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IMMIGRATION AND RELOCATION
1769

Land And People

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FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS NATIVE OHLONE PEOPLE TRAVERSED SOUTHEAST SAN FRANCISCO IN SEASONAL MIGRATIONS UP AND DOWN ISLAIS AND YOSEMITE CREEKS TO RICH BAYSHORE SALT MARSHES. BEGINNING IN THE 1800s, THESE WATERSHEDS WERE MODIFIED BY LANDFILL, AND IN THE MIDDLE OF THE 20TH CENTURY OVERLAID WITH HIGHWAYS 101 AND 280. TODAY'S RESIDENTS COME FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE WHILE OHLONE PEOPLE CONTINUE TO LIVE AND WORSHIP ON THEIR ANCESTRAL LANDS.

Islais Creek
Yosemite Creek
Islais Creek and Marshlands
Yosemite Creek and Marshlands
Slough
S.F. BAY
LAND FILL
MISSION DISTRICT
LAND FILL
BAYVIEW DISTRICT
SOUTH BASIN
VIS VALLEY
LAND FILL
Portola DISTRICT
SILVER AVE.
SAN BRUNO AVE.
Yosemite Creek Ave.
Yosemite Marsh



Plano de San Francisco

1770s

DISEÑO DEL RANCHO

1800s

RINCÓN DE LAS SALINAS Y POTRERO VIEJO

MEAT INDUSTRY LABORHOOD

PORTOLA DISTRICT

1900s

HIGGINS HAIRWORKS

MILLER LUX

DAIRY

SILVER AVE. →

← SAN BRUNO AVE.

← OLMSTEAD ST. →

RANCHO TO MEAT INDUSTRY

HERE IS THE OUTLINE OF SAN FRANCISCO AS DOCUMENTED BY THE SPANISH IN THE 1700'S. IT IS OVERLAID WITH A DRAWING OF THE SPANISH RANCHO, AND ON THE LOWER LEFT SIDE, A MAP OF THE PORTOLA FILLED WITH CORRALS, DAIRIES AND TANNERIES.

1776: FOR EARLY SPANISH EXPLORERS, ONLY A FEW LANDMARKS OF THE SAN FRANCISCO PENINSULA STOOD OUT: ISLAIS CREEK AND HUNTER'S POINT WERE TWO OF THEM.

1839- THE DISTRICT NOW CALLED THE PORTOLA 1840s WAS PART OF THE SPANISH LAND GRANT: "RANCHO RINCÓN DE LAS SALINAS Y POTRERO VIEJO" WHICH MEANS "CORNER OF THE SALTY MARSH AND OLD PASTURE"

1900s: THE PORTOLA FORMED PART OF THE MEAT INDUSTRY LABORHOOD CENTERED IN BUTCHERTOWN IN THE BAYVIEW DISTRICT FOR OVER 100 YEARS, INTO THE 20TH CENTURY, CATTLE GRAZED IN CORRALS IN THE PORTOLA BEFORE THEY WERE DRIVEN DOWN TO BUTCHERTOWN.

Edge Institutions

The Portola, at the edge of the city of San Francisco, was known as part of the "Outsidelands." For the first century of the city's life, community members who were vulnerable or frail were moved to the edge of the city and out of the way of city business. So the Portola became the site of orphanages, homes for the elderly, homes for unwed mothers and an immigration station. Some of these buildings are still standing and have been the site of different institutions over the course of their existence.

The photograph of the Magdalen Asylum by Edward Muybridge is courtesy of the Bancroft Library, University of California, Berkeley. All other photographs are courtesy of the San Francisco History Center, San Francisco Public Library.

MAGDALEN ASYLUM



PHOTOGRAPH, 1867-1880

UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION STATION

HEBREW HOME FOR THE AGED



PHOTOGRAPH, 1953

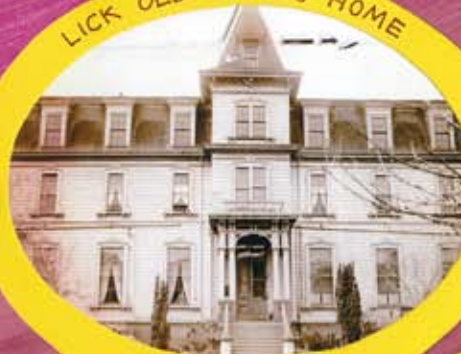
1940-1942

MOUNT ST. JOSEPH ORPHANAGE



1873 - MID 20TH CENTURY

LICK OLD LADIES HOME



1884

HOUSE OF CORRECTION / INGLESIDE JAIL



1870s - 1934

CONVENT OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD



PHOTOGRAPH, 1949

SILVER AVE.

