

*PCU-P-3.11: Consider preparation and adoption of a Trails Master Plan that inventories and maps existing, planned and proposed trails, trail segments and connections, identifies potential funding sources, and prioritizes trail segments for future development.*

Pros: Would allow time to develop a detailed hiking trails map with extensive community input. The Trails Master Plan could include planned, proposed and potential trails in addition to existing trails, and could include more detail about how, where and when to develop specific trails and linkages. Adding a program rather than creating a hiking trails map for the General Plan would mean that the General Plan could be adopted in a timely manner. The Trails Master Plan and associated maps would be easier to update and would not require a General Plan amendment whenever a revision is required.

Cons: Would require funding to implement the program.

**3. Add a hiking trails map to the General Plan. There are two alternatives under this option.**

***Alternative A: Hiking Trails Map with Existing Trails:*** Add a hiking trails map that shows existing trails that are open to the public and have public access. Map trails as shown on hiking trail maps published by agencies and organizations with responsibility for the respective trail systems.

Pros: Would help staff and decision makers to identify potential new trail segments and trail connections when reviewing development applications and planning for new recreation and circulation facilities and improvements. Would ensure consistency with other hiking maps and avoid conflicts with property owners.

Cons: A map would add extra time and expense to development of a final draft General Plan.

***Alternative B: Hiking Trails Map with Existing and Proposed Trails.*** Add a hiking trails map to the General Plan that includes all existing trails identified under Alternative A as well as proposed trails that meet the following six conditions:

- 1) *Are consistent with planned and proposed trails shown on regional maps published by agencies with responsibility for those trail systems (e.g., Bay Area Ridge Trail Council, Association of Bay Area Governments, the East Bay Regional Park District, and the National Park Service).*
- 2) *Are consistent with planned and proposed trail segments and improvements as described in adopted regional planning documents (e.g., Contra Costa Transportation Authority's 2009 Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan).*
- 3) *Are consistent with the approved vesting tentative map for the Alhambra Highlands and any other affected approved development.*
- 4) *Are wholly contained on land within the City limits and, if the land is likely to be annexed within the next 20 years, the City's Sphere of Influence.*
- 5) *Are on land that is owned by the City or other public agency.*

Pros: Would ensure proposed trails are consistent with federal and regional maps, adopted regional and local plans, and approved development entitlements. Would ensure proposed trails are feasible for development and would avoid potential conflicts with existing property owners.

Cons: A map would add extra time and expense to development of a final draft General Plan and most likely delay adoption of the General Plan. The General Plan would need to be amended whenever a trail is abandoned, reconfigured or added. This is unlikely to have much impact on existing trails, but it could mean multiple amendments to keep up with changes in proposed trails.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Based upon the pros and cons discussed above, City staff recommends the Planning Commission select policy option #2. This option would ensure that the General Plan update process may continue in the most timely and cost-effective manner, while providing for a community planning process to develop a Trails Master Plan. This option would also ensure that the General Plan remain a high-level planning document, while the details of trail planning, funding and development are worked out in a more flexible, subordinate planning document that may be updated in the future without a General Plan amendment.

## **Appendix A: Excerpt from the draft Martinez General Plan (pp. 5-9 to 5-11)**

### **Trails**

Trails are important to Martinez and provide significant opportunities for recreation throughout the City and surrounding areas. Hikers, bikers, and equestrian riders all share a need for trails, although their specific requirements for types of trails may vary. Trails provide recreational value associated with physical fitness and the enjoyment of the natural and scenic environment. Also, some trails provide safe, off-street links between neighborhoods, parks, schools, and other public facilities.

The trails system provides access to public places and to scenic vistas that represent a significant natural amenity to the community. Where feasible, the proposed trails interconnect, providing a continuous trails system.

### **Goals Policies and Implementation Programs for Trail Facilities**

#### **Goal 2**

PCU-G-3            An interconnected Trail System providing access to recreational opportunities should continue to be developed and enhanced as funding permits.

#### **Policy**

PCU-P-3.1        Improve trail connections within and beyond the City Limits and coordinate funding for trail acquisition, construction and maintenance, whenever feasible.

#### **Implementation**

PCU-3.1a        Establish priorities for funding for specific park or trailhead land through the Capital Improvement Program process.

