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ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE PROGRAM

San Francisco Department of the Environment (SFE) administers an Environmental Justice (EJ) grant program and over the past 10 years, provided more than \$12 million in EJ grants to non-profit groups serving the Southeast area of the City. The EJ grant awards have supported numerous community projects serving Bayview Hunters Point and Potrero Hill neighborhoods in the Southeast area, focusing on preventing and reducing air pollution, promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy systems, and building community garden projects.

In addition to managing a City-funded grant program, SFE's EJ program implements project and leverages grants from non-City sources, such as state and federal agencies and private foundations. EJ program is currently managing the following grant awards from non-City sources:

- \$400,000 grant award from U.S. Environment Protection Agency for brownfields assessments in the Bayview Hunters Point area of San Francisco. SFE will conduct an inventory and perform assessments of 8 to 10 sites that are potentially contaminated with hazardous substances and/or petroleum chemicals, and develop cleanup plans for up to 4 sites that can be redeveloped as recreational open spaces. This project supports and will help to increase access to the Blue Greenway, a 13-mile open space waterfront corridor which extends along the City's eastern shoreline. Grant term: October 2012 – September 2015
- \$35,000 grant award from San Francisco Foundation, to promote Integrated Pest Management (IPM) in public housing units at Alice Griffith and/or Sunnydale Housing development sites. SFE will provide IPM services in 15 homes and provide IPM training to tenants, to help reduce toxic pesticides in low-income homes. SFE will also urge San Francisco Housing Authority to adopt IPM as a policy and provide a model IPM contract to the San Francisco Housing Authority. Grant term: April 2012 – March 2013
- \$500,000 planning grant provided by US Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for the San Francisco Healthy Homes project. SFE is conducting a strategic planning process, promoting IPM in public housing, and developing design guidelines for pest-proofing that can be used in new construction. Grant term: October 2010 - March 1, 2013 (subject to approval of 6-month extension by CDC).





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BROWNFIELDS ASSESSMENT GRANT AWARD 2012

San Francisco Department of the Environment (SFE) is pleased to announce that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently awarded a \$400,000 for SFE's Environmental Justice program to conduct an inventory and assessments of brownfields sites in the Bayview Hunters Point (BVHP) community of San Francisco. BVHP is a historically underserved neighborhood burdened with health disparities, high rates of unemployment and poverty, substandard housing and blight conditions. Bayview Hunters Point is also disproportionately burdened by environmental pollution from industrial facilities, contaminated sites, and mobile sources traveling on nearby freeways.

EPA's grant support will enable SFE to compile an inventory of brownfield sites, perform assessments of 8 to 10 properties, and prepare clean up plans. This work will promote redevelopment of brownfield sites for reuse as recreational open spaces and green corridors. SFE's brownfields project supports the development of the Blue Greenway, a waterfront open space corridor that extends the region's Bay Trail along the San Francisco's eastern shoreline and southward into the BVHP community.

Local residents, businesses, City agencies and non-profit groups are working together to help develop the Blue Greenway. The Port of San Francisco is serving as the City's lead agency for the Blue Greenway project and making significant waterfront improvements supported by \$25 million in bond funds committed by the City. San Francisco Park Alliance (SFPA) is a non-profit organization which has organized a Blue Greenway steering committee and supporters. Under an earlier brownfields pilot planning grant provided by EPA, SFPA is now completing a survey of brownfield properties in the BVHP area that may be appropriate for redevelopment as open spaces linkages for the Blue Greenway.

SFE's brownfield assessments will leverage the City's financial commitments to the Blue Greenway and the Port's waterfront improvements in the southeast area of San Francisco. SFE will build upon and consider additional brownfield sites to expand the inventory list that is being prepared by SFPA. SFE's inventory and assessments of brownfield sites will provide information necessary for preparing cleanup plans and end use planning. This work ultimately will reduce pollution in BVHP and promote access to its waterfront. By assessing and cleaning up brownfield sites and providing new open spaces and green corridors for physical activities such as gardening, walking, hiking and biking, local residents will have greater opportunities to reduce chronic diseases such as diabetes and high blood pressure. EPA's grant for brownfield assessments will help address health inequities and support SFE's efforts to build a healthy, sustainable community for BVHP residents.

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Press Conference for **The Blue Greenway**

10am on July 26, 2012, India Basin Shoreline Park

On July 26th, 2012, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will award the Brownfields Assessment Grant for The Blue Greenway. Come show your support for recreational open spaces and increasing access to the waterfront in Bayview Hunters Point.

Before the press conference starts:

Join us for a group walk or a bike ride.

The San Francisco Department of the Environment with support from Bayview Hunters Point YMCA will guide a walk and bike ride from Bayview Opera House to India Basin Shoreline Park.

Date: Thursday, July 26, 2012

Starting time: 9:00 am

Meeting point: The Bayview Opera House/
Ruth Williams Memorial Theatre
4205 Third Street (between Oakdale and
Newcomb Streets)

Route: Walk or bike north 10 blocks
(approximately 1/2 mile)
to Bayview Plaza. Turn right.
Walk or bike along Evans Avenue for
approximately 1/2 mile (Evans Avenue will
curve and continue as Hunters Point Blvd.,
past PGE site.)
Arrive at India Basin Shoreline Park for the
press conference at 10:00 am



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San Francisco Healthy Homes Project: Turning Vision into Action

April 2012

Workshop Results & Action Planning Newsletter

On March 15, 2012 the San Francisco Department of the Environment (SFE) and the Bayview Hunters Point YMCA hosted the *San Francisco Healthy Homes Strategic Planning Workshop*. Overall, 35 participants convened to discuss the results of four health assessments and to identify the four strategic issues that will be addressed by the *San Francisco Healthy Homes Community Action Plan*. The four strategic issues are:

Reduce violence through better communications between police and the community as well as other strategies.

Invest resources in the community, in families, and in schools to address post-traumatic stress among children and youth, which contributes to high-risk and violent behaviors.

San Francisco Healthy
Homes

Strategic Issue Areas

Improve access, eligibility and the quality of housing to reduce injury and chronic health conditions.

Educate the community to prevent chronic health inequities such as asthma, heart disease and perinatal mortality.

Your Help is Needed!

San Francisco Healthy Homes Action Planning Committees

To ensure the success of the *San Francisco Healthy Homes Community Action Plan*, SFE invites all stakeholders to **join an Action Planning Committee** that will focus on one of the four strategic issue areas above. We are asking you to commit to joining at least one Action Planning Committee based on your interest or expertise. Each committee will be responsible for developing an action plan to address one of the four strategic issue areas.

Action Planning Committee meetings will begin in May or early June. SFE will be in contact with all Committee members to schedule meetings.

To register for an Action Planning Committee, please submit this form:

<http://tinyurl.com/sfhh-committee-signup>

If you have further questions, would prefer to register by phone, or would like a copy of the assessments, please contact Anne Eng at (415) 355-3735. We look forward to seeing you at the next Action Planning Committee meetings!