

Brisbane Baylands Ecological Master Plan

San Francisco, CA

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The master plan for this sweeping 700-acre site between the San Francisco Bay and the San Bruno Mountains is a generational opportunity to reclaim and repurpose an industrial fragment for the entire Bay area. The plan reknits the tidal basin and fresh water wetlands with a land use development vision that balances ecological and social needs with a wide mix of program uses. To better connect the recreational, residential and working pathways, the site is replanned as a multimodal transportation hub, with ribbons of greenbelts throughout the site. Taken together, the plan reduces the need to travel, and encourages walking, cycling and low carbon transport. Looking outward, the site connects to the regional trail system, and contributes to the reassembly of the Bay Shore Trail.

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Client

Universal Paragon Corporation

Dates

2019 - present

Size

700 acres

Team

HDR - Calthorpe
 Gensler
 BKF
 Biohabitats
 Thornton Tomasetti
 Nelson/Nygaard
 GeoSyntec
 Brown & Caldwell
 Economic & Planning Systems

Awards

Best of Design in Unbuilt Landscape, Architect's Newspaper, 2021



The Baylands nurtures a culture of stewardship through its ecological repair and also provides educational opportunities for people to learn about the diverse and connected ecosystems of the site.





