

Eastshore State Park extends 8.5 miles along the East Bay shoreline from the Bay Bridge to Richmond. It includes 2,262 acres of uplands and tidelands along the waterfronts of Oakland, Emeryville, Berkeley, Albany, and Richmond. The Park parallels the most heavily traveled corridor in the East Bay, making it a highly visible and accessible area. Pedestrian and bicycle trails run almost the length of the Park and provide a panoramic view of the Bay.



Albany Plateau

Brad Olson

The Park reflects the influences of both natural systems and human intervention. Natural features such as tidal marshes and beaches intermingle with made-made elements such as landfills. The East Bay Regional Park District is enhancing and restoring a number of ecosystems and habitat types throughout the Park. The Albany Plateau Burrowing Owl Project will provide a protected coastal grassland habitat for burrowing owls and maintain a low intensity recreational area.

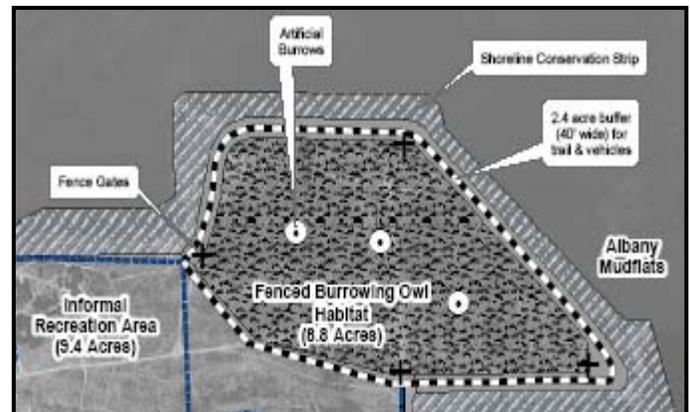
## New Habitat for the Burrowing Owl

The burrowing owl is a Species of Concern in California. Rapid development of its grassland habitat has led to a steady decline in the owl's population along with the ground squirrels that make the burrows they live in. The Albany Plateau will provide the burrowing owl with low ground cover and



Burrowing Owl

enough open space to be sustained in this urbanized area. A fence will be built around the 8.8-acre area to protect the owls. Along the outside of the fence will be a viewing trail of one-half mile. Burrows will be created inside to simulate the abandoned rodent holes the owl typically inhabits.



Restoration Plan

## Funding

Maintenance costs of \$ 25,000 over five years will be provided by the five-city (Richmond, El Cerrito, Albany, Berkeley, and Emeryville) Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) Agency to mitigate the loss of habitat from the Tom Bates Regional Sports Complex. The Playing Fields Project just south of Golden Gate Fields will provide needed soccer, softball, and baseball fields for all cities involved. The Albany Burrowing Owl Conservation Project provides improved trails and protects a declining species.

### Quick Facts

Action: Habitat Restoration  
 Size: 8.8 acres  
 Funding: \$100,000 over 5 years  
 Funding: Joint Powers Agreement  
 Target Habitats: Grassland  
 Target species: Burrowing Owl  
 Improvements: Fencing and gates, new burrows and maintenance of habitat.