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# Growing Urban Gardens in Richmond, California

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# Roadmap

- Background
- General Plan - Community Health and Wellness Element
- Urban Agriculture Assessment
- EPA Targeted Brownfield Assessment Sites
- Moving Forward

# Key Components

- Community Health and Wellness Element
- Health Equity Framework
- Community Engagement







**PEACE GARDEN**  
"A Local Community Garden"

  
Rotary Club of Richmond Centennial Project

These garden plots are available for use free of charge.

- You can share the responsibilities of maintaining the plot with a friend, neighbor or organization.
- We are looking for responsible participants who will respect fellow gardeners and the site.
- Non-profit organizations, residents, apartments dwellers are all encouraged to apply.

**Apply today!**  
To apply for one of these plots please call 510-215-5134

Contributors:  
Richmond Rotary Club  
10th Triangle Neighbourhood Council  
Opportunity West  
Richmond Police Dept.  
MSH Group  
Speargrass Signs  
5% Local Coalition







Sunnyside Organics

Herbs from the Sun

Bay Leaf Mix

GRASS

Herbs from the Sun

# Seed Lending Library

Watch our  
on-line  
orientation!  
[RichmondGrowsSeeds.org](http://RichmondGrowsSeeds.org)

## Returning seeds!

- 1. All seeds are to be returned.
- 2. Donations are "first in, first out" - use the oldest seeds first.
- 3. For questions or for help, please contact the library.
- 4. Seeds are not to be used for commercial purposes.

## Seed Lending Library

Seeds are available for borrowing from the library. The library is open to all members of the community. The library is located at the Richmond Community Center, 1000 14th Street, Richmond, CA 94801. For more information, please contact the library at (510) 861-1111.



Library Organization

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- Supplies
- Flowers
- CA Natives
- Ornamentals





# General Plan 2030

## Community Health and Wellness Element

### Richmond Health Equity Partnership

The California Endowment

UC Berkeley

Contra Costa Health Services

West Contra Costa Unified School District

# General Plan 2030

## Community Health and Wellness Element





# Health Equity



# Community Engagement



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URBAN AGRICULTURE ASSESSMENT



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Sunnyside Organic Seedlings  
EcoVillage Farm  
Urban Tilth  
Self-Sustaining Communities  
Richmond Rivets  
Communities United Restoring Mother Earth  
Richmond Grows  
Groundwork Richmond  
Alhambra Valley Ranch  
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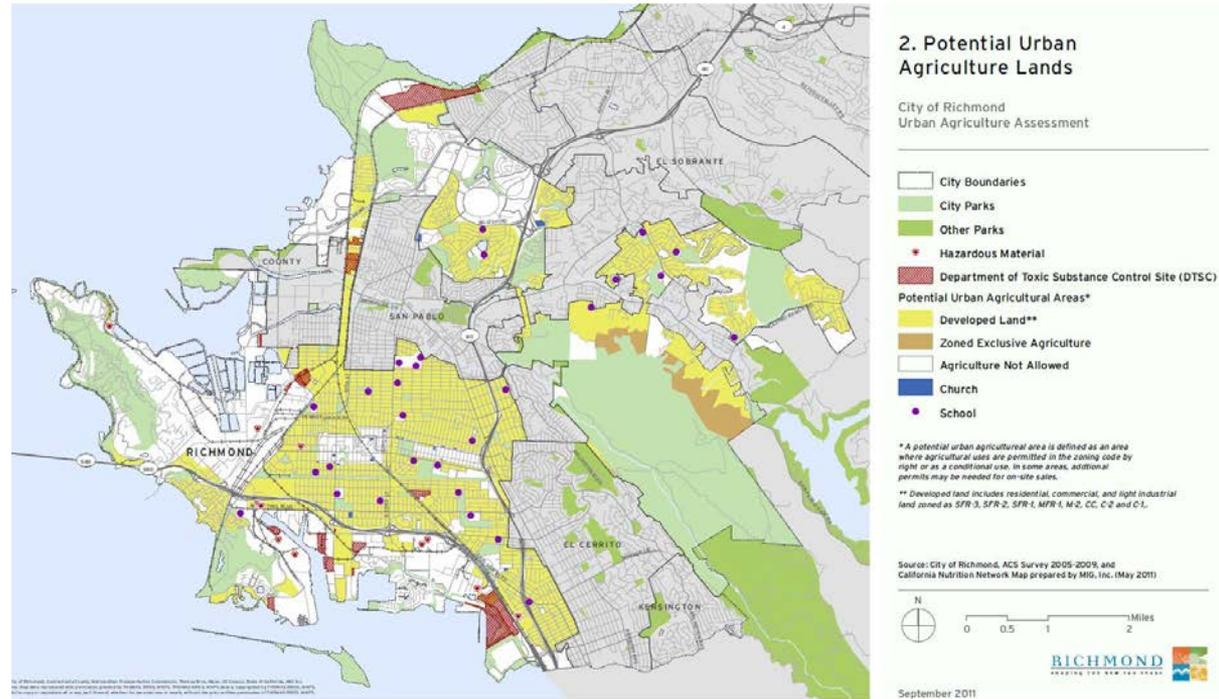


## Community Engagement

- ◆ Questionnaire – Feb 2011
- ◆ Community Advisory Group Meetings – March 2011, April 2011
- ◆ Urban Ag Summit – June 2011
- ◆ Release of Assessment – October 2011

## Urban Agriculture Assessment

- ◆ Survey of existing and potential sites
- ◆ Land use and zoning controls
- ◆ Opportunities and constraints
- ◆ Promising practices and tools



[www.richmondhealth.org](http://www.richmondhealth.org)

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# EPA Targeted Assessment Sites

