

SITE INFORMATION SHEET

Date: Created July 20, 2011; Update May 14, 2014

Property Title: "Francisco Street Reservoir"

Block and Lot #: Block 0046, Lot 001, and portion of Block 0047, Lot 001

Property Size: 172,000 sq. ft. / 3.95 acres

Current Owner: PUC

Geographic Analysis

- [Is this site in a High Need Area or serve a High Needs Area?](#)

The site is located in the northern portion of the city. Please see the attached site location map. The site is not located within or serves an area designated as High Needs by the Recreation and Open Space Element of the General Plan and as shown in the Acquisition Policy dated August, 2011.

- [Is this site in an Open Space Deficient Area?](#)

The site is located within an area deficient of Open Space as shown on the attached surrounding parks map. It falls outside of the Playground Distribution Map. Nearby parks and open spaces include: Joseph Conrad Mini Park, Fay Park, Michelangelo Playground, Alice Marble Tennis Courts and Fort Mason (GGNRA).

- [Is this site located within a Neighborhood Plan Area?](#)

The site is located within the northern portion of the city. Please see the attached site location map. The site is not located within an adopted Area Plan.

- [Is the site located adjacent to existing RPD property?](#)

The site is adjacent to RPD property. The property is adjacent to Russian Hill Open Space.

Potential Funding Sources:

- [What are the funding sources for the acquisition of this property?](#)

The property is currently under the jurisdiction of the PUC and must follow certain protocols for transferring property to another city agency. The Open Space Acquisition Fund has been identified as the funding source for this acquisition. While terms are still being negotiated, the funds would be transferred to the PUC over a duration of time with an agreed-upon interest rate.

- [What are the funding sources for capital improvements to this property?](#)

The Francisco Park Working Group, a neighborhood-based coalition, has begun fundraising to provide funding for planning, design and construction of the park. They have already

raised a significant amount of funds to start the process and will continue to raise funds to reach the projected target, which could change during the planning and design process.

- [What are the funding sources for maintenance of the property?](#)

The Francisco Park Working Group plans to create an endowment to ensure that sufficient funds are allocated to the park to cover its maintenance.

- [Are there any revenue opportunities for RPD on this site?](#)

None known at this time.

Possible Uses for the Property (Please refer to Park Uses Suitability Design Criteria and Definition of Terms)

- [Is the property suitable for Passive Recreation?](#)

The site is suitable for passive recreation such as community gardens, lawn area, and/or benches and sitting areas.

- [Is the property suitable for Active Recreation?](#)

The site is terraced, comprised of steep slopes and large level sections. The level portions of site are suitable for a selective number of recreational uses such as a sports court, and a playground.

- [Does the property have any significant natural resources?](#)

There are no known significant natural resources on site at this time.

- [Does the property have any special or unique features \(such as water access or scenic views\)?](#)

The site provides views to the north of the San Francisco Bay, Alcatraz, Angel Island, Marin County, and the portions of the Golden Gate Bridge.

- [Does this site provide an opportunity for unique recreational uses and / or experiences?](#)

The property provides an opportunity for traditional passive and active recreational uses and provides scenic views.

Site Accessibility

- [Is the site accessible from a public street or public property?](#)

The site is accessible from the Russian Hill Open Space south of the site. The site is also accessible from Hyde Street to the east and Bay Street in the north.

- Is the property accessible by public transit?

The site is serviced by the Powell / Hyde Cable Car located at Bay and Hyde Streets. It is also serviced by the 19-Polk, the 30-Stockton and the 47-Van Ness.

- Is the topography of the site adequate to the proposed use of the site as well as to accessing the site? (Please refer to Park Uses Suitability Design Criteria)

The topography of property varies between steep slopes and level grade. The level grades are adequate for passive and active recreational uses. The topography of the surrounding area increases sharply from the north to the south and may limit the accessibility of parts of the property.

Historic and Cultural Resources

- Are there any historic or cultural resources located on property?

The reservoir has been identified as a historic resource.

- Are there significant costs related to the presence of historical or cultural resources on site?

None known at this time.

Connectivity and Trails

- Does the property provide linkages between existing parks and open spaces?

The property is adjacent to the Russian Hill Open Space to the south.

- Is this property part of an existing or proposed local or regional trail alignment?

At this time the property is not part of a proposed local or regional trail alignment.

- Does the property provide a greater opportunity for trails development for recreation or commuting?

The property does not provide a greater opportunity for recreational trails development or commuting.

Sun, Shadow and Shade

- Upon initial observations, does the site experience shade or shadow during daylight hours?

Upon initial observations, the site receives adequate sun light during the majority of the day. There are substantial high-rise developments along the southern boundary of the property which may cast some shadow in the southern portion of the site.

Community Partnerships

- What is the maintenance plan for the future park on the property?

The Francisco Park Working Group plans to create an endowment to pay for ongoing maintenance for the park.

- Who are our potential community partners for this property?

Francisco Park Working Group, which is comprised of immediate neighbors and the four largest neighborhood associations in the area which includes Aquatic Park Neighbors, North Beach Neighbors, Russian Hill Improvement Association and Russian Hill Neighbors.

Challenges to Acquisition

- Will the acquisition of this property require Eminent Domain?

Using Eminent Domain to acquire this property does not seem likely. The property is currently under the jurisdiction of the PUC and must follow certain protocols for transferring property to another city agency.

- Are there significant clean up costs associated with the acquisition of this property?

The site is currently used for recreational purposes, open space, and a former reservoir. Significant clean up costs or construction costs are not known.

Health and Safety

- Is the property located near a notable and significant source of pollution?

There are no notable or significant sources of pollution near the site. Environmental review pursuant to standard real estate practice has been conducted to identify any pollution sources within the vicinity and no significant pollutants were identified. The reservoir likely includes asbestos-containing material that, if removed, will follow all applicable codes to protect the health of workers.

- Are there any known hazards on and / or around the property?

The roads surrounding the sites do not appear to experience heavy vehicular traffic and the exposure of potential hazards to pedestrians is minimal. Steep terrain that comprises the site may pose some hazards.