Construction began on August 6, 2018 to improve habitat, public access, and the Bay Trail at the Albany Beach area of McLaughlin Eastshore State Park. New restrooms, parking and other improvements will be added, as well as nearly one mile of new San Francisco Bay Trail. The San Francisco Bay Trail is a planned 500-mile walking and cycling path around the entire San Francisco Bay. The first phase of the project was completed in 2016. It addressed shoreline erosion, created offshore habitat for birds and fish, and improved disabled access to the lower Albany Neck Trail.

Background
The project is implementing improvements identified in the 2001 McLaughlin Eastshore State Park General Plan. The plans were developed between 2010–2017, including community and stakeholder outreach and engagement and numerous public meetings and workshops. Through this process the District analyzed feasibility, analyzed the environmental effects, designed improvements, and secured environmental and construction permits.

Project Benefits
- **Accessibility:** Improve disabled access.
- **Green Infrastructure:** Prevent polluted urban runoff from entering San Francisco Bay through “rain garden” drainage features; Replace asphalt (64% reduction) with natural landscaping and expanded dune area; construct drought tolerant landscaping to eliminate need for permanent irrigation.
- **Climate Change:** Address beach erosion and prolong life of the sandy beach and dunes; address existing flooding at the park entrance; construct parking, dunes and site furnishings to withstand 2050 sea level rise projections.
- **Bay Trail:** Connect the Bay Trail between Buchanan Street and Gilman Street, cliff face crossing over Fleming Point via retaining wall and bridge structures; Provide overlooks and elevated panoramic views of San Francisco Bay.
- **Habitat Restoration:** Restore and expand dunes and seasonal wetlands (~1-acre), establish native dune and wetland plants, provide interpretive and educational opportunities to interpret natural resources.
- **Parking:** Twenty-car lot with non-motorized watercraft drop-off.
- **Furnishings:** Construct restrooms, picnic tables, seating, environmental education panels, bike racks, and overlook.

Construction Update and Closures
Construction is expected to take approximately 15 months between August 2018 – Late 2019. For safety, Albany Beach will be fenced and closed to the public for approximately five months, starting on August 6, 2018. Other work areas will remain fenced and closed for the duration of construction. More detailed park closure information will be made available after contractor has been hired. Access to Albany Bulb and Neck will remain open.
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**Project Overview**

**Temporary Soil Stockpile At Plateau**

**Phase 1 (Complete):** Repair Shoreline & Landfill and Create Habitat

**Phase 2 (2018):** Expand & Enhance Beach, Dunes and Public Access

**Phase 3 (2019):** Complete Bay Trail From Buchanan to Gilman (~1 mile)