PCU-3.1b        Consider purchasing land or accepting land dedication suitable for future trail development and recreational uses as land becomes available.

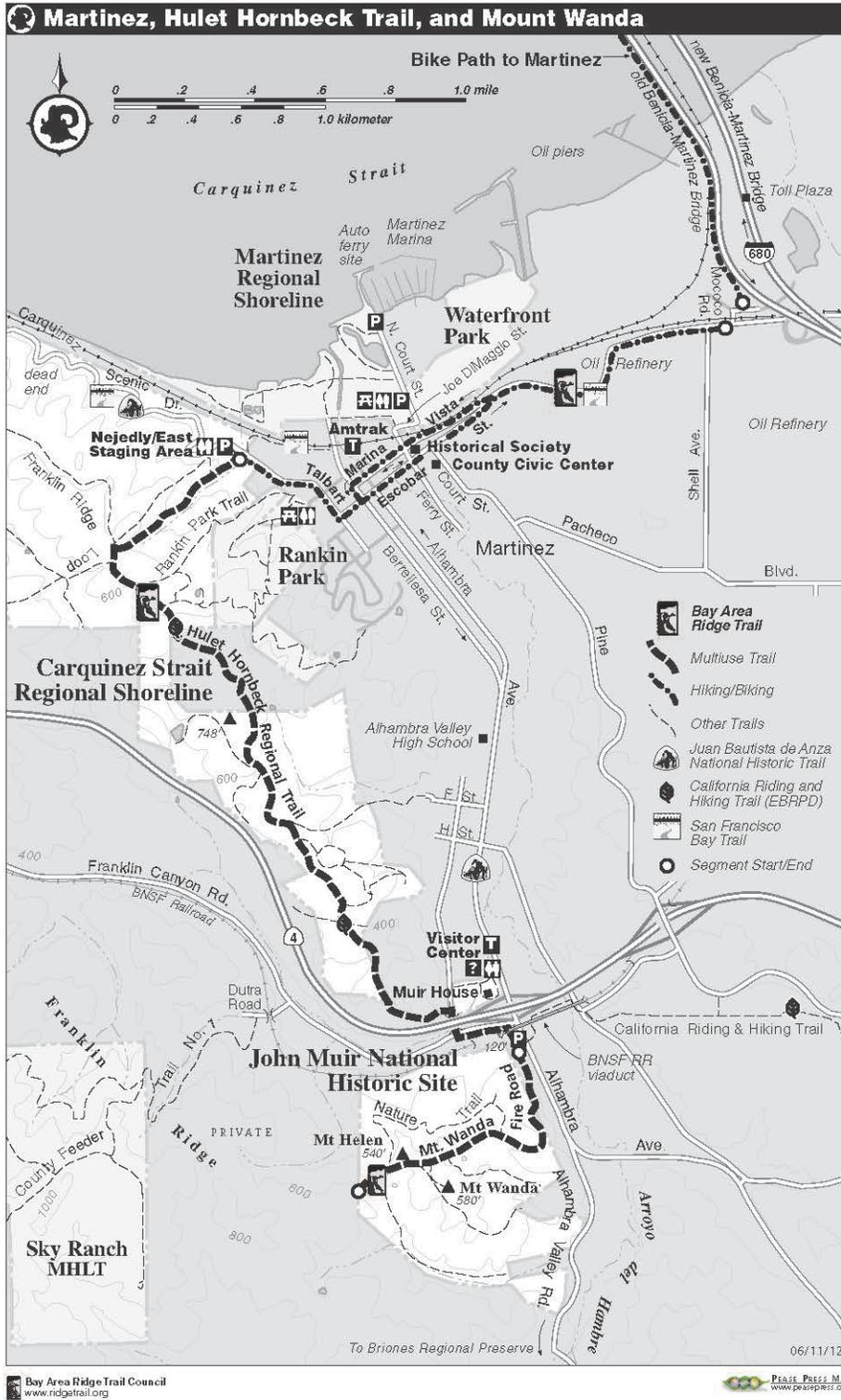
PCU-P-3.2        Locate and construct new trails where access is easy to maximize their potential use and enjoyment by residents and visitors. Consider locating new trails within unused street rights-of-way (such as the Panoramic Drive “paper street” between Green Street and Thomas Drive).

