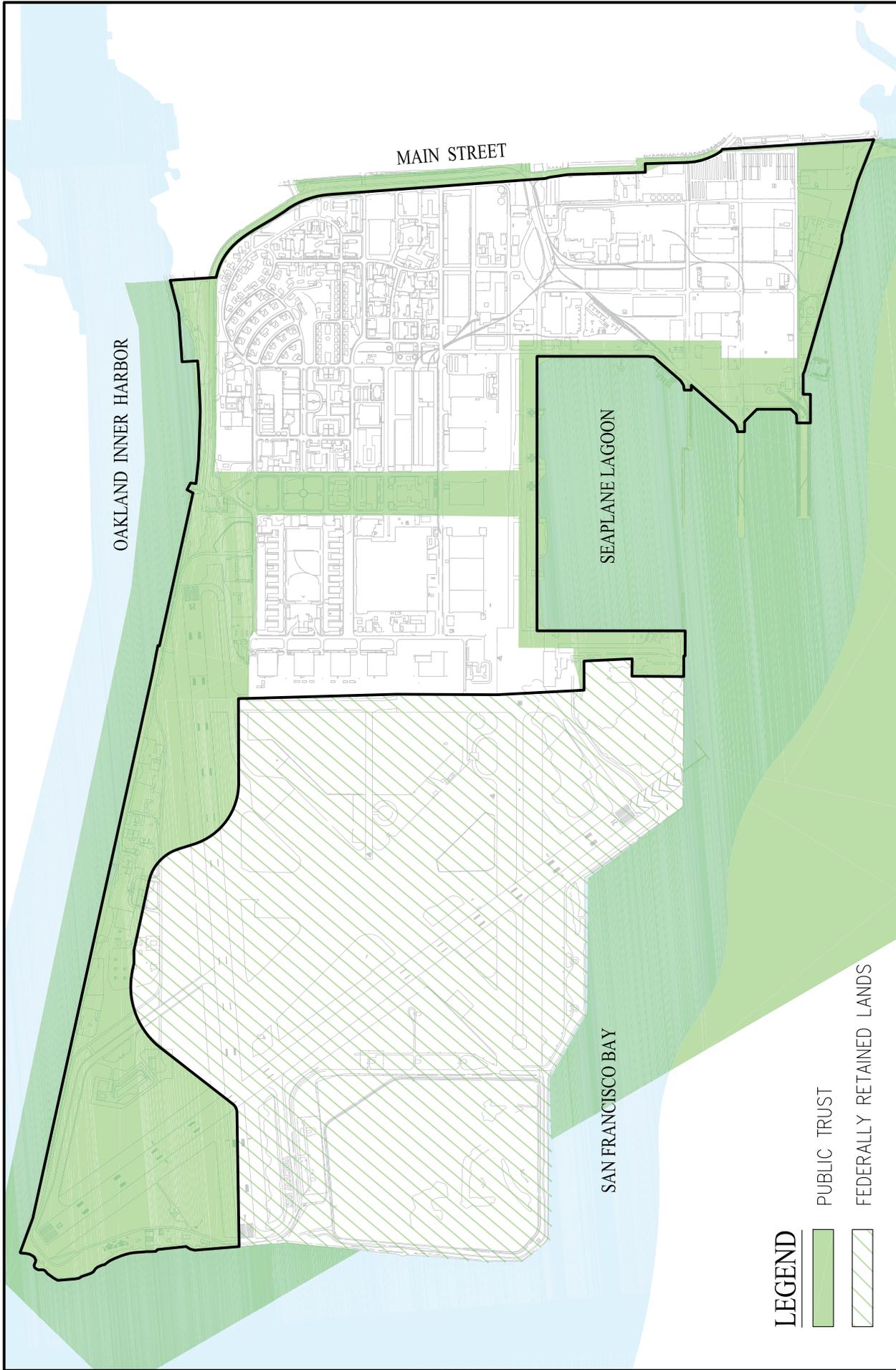
- Assign high priority to maintenance and renovation of existing parks and facilities, where feasible.
- Develop new neighborhood and community parks to achieve 3 acres of park area for each 1,000 residents.
- Develop a Regional Sports Complex that includes a variety of sports fields and uses that are a benefit to the entire community of Alameda and larger region.
- Promote public water-oriented uses within the Public Trust Areas depicted on Figure 30. These uses may include navigation, fisheries, maritime, hotels, water-oriented recreation, restaurants, visitor serving retail, parks and open space.
- Establish partnerships with public and private partners for the management of large passive parks.
- Expand access to Alameda's shoreline.
- Improve and expand the City's trail system to provide recreational opportunities and improve access to parks and shoreline.
- Upgrade parks and facilities to ADA standards to ensure accessibility for all.