SAN BRUNO AVE

ISLANDS CREEK

GREENING

The PORTOLA

PORTOLA RESIDENTS' GREENING INITIATIVES:

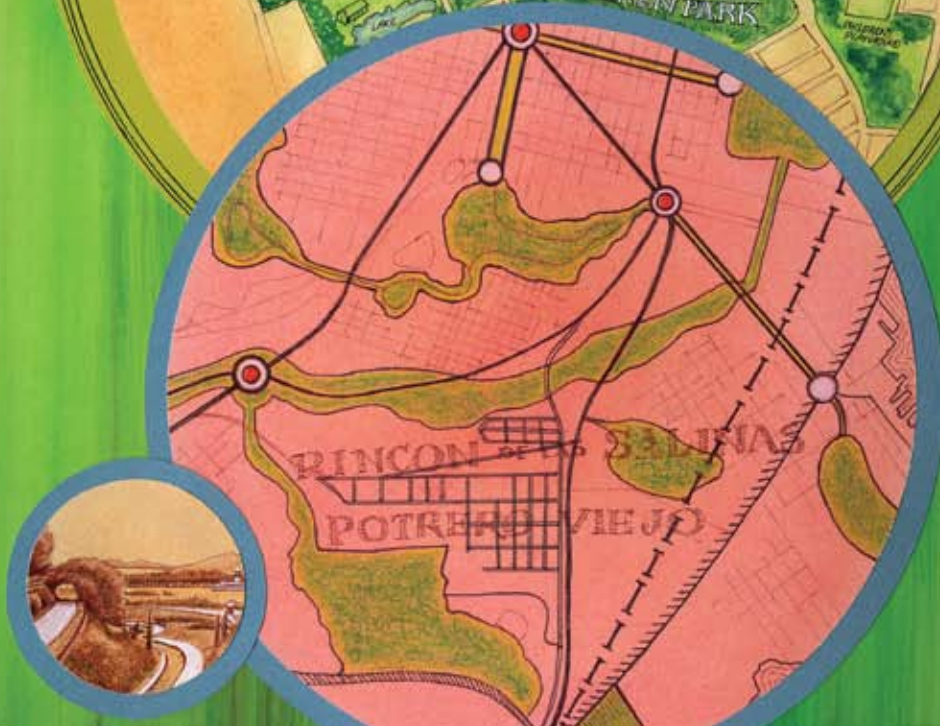
PORTOLA RESIDENTS ARE WORKING COLLECTIVELY TO GREEN THE PORTOLA, CURRENT PROJECTS INCLUDE: THE GARDEN AT E.R. TAYLOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, GOETTINGEN NEIGHBORHOOD GARDEN, THE ANNUAL PORTOLA GARDEN TOUR AND ALEMANY ISLAND PLAN FOR THE ENTRANCE TO THE PORTOLA AT ALEMANY BOULEVARD. PORTOLA NEIGHBORS WORK WITH FRIENDS OF THE URBAN FOREST TO PLANT NEW TREES IN THE DISTRICT.

MCLAREN PARK:

NAMED FOR THE NATURALIST JOHN MCLAREN, WHO WORKED TO CREATE "UNSPOILED ALPINE JOY IN THE CITY." MCLAREN IS THE SECOND LARGEST PARK IN SAN FRANCISCO. MEASURES TO CREATE THE IDYLIC PARK APPEARED ON THE CITY BALLOT OF 1926. ALTHOUGH THESE MEASURES WERE ALL DEFEATED, THE CITY CONTINUED TO WORK UNTIL 1958 TO BUY 317 ACRES TO CREATE THE PARK. TODAY, DEDICATED CITY PARK WORKERS MAINTAIN MCLAREN.