PCU-P-3.3        Incorporate trail development in the City’s Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

PCU-P-3.4        When considering development on parcels providing missing links in the planned trail system; Trails and connections should be incorporated into the development plan with a possible easement or dedication of public right-of-way when possible.

- PCU-P-3.5 Work with the East Bay Regional Parks District (EBRPD), Contra Costa Water District, Contra Costa County, adjacent cities, regional trail groups, and other public agencies on trail planning issues, such as trail development and linkages.
- PCU-P-3.6 Construct trails according to the standards established by the *California Trails Manual* and EBRPD standards.
- PCU-P-3.7 Locate new trails with an emphasis on scenic qualities and making connections with local and regional open space areas, parks, points of interest and community facilities.
- PCU-P-3.9 When appropriate, encourage the public purchase of private lands for the preservation of open space ridge lines.
- PCU-P-3.10 Require future development within or upon ridgelines to include a condition of approval to provide access to and from or through the development via public trails.

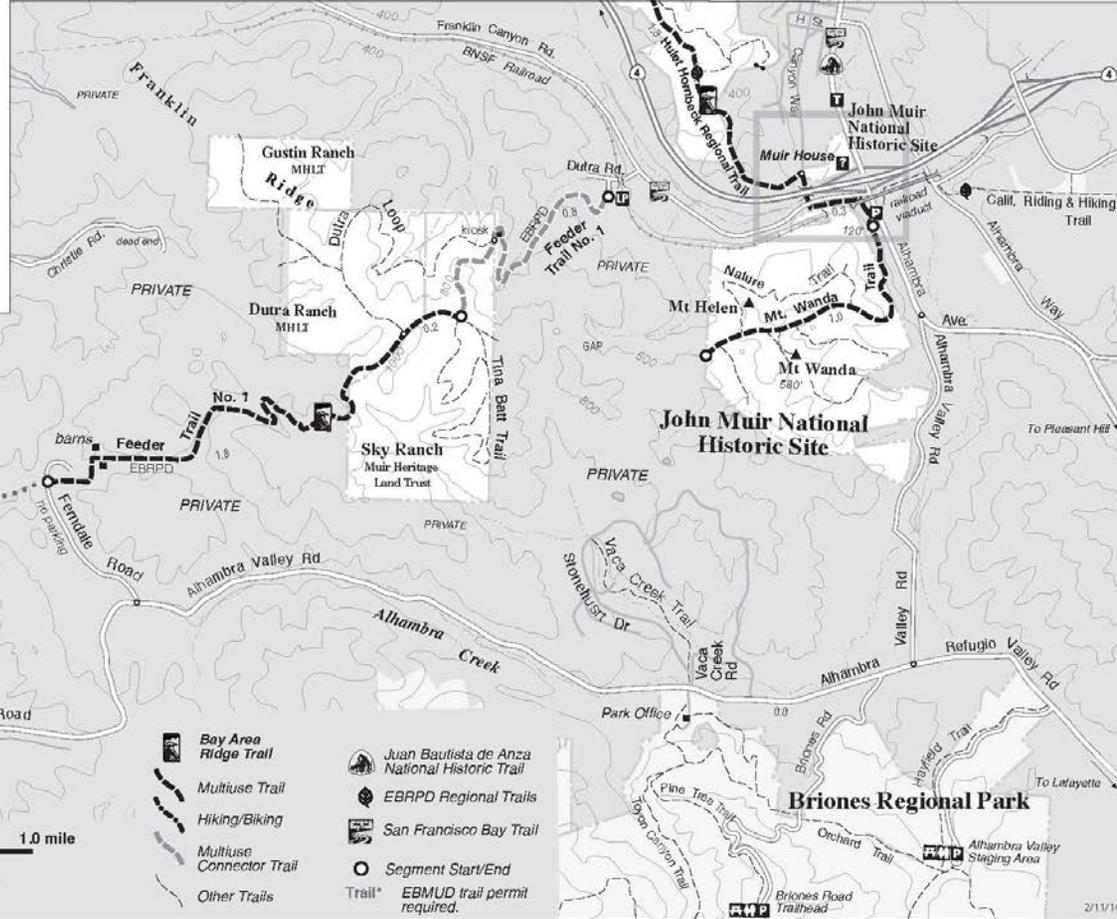
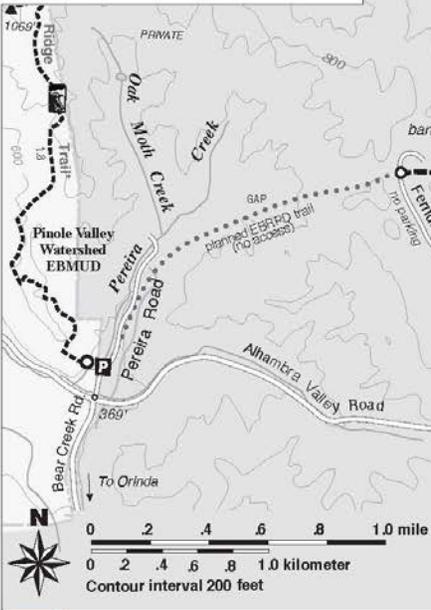
Appendix B: Hiking Trail Maps for Martinez Area



