

# Urban Wild in Transition

How a Landfill Became a Community Treasure



FRI-FS-03 | Friday, November 11, 2022 | 8:00am - 2:00pm

## Field Session Overview:

Once a landfill on the San Francisco Bay, the Albany Shoreline & Bulb is now a beloved public landscape of rubble, guerrilla art, thickets, and wetlands serving an amalgam of users, ecologies and infrastructures. Explore its unique beauty, challenges and the role designers can play in the evolution of similar urban wilds.

# Learning Objectives

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Learn about grassroots responses and uses of urban wilds and the opportunities for inviting a diversity of users to participate in those spaces



Discuss the role of the designer in transforming our informal wild spaces to adapt to the evolution of uses and environmental pressures over time.

Gain insight into how a landscape can accommodate the divergent needs of ecological restoration, recreation, and cultural expression



Discuss tools and frameworks that designers can learn from urban wilds that can inform how we approach designing parks and open spaces





**John Gibbs, ASLA, LEED AP – Landscape Architect, Principal, WRT**

As a landscape architect and principal at WRT, John Gibbs has led community engagement efforts for parks and open space through out the U.S.. Recent work focuses on climate resilience in coastal and inland areas. John has led work employing nature-based solutions in coastal areas as well as evaluating wildfire interface risk in urban wildland areas.



**Patrick Tomay Miller, FASLA – Partner, 2M Associates**

Patrick Miller, FASLA is a planner and licensed landscape architect who has been designing trails, public access systems, open space preserves, and parks for over forty-five years. His work has pioneered the comprehensive vision of trails as recreation, transportation, mental and physical health, and social-equity facilities. He is the principal author of the San Francisco Bay Trail Design Guidelines and Toolkit that explains its nature, socio-cultural value, and the diverse variables involved in its design



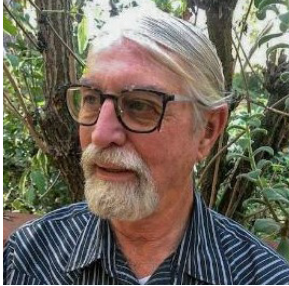
**Susan K. Moffat – Creative Director, UC Berkeley Future Histories Lab**

Susan Moffat is founder of Love the Bulb, a community-based non-profit organization devoted to protecting the spirit and stories of the Albany Bulb by presenting participatory art events, stewardship and environmental education activities. As creative director of Future Histories Lab at UC Berkeley, her research focuses on the natural-urban interface, self-managed commons, user-designed parks, and equity in public space.



**Julia Price, ASLA – Studio Manager, CMG Landscape Architecture**

Julia Price is a volunteer with Love the Bulb, a community-based non-profit organization at the Albany Bulb, where she helps lead efforts to test and cultivate educational and stewardship activities. At CMG Landscape Architecture, Julia focuses on developing urban landscape projects that provide a sense of warm welcome where the visitor feels agency to make the space their own.



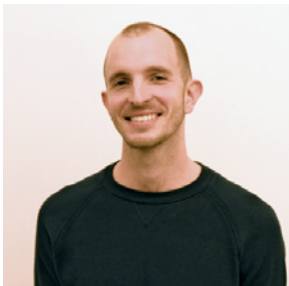
**Jeffrey Peters - Principal, Questa Engineering**

Jeff Peters is a working principal, with over forty years of experience in the design, permitting and implementation of public spaces. His work focuses on low impact, climate resilient design and habitat enhancement. He has guided the implementation of open space and recreational parks, multi-usepaths, shoreline enhancement, habitat restoration and strategic design in environmentally sensitive areas. He focuses on inclusive and sustainable design that provides a safe and enjoyable user experience yet fits within the site context. Work includes public parks, plazas, trails and other public spaces for communities throughout California.