BURNHAM PLAN:

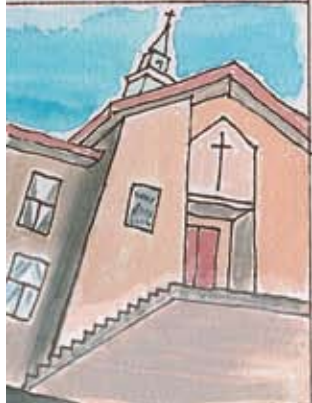
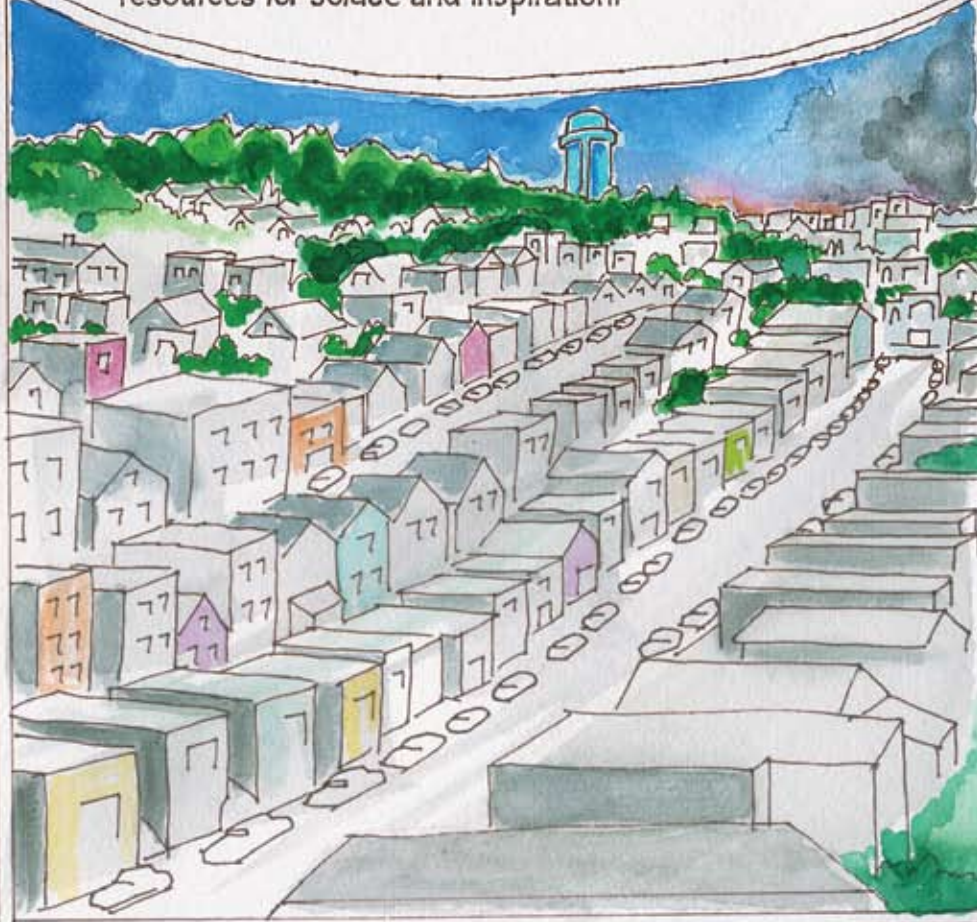
THE UTOPIAN BURNHAM PLAN FOR SAN FRANCISCO (1905) INCLUDED THREE HUGE CITY PARKS THAT WOULD SURROUND THE PORTOLA DISTRICT. ALTHOUGH THE PLAN WAS NEVER COMPLETED, IT WAS THE FIRST TIME THAT THE PORTOLA WAS DOCUMENTED AS THE SITE OF AN EXTENSIVE UTOPIAN VISION.





Contemplation, Worship, Discovery

Everyday in the Portola there are opportunities for public and private contemplation. They include neighborhood religious communities and private worship, and all the possibilities offered by M^cLaren Park. Shared tai chi practice, the "alpine joy" of meditative walks, biking, tennis, golfing, picnicking, dog-walking and meandering the Philosopher's Walk are accessible. Exciting discoveries can be made daily in the new Portola Branch Library and in the Portola's many schools. The Portola offers abundant resources for solace and inspiration.



NEIGHBORHOOD REFLECTIONS