Source: Bay Area Ridge Trail Council, <http://ridgetrail.org/hulet-hornbeck-trail>



**BAY AREA RIDGE TRAIL**  
**Mount Wanda, Sky Ranch, and Feeder Trail #1**  
**to Pinole Valley Watershed**  
*Contra Costa County*



Find more information, maps, guidebooks, and volunteer opportunities at [www.RidgeTrail.org](http://www.RidgeTrail.org). Follow us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/RidgeTrail](http://www.facebook.com/RidgeTrail).



Source: Bay Area Ridge Trail Council, [http://ridgetrail.org/images/interactive\\_map/maps/CCO\\_MtWanda-PereiraRd\\_2-2016.pdf](http://ridgetrail.org/images/interactive_map/maps/CCO_MtWanda-PereiraRd_2-2016.pdf)



Source: East Bay Regional Park

District, [http://www.ebparks.org/Assets/files/EBRPD\\_files/brochure/calrhktr.pdf](http://www.ebparks.org/Assets/files/EBRPD_files/brochure/calrhktr.pdf)

## MARTINEZ REGIONAL SHORELINE

**BICYCLING** Bicycles are allowed on park trails.

**HORSE ARENA** During the rodeo season (May-September) the horse arena offers competition for youthful riders. The yearly schedule is available from the park office. Membership in the Martinez Horsemen's Association is available in Family, Single, and Junior categories. Membership is open to all, and horse ownership is not required. There is a fee. For more information, see [www.martinezhorsemen.com](http://www.martinezhorsemen.com).

**FISHING** A California state fishing license is not required to fish from the pier at the marina. The fishery in Carquinez Strait offers striped bass, sturgeon, shark, catfish, and some flounder. Licenses are available at the marina bait shop. A Park District fishing permit is not required.

**THE MARSH** This quiet area of the park changes with the seasons. Its residents come and go, and there are subtle changes in color and mood. Enjoy this experience independently along the Pickleweed Trail, or on a naturalist-led excursion, when available. Scheduled hikes are posted on park bulletin boards, or see [www.ebparks.org](http://www.ebparks.org) for activities information.

**DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED** in the duck pond area, marsh areas, or other interior areas of Martinez Regional Shoreline. In the parking areas, dogs must be leashed (six-foot maximum) and under control. Dangerous animals are not allowed in the parks. Please dispose of your dog's waste by placing it in a garbage can.

**ALCOHOL IS NOT ALLOWED** in Martinez Regional Shoreline or the adjoining City of Martinez Ferry picnic area.

### CITY OF MARTINEZ FACILITIES

**BOATING** The Martinez Marina has a boat repair yard and fuel dock, bait shop, restaurant, and bar. There is a launching fee. For more information phone the marina at (925) 313-0942 or see [www.martinez-marina.com](http://www.martinez-marina.com).

