

PRIORITY CONSERVATION AREA APPLICATION

Location: Lower Cerrito Creek from the Ohlone Greenway to western El Cerrito city boundary

Lower Cerrito Creek (Creek) from the Ohlone Greenway to the western El Cerrito city boundary represents an important urban riparian corridor that separates Alameda and Contra Costa counties, supports the habitat refuge provided by Albany Hill and Creekside Park, and provides access to nature in an otherwise dense urban environment. In developed cities, year-round creeks adjacent to significant areas of upland habitat are uncommon.

The Cities of El Cerrito and Albany are committed to maintain the environmental benefits provided by Cerrito Creek, beginning with the 1995 Joint Watershed Goals memorandum, signed by El Cerrito, Albany, Berkeley, and Richmond, committing to “...restoring our creeks by removing culverts, underground pipes, and obstructions to fish and animal migration, putting creeks in restored channels up in the sunshine where they can be enjoyed by people and wildlife” and “restoring creek corridors as natural transportation routes with pedestrian and bicycle paths along creekside greenways.”

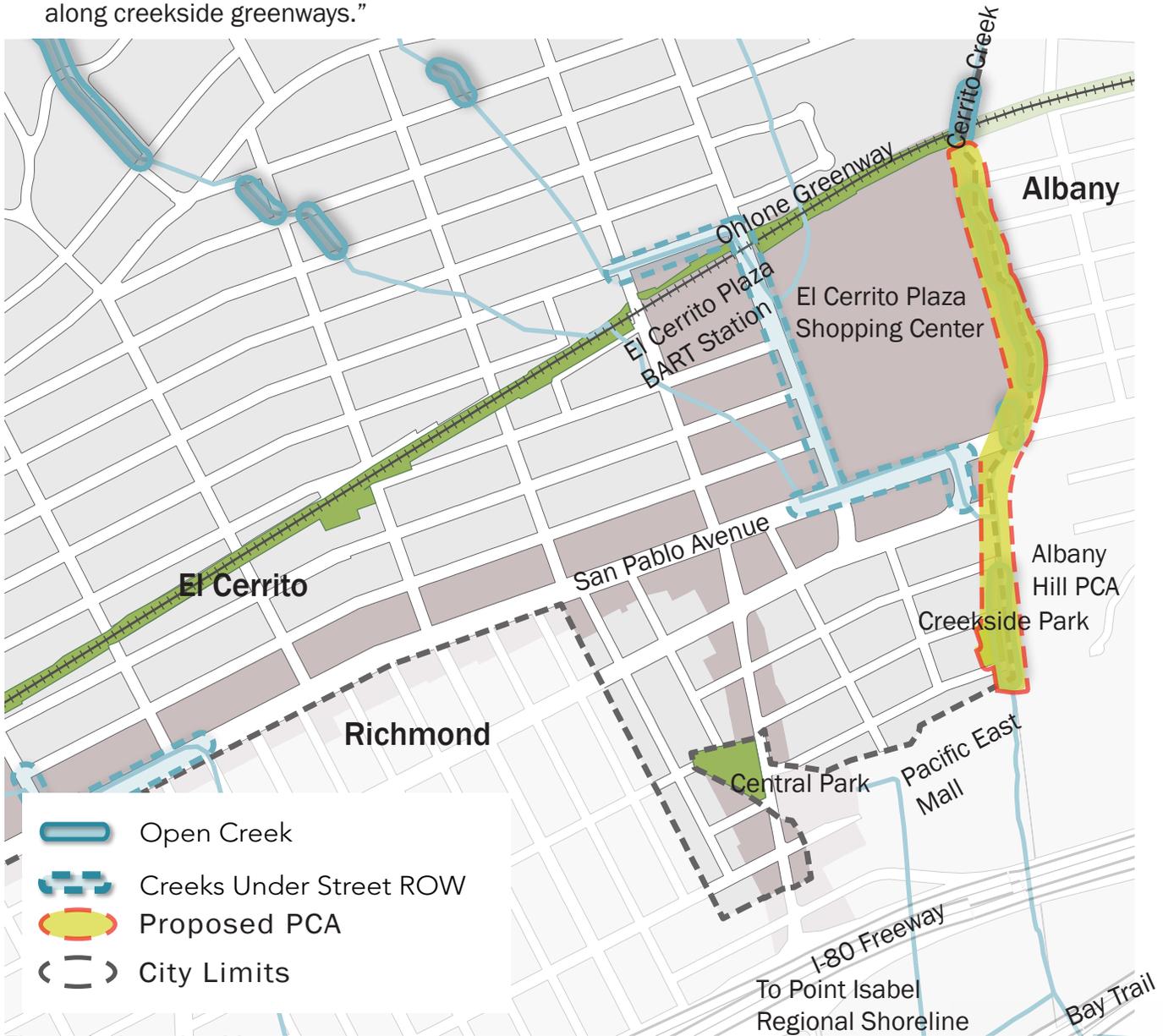


Figure 1 - Location Map

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Figure 2 - Cerrito Creek from Ohlone Greenway to Cornell Street (along El Cerrito Plaza parking lot)

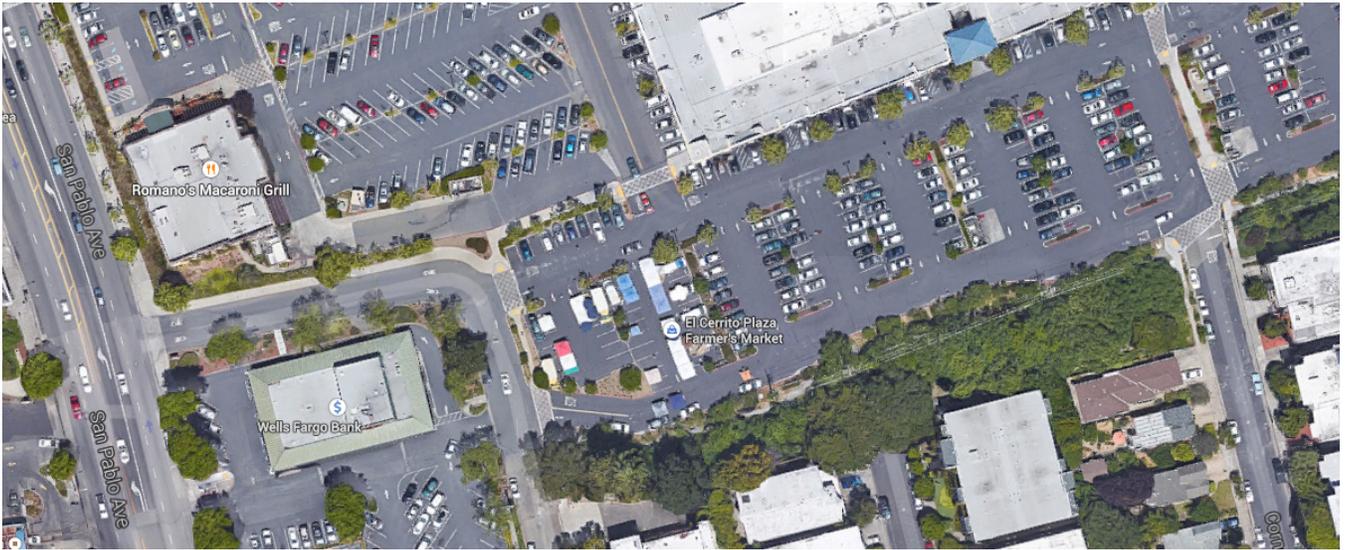


Figure 3 - Cerrito Creek from Cornell Street to San Pablo Avenue (along El Cerrito Plaza parking lot)



Figure 4 - Photos of Cerrito Creek at Creekside Park

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Figure 5 - Cerrito Creek from San Pablo Avenue to El Cerrito's Creekside Park



Figure 6 - Cerrito Creek at Creekside Park and Albany Hill



Figure 7 - Photos of Cerrito Creek at Creekside Park, including the Cerrito Creek Connector Trail