## **C. Proposed Open Space Framework**

The proposed open space framework at Alameda Point is comprised of three major components: the Nature Reserve, Primary Open Spaces and Secondary Open Spaces. The redevelopment of Alameda Point will incorporate numerous parks, open space, trail and community facilities. The specific amount and timing of proposed parks, open space and community facilities to be constructed at Alameda Point are subject to future policy decisions by the City Council and will be further evaluated as part of the development impact / infrastructure fee study for Alameda Point. See Figure 31 depicting an illustrative depiction of the anticipated proposed open space system. Additional, "in-tract" or "on-site" parks are not depicted on this figure but will be constructed as part of the proposed system. The proposed facilities are outlined as follows:

### **1. Nature Reserve**

The Nature Reserve is located in the western portions of Alameda Point and is owned by the Federal Government. The Nature Reserve provides long-term protection of habitat primarily for the endangered California Least Tern and other wildlife. Public access within the Nature Reserve will be limited to a seasonal trail along the perimeter of the reserve consistent with federal requirements.

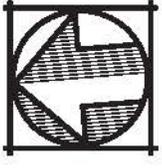
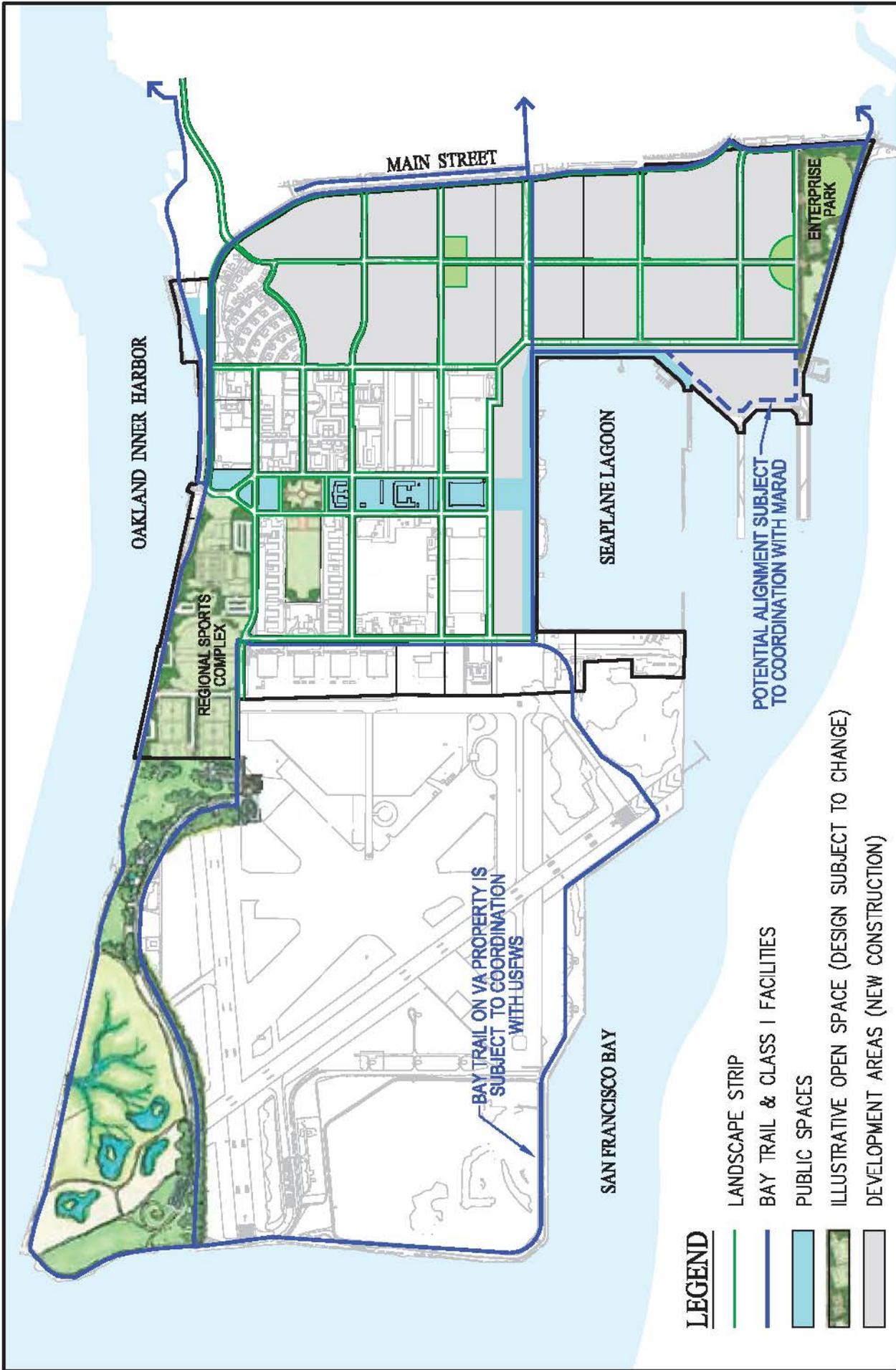