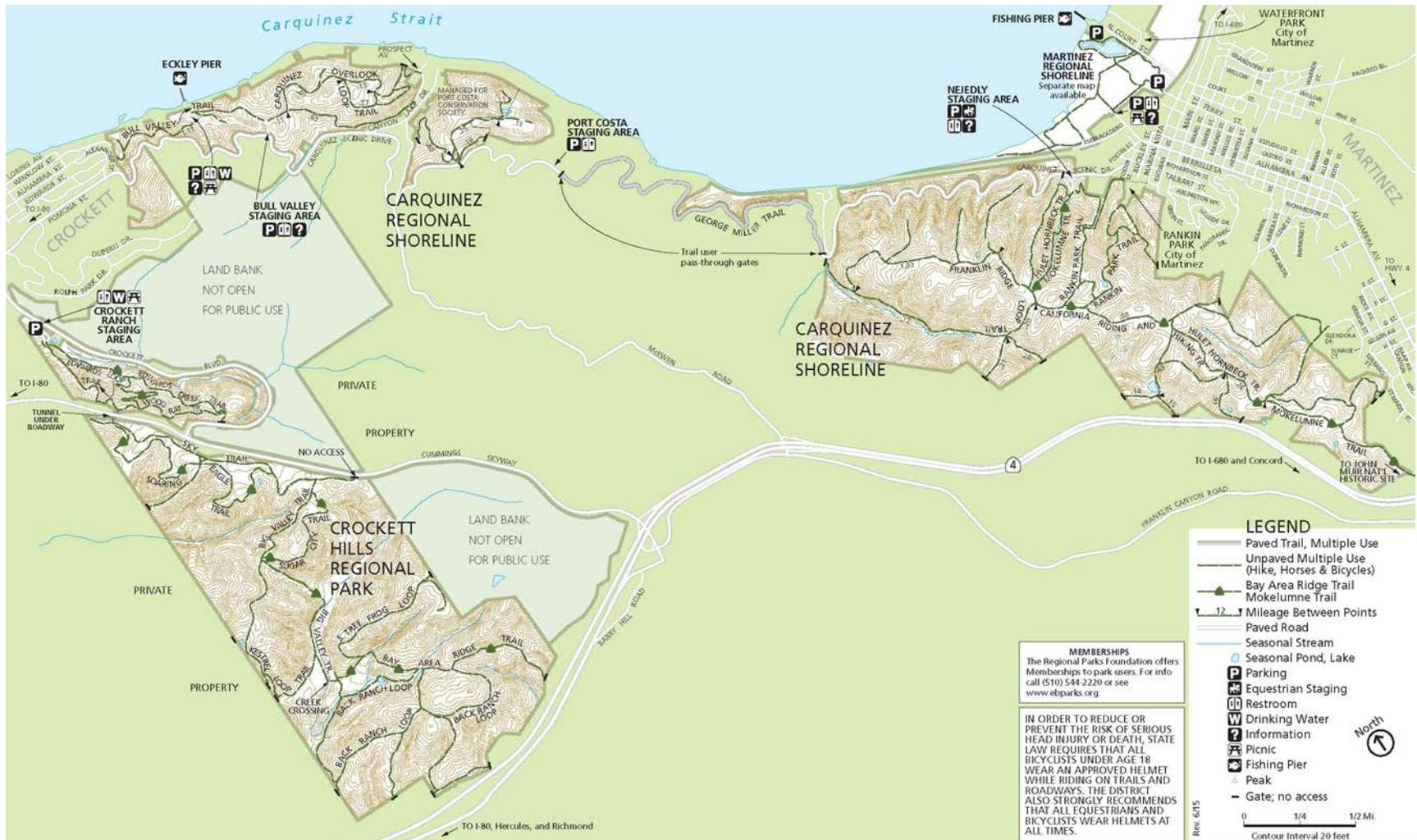
**SOCCER** The soccer field is maintained by the city of Martinez and is available on a first-come, first-served basis during the week. It is reservable on weekends by phoning (925) 686-2824. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**BOCCE BALL** A heritage of the predominantly Sicilian population in the shoreline's early days, the playing of bocce ball is a traditional Martinez activity. The sport is played outdoors on wooden-sided courts lined with finely crushed oyster shells. The first Northern California Open Bocce Ball championships were hosted at the shoreline park in 1979. For team information, call (925) 295-2003.