# Iron Triangle Neighborhood

## *Considerations*

- ◆ Strong community leadership
- ◆ Iron Triangle Legacy Project initiative
- ◆ City provisions that address community concerns



## Considerations

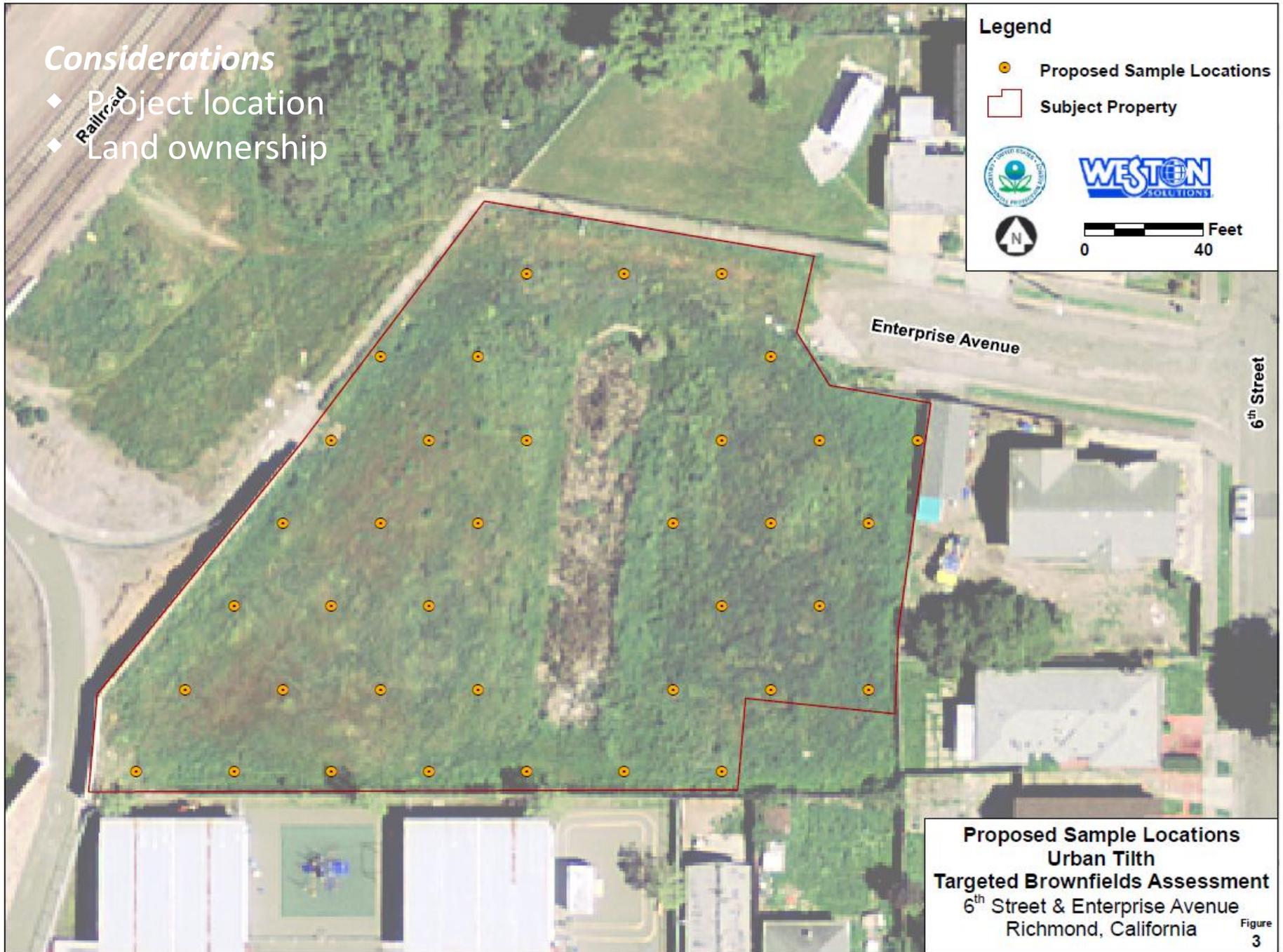
- ◆ Project location
- ◆ Land ownership

## Legend

- Proposed Sample Locations
- Subject Property



0 40 Feet



**Proposed Sample Locations**  
**Urban Tilth**  
**Targeted Brownfields Assessment**  
6<sup>th</sup> Street & Enterprise Avenue  
Richmond, California  
Figure 3

# MUNICIPAL NATATORIUM



## Richmond Plunge

### *Considerations*

- ◆ Community support
- ◆ Soil testing to eliminate uncertainty about contamination



# PROPOSED USE MAP

## Unity Park - Area 2

Targeted Brownfields Assessment

Richmond, California



FIGURE 2-2



Unity Park Project Area

**Proposed Use**

-  Children's Play Area
-  Community Plaza
-  Garden Plots & Beds
-  Gazebo
-  Great Lawn
-  Restroom
-  Shade & Fruit Trees

### Unity Park, Richmond Greenway



0 50 100 200 300 400 Feet



## *Considerations*

- ◆ Prop 84 Grant
- ◆ Community Partners
- ◆ Design Charrettes Engaging  
> 800 Residents to Create  
Vision for Unity Park on the  
Richmond Greenway



Moving Forward

## *Considerations*

- ◆ Prioritizing urban agriculture
  - ◆ “Adopt-a-Spot” Program
  - ◆ Involvement of City Manager’s Office, Code Enforcement, Engineering, and Parks and Landscaping





## *Considerations*

- ◆ Water Access
- ◆ Zoning
- ◆ Revising Municipal Code
- ◆ Communication
- ◆ Minimum term



## *Contact*

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