## A LEGACY OF LANDSCAPE TRANSFORMATION

The Concord Naval Weapons Station (CNWS) has accommodated the changing needs of its inhabitants and settlers throughout decades, including indigenous people, miners, ranchers, and the United State Navy, as well as local wildlife species from grizzly bears to California red-legged frogs. For the last six decades, the property has been used exclusively by the military, limiting public access as well as private development.

The CNWS emerged as a prominent part of the East Bay landscape, offering striking grassland and hillside views while contributing to a substantial network of undeveloped open space. CNWS was approved for closure by the Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC) in 2005. In 2012, the Concord City Council adopted the Concord Reuse Project Area Plan, and designated the western slopes of the Los Medanos Hills and the adjacent area as the future regional park site. In October 2019, the East Bay Regional Park District released a Land Use Plan and an Environmental Impact Report to begin the adoption process and to start building a future regional park on over 2,500 acres, in partnership with the National Park Service, through a Public Benefit Conveyance.



A former shop and warehouse building will be reused as a visitor center for the East Bay Regional Park and Port Chicago Naval Magazine National Memorial.

**REGIONAL PARK** 1946-1999 CNWS used for munitions storage 1942-1945 World War II

**CONCORD HILLS** 

Regional Park District

## ENVISIONING THE FUTURE REGIONAL PARK

The Proposed Land Use Plan described in this brochure illustrates the transformation of approximately 2,500 acres of the Inland Area of the Concord Naval Weapons Station into a regional park that offers:

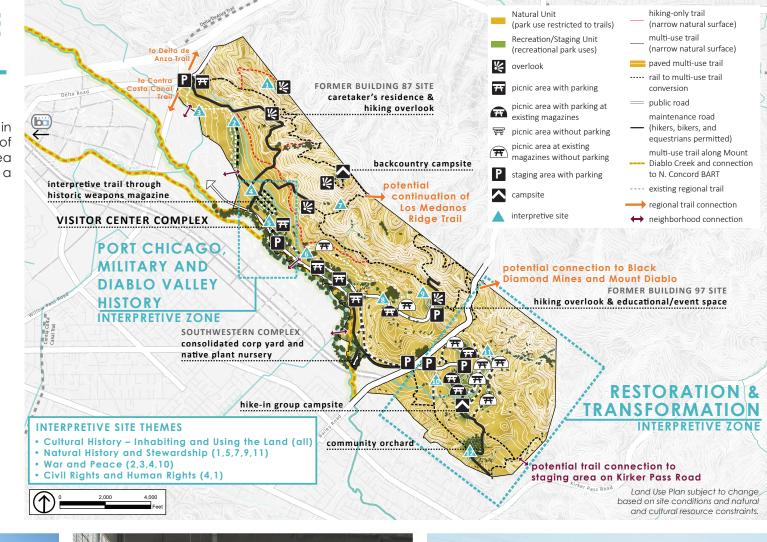
Open space that is highly accessible to urban populations.

A critical linkage for regional open space and trails.

A platform for constructive and creative reuse.

A historic and ecological landscape that resonates.

A sustainable park model.





Some existing weapons magazines will be retained at the park for interpretive and recreational uses.



A visitor center located at the heart of the park and interpretive features throughout the park will tell the history of the site and the people who lived, worked, and impacted by actions there.



Grazing will continue as a land management practice at the park. Many miles of existing roadway and development will be restored to grassland.