**SOFTBALL** The softball complex is named for Martinez native Joe DiMaggio, a Baseball Hall of Fame inductee who played for the New York Yankees. The softball fields are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Call (925) 229-3884 for information.



Source: East Bay Regional Park District, <http://www.ebparks.org/parks/martinez#trailmap>



Source: East Bay Regional Park District, <http://www.ebparks.org/parks/carquinez>

# Carquinez Strait



Source: Bay Area Trail Navigational Map, <http://baytrail.org/get-on-the-trail/map-by-number/carquinez-strait/>

## Appendix C: Additional Proposed Trail Segments

The following discusses existing and proposed trail segments that were included in a comment letter from Jamie fox on October 28, 2015. The map is included as Figure A. Staff annotated the map with numbers that refer to the segments identified below.

Trail Segment 1: This proposed trail segment appears to run along the north side of Waterfront Road and the Southern Pacific railroad from the eastern end of the City limit line and connecting to the Bay Area Ridge Trail at the intersection of Marina Vista Avenue and Bridgehead Road. The segment is within the City boundaries. The trail segment is within the Environmental Conservation District- Heavy Industrial District (ECD-H-1) zoning district and traverses vacant and developed parcels with industrial uses. The CCTA's 2009 Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan map (see Figure 2) shows a proposed Class I multi-use path on Waterfront Road, which would make this proposed trail segment largely redundant.

Trail Segment 2: This proposed trail segment would connect Trail Segment 1 described above to the Waterbird Regional Preserve trails, which are currently accessed from a parking lot off Waterbird Way. Most, if not all, of the trail segment would be developed on land outside the City limit line but within the City's Sphere of Influence. As described above, the proposed multi-use path on Waterfront Road would provide access to Waterbird Way, although not a separate Class 1 facility along the 0.2 mile roadway to the Waterbird Regional Preserve parking lot.

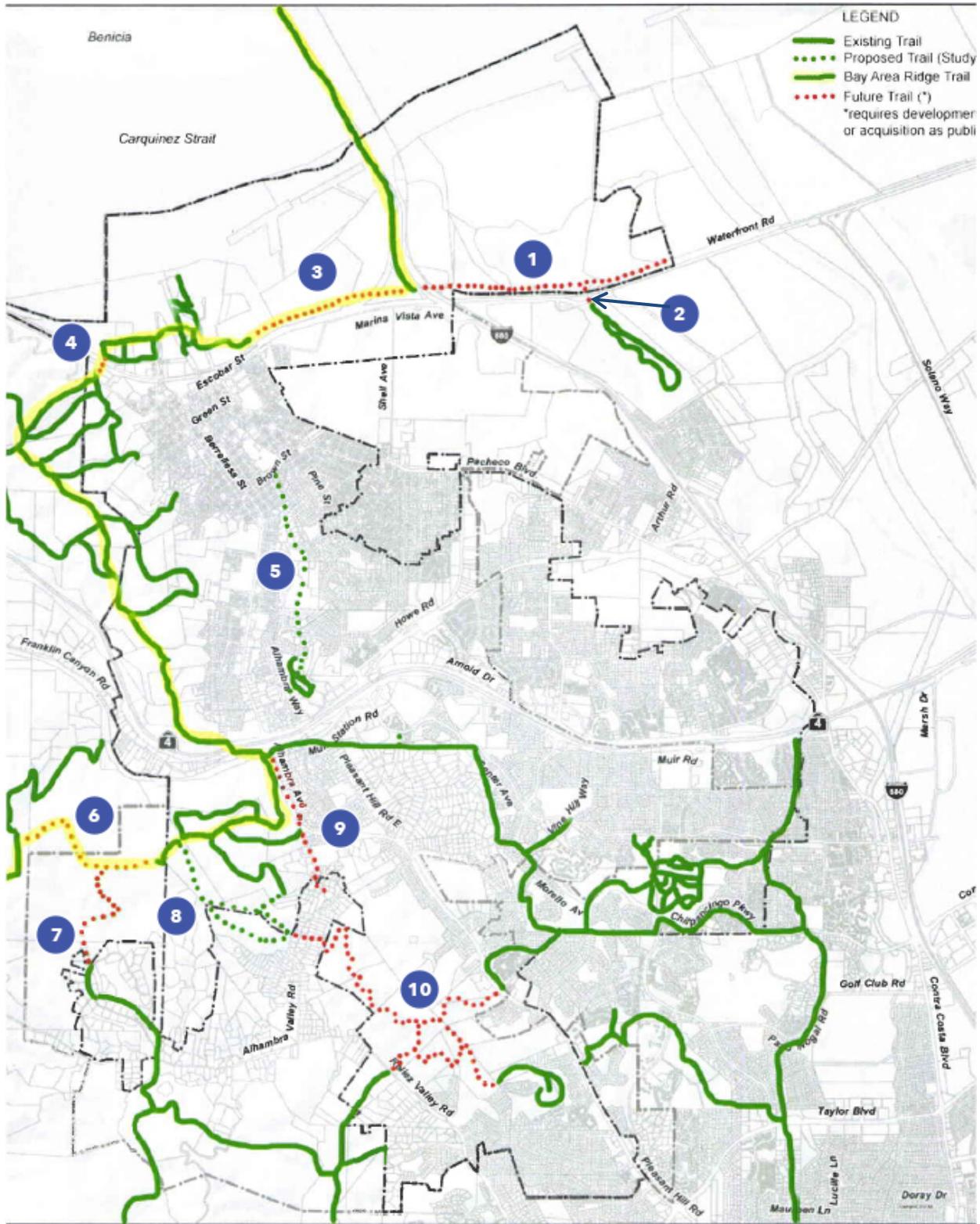
Trail Segment 3: This segment appears to run along the north side of the Southern Pacific Railroad, although it is marked as the Bay Ridge Trail, which officially runs along Marin Vista Avenue and Escobar Street until it reaches Talbart Street and the Carquinez Scenic Drive. Parcels along the eastern end of the proposed segment are in the Heavy Industrial zoning district and are currently in industrial use. As proposed, the trail would need to cross the railroad tracks and run through these industrial parcels before connecting to a new trail extension through Waterfront Park.