**Jim Townsend - Trail Planner, ACME Consulting (formerly EBRPD)**

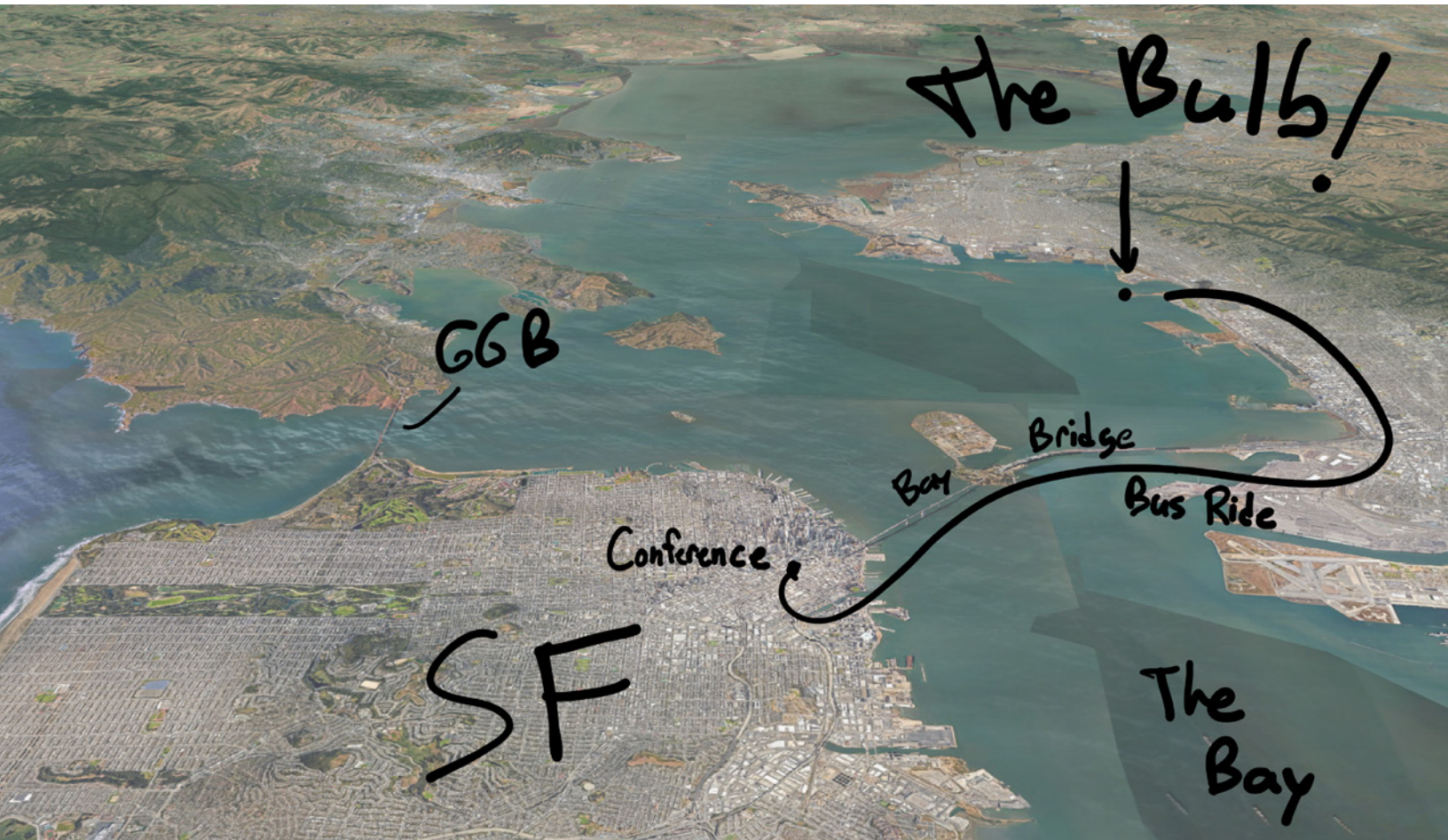
Jim Townsend is the principal of Acme Consulting, specializing in assisting private and public sector clients in planning, funding, and delivering non-motorized transportation, streetscape, and recreational trail projects in communities throughout the Bay Area. For nearly 15 years, Townsend managed all phases of paved and natural surface trail development for the East Bay Regional Park District in Oakland, California. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council and Coastwalk California. He was a founding member of the statewide Caltrans Active Transportation Program's Technical Advisory Committee.



