

PRIORITY CONSERVATION AREA APPLICATION

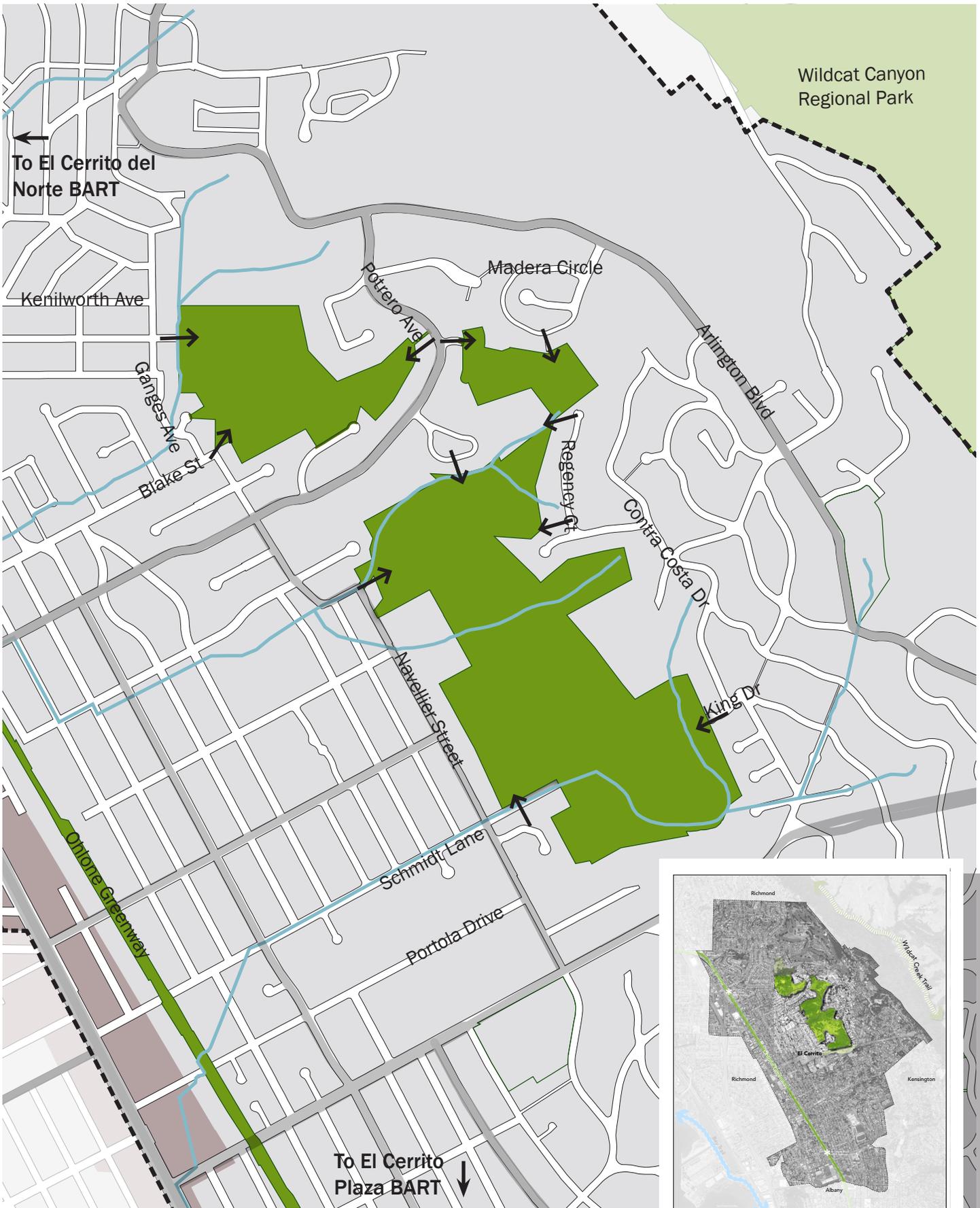


Figure 1 - Location Map

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Location: The Hillside Natural Area is bordered on the south by PG&E property that runs along Moeser Lane. On the north it is bordered by the privately-owned Fairview property, which itself borders Arlington Boulevard and Potrero Avenue. On the west it is bordered by Ganges Avenue and Navellier Street. On the east it is bordered by Julian Drive, Madera Circle, Regency Court, Contra Costa Drive and King Drive. There are nine entrances to the Hillside Natural Area located at: Schmidt Lane east of Navellier Street; the west end of King Court; 1531 Regency Court; 1591 Regency Court; between 1520 and 1524 Douglas Drive; between 7701 and 7705 Potrero Avenue; between 7255 and 7269 Blake Street; the east end of Snowdon Avenue; and, between 1593 and 1595 Madera Circle.