Trail Segment 4: This trail segment is identified as a Bay Area Ridge trail connection from the Martinez Regional Shoreline to what appears to be the Nejedly/East Staging Area on the Carquinez Scenic Drive. However, as discussed above, the Bay Area Ridge Trail does not officially run through Martinez Regional Shoreline. As proposed, the trail segment would need to cross the railroad tracks in this location. As described in the Circulation Element, the Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan contains the following improvements to close existing Bay Trail gaps in this area:

*Phase 1:* construct trail from existing staging area east along south edge of the Martinez Regional Shoreline to existing Shoreline Trail near Ferry Street. Relocate and repave parking lot;

*Phase 2:* construct trail from Nejedley staging area on the Carquinez Scenic Drive to Berrellesa Street along the south side of UPRR ROW and improve existing trail along Berrellesa Street to Granger's Wharf parking lot and existing section of Bay Trail;

Figure A: Hiking Trail Map Submitted by Jamie Fox, October 28, 2015 (numbers added by staff for discussion purposes)



*Phase 3:* construct new bicycle and pedestrian bridge over the UPRR tracks at North Court Street from the existing trail in the Martinez Regional Shoreline Park to the Escobar-Court Street intersection in downtown Martinez.

Trail Segment 5: The segment appears to begin near the Brown Street/Ferry Street intersection and run south to the Vista Oaks Drive area. This trail would apparently traverse multiple, privately-owned lots zoned for and developed with housing.

Trail Segment 6: This is a proposed extension of the Bay Area Ridge Trail, which currently ends at Mt. Wanda near the Martinez city limit line. The segment would apparently connect Mt. Wanda to Feeder Trail #1 as it passes through the Sky Ranch Muir Heritage Land Trust. Segment 6 is outside the City's Sphere of Influence and traverses land in private ownership and zoned for agricultural preserve (APN 367-210-003) and dry farming, grazing and pasturing (APN 367-020-022). The trail segment is identified as a gap on the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council maps, with no planned trail crossing the privately-owned land.

Trail Segment 7: This proposed trail is also largely outside the City's Sphere of Influence. It would apparently connect proposed Trail Segment 6 to Stone View Court. Most of the land passes through land in private ownership as described above (APN 367-210-003). The parcels adjacent to Stone View Court are in private ownership and are developed with single family homes.