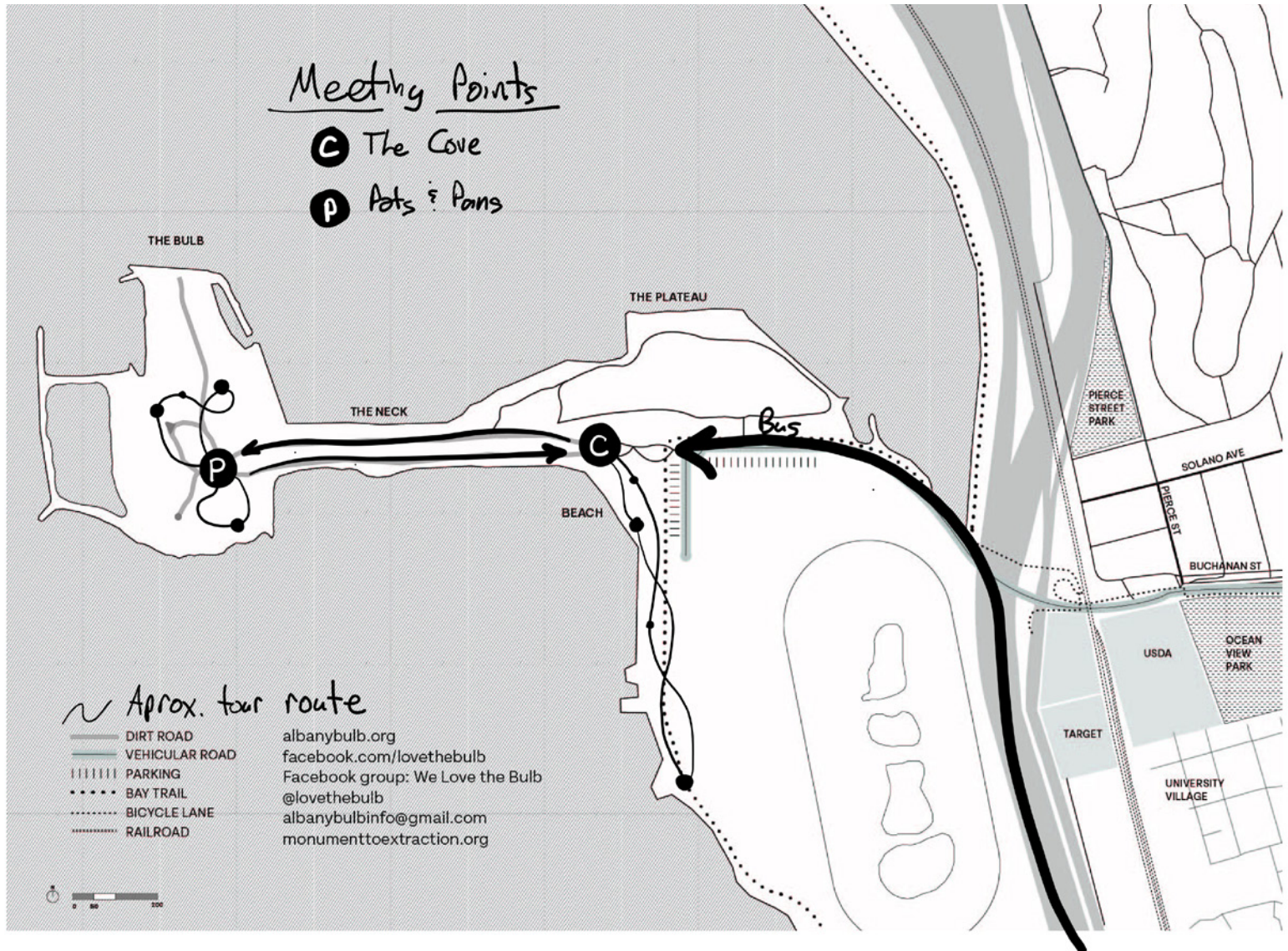
**Peter Trio, Landscape Architect – Landscape Architect, WRT**

Peter is a Landscape Architect with a passion for enabling landscapes to respond to community needs. He has led park and open space design teams on projects throughout California, prototyped green infrastructure systems, and consulted on green roofs throughout the Midwest. In 2019 he launched an initiative focused on the evolution of under-utilized suburban landscapes to understand how they might thrive in an environmentally and socially turbulent world.









