



To Whom It May Concern:

The Muwekma Ohlone Park is located on the north shore of Islais Creek, adjacent to Pier 80 and consists of one acre of land and 1.5 acres of wetland habitat. The Port Authority gardener who we have been collaborating with introduced us to the park and the efforts of local residents who have worked hard to maintain this small jewel of land. Calling themselves Guerilla Gardeners," the local residents have cleaned, tilled, planted, irrigated and maintained a small open space, which has become a sanctuary for native plants, birds, and butterflies for the last seven years.

The San Francisco Conservation Corps' Youth In Action program conservation crews plan to continue this community-based effort that serves to celebrate the original history and peoples of the area, expand and preserve the resources for the park and its surrounding community members, and work to safeguard the area for future generations. YIA is committed to continue our efforts in the spring and summer of 2003 through regular litter abatement and collection of recyclables. We also plan to install a bench for visitors to use and enjoy in this small pocket of natural splendor amidst a sea of industrial yards that surround it. Along with the bench, YIA plans to install a laminated display board that will highlight the native plants in the park, a history of the original peoples of the land, and the importance of preserving green/open space in every community. Another exciting possibility for the park is to collaborate with the "Guerilla Gardeners" and other local residents, many of which are artists, in further enhancing the space with a recycled art sculpture or other creative artistic expression. The Art Crew is also planning to install a recycled art sculpture created by the middle school students (or Junior Corpsmembers—JCMs) to enhance the landscape and integrate recycled art into the beauty of the natural landscape.

If you have any further questions related to SFCC's involvement and support of the work being done at the Ohlone Pocket Park, please feel free to contact me, Justin Stoddard, at: (415) 920-7171 ext. 308 or e-mail me at: jstoddard@sfcc.org and I would be happy to assist you in any further clarification.

Sincerely,

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