

# EDGEHILL MOUNTAIN PARK

## Project Overview

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*Organization and mission:* A volunteer neighborhood association, The Friends of Edgehill Mountain Park (FEMP) are affiliated with the Edgehill Mountain Open Space Committee (EMOSC), a subcommittee of the Greater West Portal Neighborhood Association (GWPNA), a 501(c)(3) organization established in 1975. FEMP formed in May, 1998 as "TREE – Team Rescue Edgehill Environment" to revitalize and restore the native habitats of the Edgehill Mountain Park, a Natural Areas Park purchased with SF Open Space Funds in 1985. FEMP has over 30 members who work every second Saturday of the month with RPD/NAP staff to remove exotic plants, plant and maintain native plants, and improve public accessibility through trails and steps through the park. FEMP members include neighborhood activists and leaders, gardeners, and a professional landscape architect, Paul Furman. Paul maintains a publicly-accessible web site for the project at www.edgehill.net. Stan Kaufman maintains a private discussion/planning web site for FEMP members at www.epimetrics.com.

*Grand vision:* FEMP volunteers have developed a long-term vision for the park that includes completion of plant restoration activities throughout the park, infrastructure improvements, extension of trails to additional street access points, and expansion of park areas to include adjacent unimproved properties.

## Project Master Plan

Map Key	Component	Target Time
A	<b>Plant Habitat Restoration</b> Extend areas of exotic plant removal, re-planting and maintenance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Connect existing restoration areas.</li> <li>▪ Expand restoration for best potential and along trails.</li> </ul>	Ongoing
B	<b>Lower Loop Trail Improvements</b> Widen trail, reduce grade with steps, shore up retaining wall. Funded via \$5000 grant from Friends of Rec & Park.	Completed 10-2003
C	<b>Main Trail Improvements</b> Widen trail, reduce grade with steps, improve trail edges.	Ongoing Q3-4 2003
D	<b>Information Signage</b> Place signs at entrances with engraved description of park history and native plant species.	2004
E	<b>Kensington Trail</b> Construct switchback trail from Lower Loop Trail toward southern end of Lot 67 to join up with Kensington Steps.	2004
F	<b>Kensington Steps</b> Construct steps from Kensington Street entrance to meet with Kensington Trail.	2004-5
G	<b>Upper Slope Acquisition and Restoration</b> Acquire the six lots of Edgehill Mountain above the current park. Remove exotic plant species, re-plant native species and build trails. (This "Extension One" acquisition is in the RPD Master Plan passed by the Planning Commission 5/1/1997 as Resolution 14363. A land swap to accomplish the acquisition was approved by the Rec&Park Commission and Board of Supervisors October 2003.)	2004
H	<b>Vasquez Trail</b> Construct trail west from western tip of Lower Loop Trail to a new park entrance at the intersection with Vasquez Avenue. (Five lots along Kensington Way from Vasquez to the current park, known as Extension Two, are to be acquired with Open Space funds, and easements are to be negotiated for public access to the private lots between.)	2006