The Hillside Natural Area (HNA) provides a unique set of benefits to the residents of El Cerrito and its surrounding communities. An easily reached 102.5-acre natural open space in the center of built-out residential neighborhoods, the HNA provides wildlife habitat, native vegetation, urban forests and riparian corridors next to trails, paths, stairs and open passive recreation areas with views of the San Francisco and Oakland skylines, the Golden Gate Bridge, Mount Tamalpais and the San Francisco Bay.



Figure 2 - Existing Conditions Map

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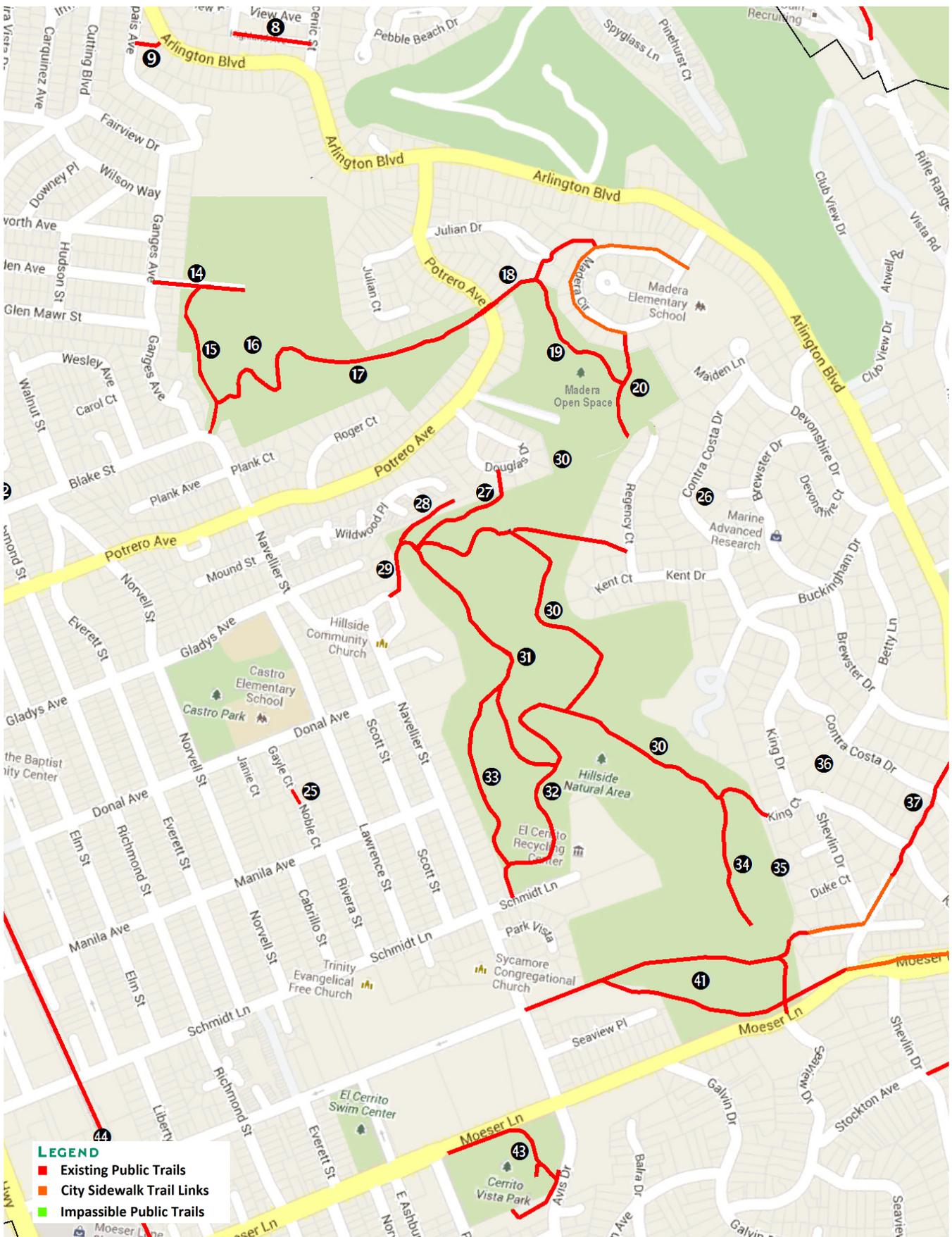


Figure 3 - Existing Hillside Natural Area Trail Network

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Figure 4 - Photos of existing trails and open spaces [courtesy of TJ Gehling, El Cerrito Trail Trekkers]

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Figure 5 - Photos of wildflowers in the Hillside Natural Area [courtesy of Friends of Five Creeks]