Salem Willows Park Restoration
Stakeholder Meeting #2: Salem Willows Plan

Agenda

1. Introductions
   Salem Willows Project Overview
   Salem and Hatch Project Team

2. Salem Willows Plan
   Historic Overview of Park Development
   Recommendations
   • Park-wide Recommendations
   • Area-specific Recommendations
     • Historic Park Area
     • Shoreline Park Area
     • Active Recreation and Parking Area

3. Project Phasing and Next Steps
   • Phase 1 (Concept Plan)
   • Phase 2 (Design)
   • Future Work

4. Discussion
Salem Willows Park Restoration Project

The Hatch team is working with the City to assess the conditions at Salem Willows and develop prioritized plans for restoration, specifically:

- Existing Condition Report
- Schematic Design of “The Hill” area
- Tree and Landscape Plan for the entire site
- Development of the Salem Willows Plan
- Grant Assistance
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Historic overview of Salem Willows Park Development

The Neck and Winter Island, ca 1636

Salem Willows Plan
City survey of Salem Willows Park, 1888

Salem Willows Plan
Salem Willows Park and Juniper Cove, ca 1897

Salem Willows Plan
Rockeries at Park entrance

Formal garden opposite Restaurant Row
Frank Cousins, PEM

Garden features, 1891
Salem Willows Plan
Amphitheatre, ca. 1890

Salem Willows Plan
City development proposal, 2001
Inspired by 1896 Philip Codman plan

Salem Willows Plan
General Recommendations
Salem Willows Plan
General Recommendations

• Willows Operation & Maintenance Plan
• Removal of Dead and Unsafe Trees (per Tree Inventory)
  • Replace Trees Where Appropriate
• Maintenance and Hazard Pruning of Trees (per Tree Inventory)
• Create Integrated and Safe Facilities for Pedestrians, Bicyclists and Vehicles
• Stormwater Upgrades Including Green Infrastructure
• Incorporate Areas of Native Plantings
• Fence and Guardrail Repairs/Replacements
• Signage Improvements and Updates
• Small Repairs to Willows Buildings
Area-specific Recommendations
Salem Willows Plan
Recommendations: Historic Park Area

Salem Willows Plan
Surface Grading Improvements and Root Zone Restoration
Salem Willows Plan
Planting Allee’ of Willows
Salem Willows Plan
Additional Recommendations

- Seawall Improvements
  - Willows Beach
  - Yacht Club
  - Pier 1
  - Pier 2
  - Right of Front Beach
- Pier Improvements
- Park Lighting / Electrical Improvements
- Pavilion A Grading Improvements
- Pavilion C – Stair Improvements
- Band Shell Ramp Improvements
- Hut Wall Guardrail
- Clam Shack Accessibility and Historic Integrity Improvements
Recommendations: Shoreline Park Area

Salem Willows Plan
Dead Horse Beach: Restoration and Sand Erosion Mitigation

Salem Willows Plan
Restoration of Playground and Waterfront Activity Center Building

Salem Willows Plan
Yacht Club Parking Removal and Park Restoration
Salem Willows Plan
Additional Recommendations

- Seawall Improvements
  - Dead Horse Beach
  - Restaurant Row
- Repair Erosion/ Subsidence Above Clam Shack Seawall
Recommendations: Active Recreation and Parking Area

Salem Willows Plan
“The Hill” (Phase 1) and Parking Area (Phase 2)
Salem Willows Plan
Salem Willows Plan

Parking Lot - Circulation & Drainage Improvements

Salem Willows Plan
Additional Recommendations

- Restoration of O’Keefe Memorial Field
- Improvements to Restaurant Row (Narrowing, Sidewalks, Crosswalks)
- Fort Lee Parking Lot Improvements
- Creation of Dedicated Picnic Areas
- Fort Avenue Curb and Sidewalk Improvements
Phase 1: Hill Restoration (CPA Grant)

Salem Willows Plan
Phase 2: Parking and Path Improvements (Coastal Resilience Grant)
Discussion

Salem Willows Plan