Trail Segment 8: This proposed trail is within the City's Sphere of Influence, but part of it runs through land owned by the U.S. National Park Service. It would apparently wrap around the southwestern flank of Mt. Wanda, connecting the Mount Wanda Trails of the John Muir National Historic Site (see Figure B) to Alhambra Valley Road. The other section of the proposed trail is outside the City limits and traverses a privately-owned parcel in the Alhambra Valley Autonomous Region. The parcel is zoned for dry farming, grazing and pasturing (APN 367-080-001).

Trail Segment 9: This proposed trail segment apparently runs along the west side of Alhambra Avenue and Alhambra Valley Road, from Highway 4 to the north to Sheridan Lane in the unincorporated Alhambra Valley Autonomous Region. The trail could run within the right-of-way, but it would be challenging to connect it the Mount Wanda trail as shown in Figure B as this is within the National Park Service land. The proposed trail appears to traverse privately-owned parcels developed with single family homes at the southern end.

Trail Segment 10: This proposed trail segment is within the City's SOI, but the western end of it passes through the unincorporated Alhambra Valley Autonomous Region. This section apparently would run along the discontinuous Deodora Way and Sequoia Way, but further access to the east would require traversing privately-owned property zoned for residential use (one parcel is developed with a single family home and the other is vacant).

The remaining sections of this proposed trail are within the City's limits and the Alhambra Hills Specific Plan area. The proposed trail system appears to be based upon the Land Use and Circulation figure 31.30 in the 1986 Alhambra Hills Specific Plan and is discussed in the body of the white paper.

Figure B: Mount Wanda Trails of the John Muir National Historic Site

# Mount Wanda

National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior

### Hiking Trails

Explore the hills where John Muir sauntered with his two daughters, Wanda and Helen. Mount Wanda is open daily, sunrise to sunset. Please come prepared, as no water or toilet facilities are available. Pets are only permitted on a leash; remove all pet waste from park. Bicycles and horses are allowed on fire roads only.

**650 ft.**

**150 ft.**

Elevation

0 mi 0.10 mi 0.20 mi 0.30 mi 0.40 mi 0.50 mi 0.60 mi 0.70 mi 0.80 mi 0.90 mi 1.00 mi

mi Mile

### Mount Wanda Terrain

*Trails are not wheelchair accessible*

Initial hike to the upper trails of Mount Wanda is an average grade of 13% for about 1 mile

8ft.  
min 3ft.

native soil

17%  
grade

### ENJOY YOUR PARK RESPONSIBLY

Park policies are in accordance with Title 36, CFR, Chapter 1

<p><b>Information</b> ⓘ</p> <p>For more information on park trails or the John Muir NHS: Phone: 925-228-8860, or <a href="http://www.nps.gov/jomu">www.nps.gov/jomu</a></p>	<p><b>Restrooms</b> ⓘ</p> <p>There are NO restrooms on Mount Wanda. However, there are restrooms at the John Muir NHS Visitor Center</p>	<p><b>Camping</b> ⓘ</p> <p>No camping is allowed on Mount Wanda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ No smoking, fires or fireworks are permitted</li> <li>■ Remain on trails to avoid poison oak, and ticks</li> <li>■ Carry out what you carry in; leave nothing but footprints</li> <li>■ Do not harrass animals or remove plants from the site</li> </ul>
<p><b>Dog Walking</b> ⓘ</p> <p>All pets must be on a leash. Owners must clean up after pets</p>	<p><b>Bicycling</b> ⓘ</p> <p>Bicycles are allowed on fire roads only</p>	
<p><b>Equestrians</b> ⓘ</p> <p>Horses are allowed on fire roads only</p>	<p><b>Water</b> ⓘ</p> <p>There are no water facilities on Mount Wanda</p>	

**Trail Hours:**  
Sunrise - Sunset

**John Muir NHS Visitor Center**

4202 Alhambra Ave 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Martinez, CA 94553 Phone: 925-228-8860

North ↑

**Mount Wanda Trails**

650 ft. elevation

Fire Roads / Main Trails ——— 1,000 feet

Nature Trail ——— 1:10,000 scale