

FACT SHEET

Codornices Creek Watershed Stewardship Project

The Codornices Creek Watershed Council (CCWC) received a grant from the Coastal Conservancy in December 2007 to implement the “Codornices Creek Watershed Stewardship Project.” The project consists of working with key stakeholders to create a Creekside Outdoor Classroom and add interpretive elements to a Bike/Pedestrian Trail, both being elements of a larger riparian and creek restoration effort. This project complements a creek restoration that will be constructed at the same site in summer 2008 by Restoration Design Group (RDG), under contract with the City of Albany. The CCWC is working closely with RDG and the City to ensure complete project integration and resource efficiency.

This project consists of three components:

1) Hands-on Riparian Restoration

Planting native vegetation with CCWC volunteers and other partners and community members at the various restoration reaches to increase diversity and habitat availability.

2) Trail Improvements

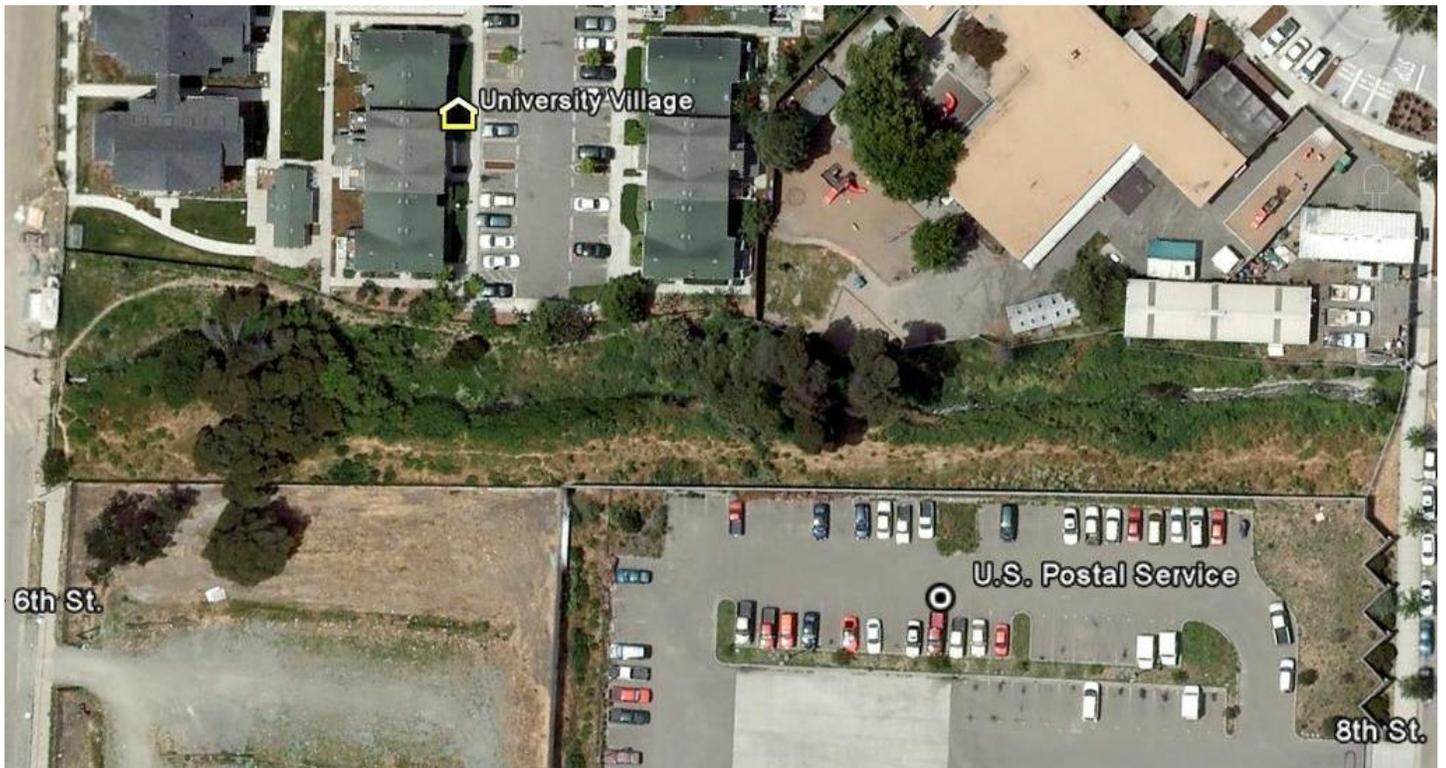
Adding an interpretive element to the creekside Bikeway, which can be accessed by the surrounding community, including University Village (UC-Berkeley's family housing), and that connects to the Bay Trail through 8th and Buchanan Streets. Interpretive elements will be added to sections of the trail below 8th Street to coincide with the planned and completed Codornices restorations. These may include, but not be limited to, signage, benches, and public art. This component will involve volunteers in all phases of the process.

3) Environmental Education

Creating an experiential learning environment about creek ecosystems, anthropogenic impacts, and the community's asset. A Creekside Outdoor Classroom will be created for use as a gathering place, educational center, and native plant nature area. Stakeholders and community members will provide input through an inclusive public process to help determine the Classroom's design and components. In addition, the CCWC and volunteers will work together to implement the design onsite.

The CCWC will hold community meetings and two design workshops throughout the process to ensure the products address stakeholder needs and obtain buy-in. Through this effort, CCWC will bring partners together and ensure that the Codornices' restoration projects become educational and recreational assets to the community and can be accessed by all users.

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Aerial View of Project Site: Codornices Creek one block north of Harrison St., between 6th and 8th Sts., Berkeley. The Creek flows along the southern boundary of University Village, a UC-Berkeley family student housing development.



Up-Close View of Project Site: The creek will be restored to a natural channel with native riparian vegetation. A bike/pedestrian trail will be built along the wall shown on the left. Through the CCWC project, partners, and the community, this site will also be designed to provide educational and recreational opportunities to the community.