# Urban Wild Experience Guide

Use this map as a guide into the urban wild experience

Below are just a hint of few of the special moments that can be discovered on this dynamic, rugged, ruderal site. Take the next hour to

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get lost

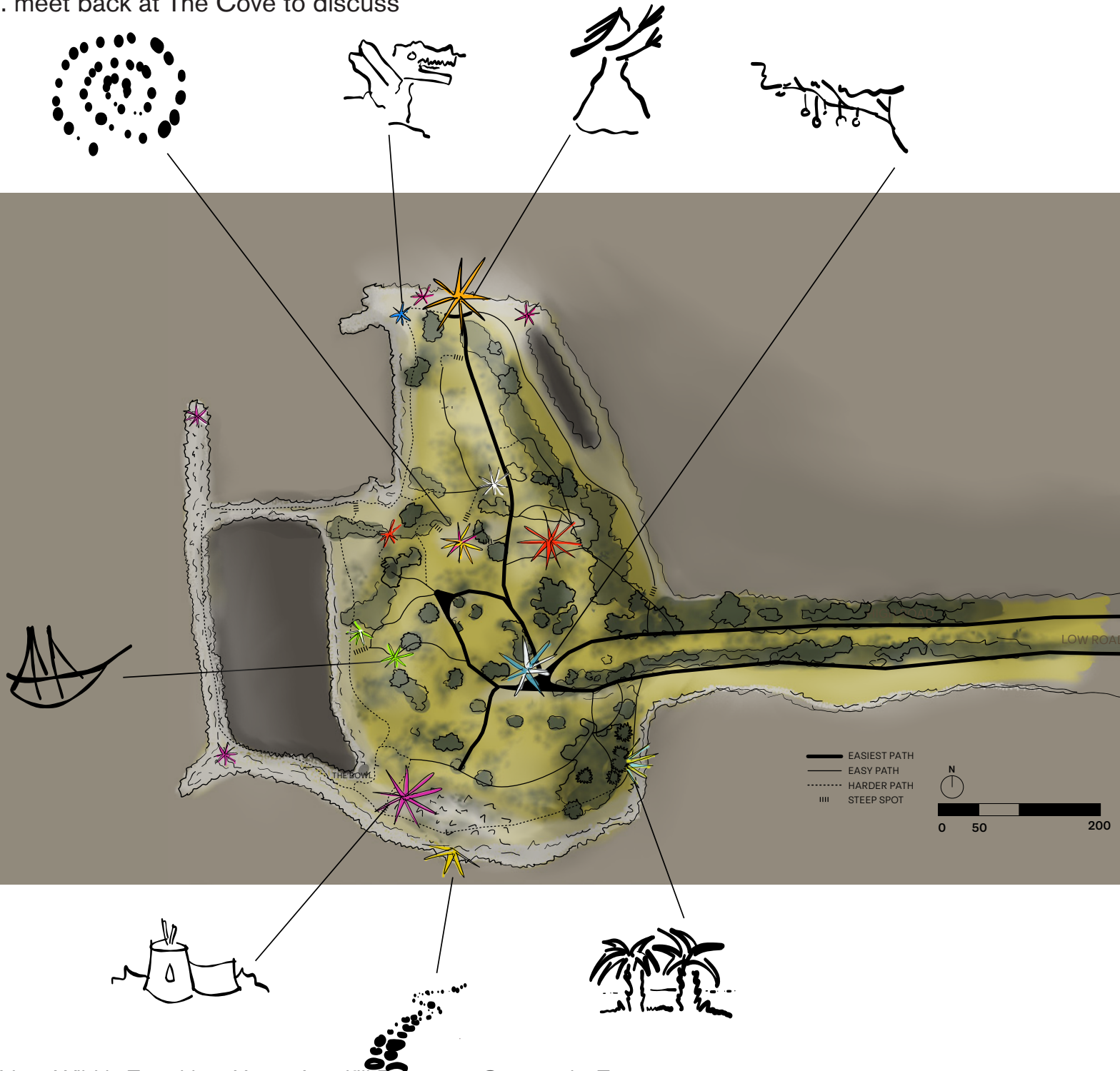
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use every one of your senses

... meet back at The Cove to discuss

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## **Notes + Sketches**

## **Background Resources**

East Bay Regional Parks Albany Beach Restoration and Public Access Project

<https://www.ebparks.org/projects/albany-beach-habitat-restoration-and-public-access-project>

Albany Neck & Bulb Transition Study

[http://albanyca.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view\\_id=&event\\_id=527&meta\\_id=90996](http://albanyca.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=&event_id=527&meta_id=90996)

“The Battle of the Bulb: Nature, Culture and Art at the San Francisco Bay Landfill”

<https://boomcalifornia.org/2017/01/01/the-battle-of-the-bulb-nature-culture-and-art-at-a-san-francisco-bay-landfill/>

Albany Bulb Monument to Extraction, UC Berkeley student virtual and audio tour

<https://monumenttoextraction.org/>

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