**FIGURE 30  
PUBLIC TRUST**

- LEGEND**
- PUBLIC TRUST
  - FEDERALLY RETAINED LANDS

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**FIGURE 31**  
**ILLUSTRATIVE OPEN SPACE**

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## 2. Primary Open Spaces

The Primary Open Spaces provide full public access and focus on visitor and community serving uses that support active recreational, community and social functions. The Primary Open Spaces include:

- Alameda Point Regional Sports Complex – Integrate the existing Alameda Point Multi-Purpose Field, Alameda Point Gymnasium, and City View Skate Park with additional sports fields and uses desired by the Alameda community, where feasible.
- Main Street Dog Park – Preserve this existing facility, if possible.
- Main Street Linear Park and Flood Control Channel – Preserve this existing facility.
- Enterprise Park – Integrate and upgrade the existing campground and Encinal Boat Ramp with additional open space consistent with the Public Trust.
- Lexington Street Soccer Fields – Preserve this existing facility.
- Parade Grounds – Preserve this existing historic facility.
- Neighborhood Parks – Construct new neighborhood parks to serve the residents which include a variety of elements, such as children’s play areas, picnic tables, gathering areas, community gardens, etc., especially within the Main Street Neighborhood Sub-District.
- Seaplane Lagoon Frontage – Improve a shoreline park that frames the edges of the Seaplane Lagoon. Portions of this features will be highly amenitized, including water oriented elements such as pedestrian walks, bicycle paths, vista points, seat/rest areas, etc.
- Northwest Territories – Improve this large area with passive uses such as, wetland restoration, picnic areas, trails, trailhead, etc.

## 3. Secondary Open Spaces

The Secondary Open Spaces are park areas of a smaller scale that provide environmental, agricultural and social gathering areas supporting passive recreational, social and transportation uses and provide linkages throughout the new neighborhoods. The Secondary Open Spaces include:

- Bay Trail – Construct the Bay Trail along the perimeter of the Project Site, Seaplane Lagoon, and VA Property. The portion of the Bay Trail along the perimeter of the VA Property, if open all year, will be subject to review and approval from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to ensure appropriate measures are implemented to protect endangered and sensitive species. Additionally, if the alignment of the Bay Trail near the secured premises of the MARAD Fleet moves west closer to the MARAD fleet, it will be subject to coordination with MARAD representatives.
- Main Street – Construct a Class I trail along the west side of Main Street to provide a linkage between the northern and southern shorelines.

## 4. Community Facilities

- Alameda Point Gymnasium – Preserve this existing facility and implement ADA and seismic retrofits.
- Albert DeWitt Officer’s Club – Preserve this existing facility and implement ADA and seismic retrofits.