THE PRESIDIO OF SAN FRANCISCO



Preserving

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As a Sustainable

NATIONAL PARK

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The Presidio Trust has embarked on its mission to preserve and enhance the Presidio as a part of the national park system.

A growing community of organizations and businesses that fit park goals make their home at the Presidio, enjoying a full range of workforce housing and the unique amenities of a national park setting.

By 2013, leasing and other activities will generate an estimated \$37 million annually to make non-coastal areas of the Presidio financially self-sustaining for the enjoyment of future generations. The Trust will increase open space, restore natural areas, preserve historic buildings, and host visitors from around the

world in cooperation with the

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National Park Service.



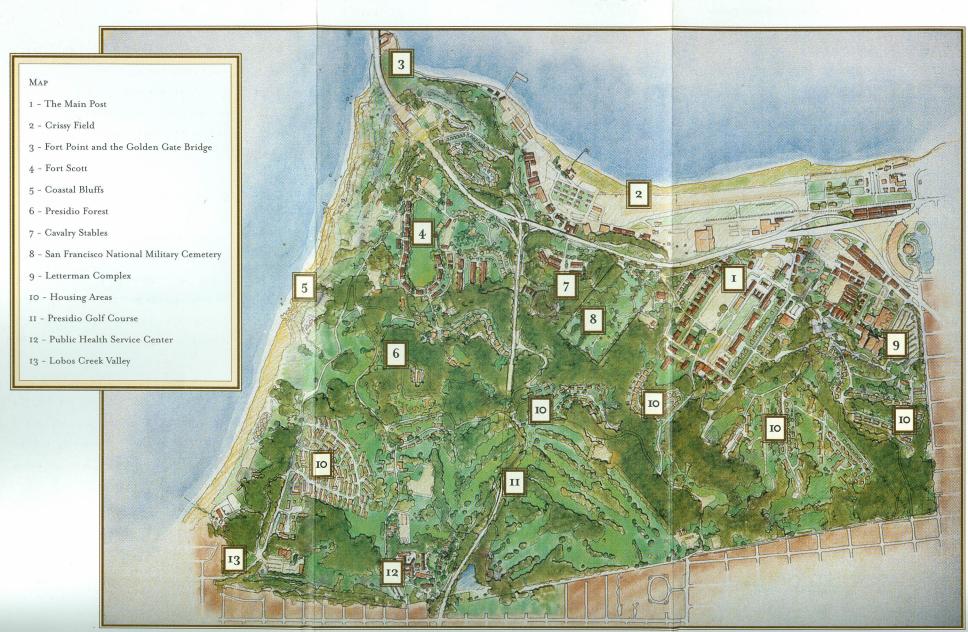
The stage was set for the Presidio to become a national park in 1972, when federal law called for the Presidio to become part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) if the U.S. Army ever declared the base excess to the needs of the military. When the Army made its last salute in 1994, the Presidio was the oldest continuously operating military base in the United States. Jurisdiction over the land transferred to the National Park Service, and two years later the U.S. Congress passed the Presidio Trust Act.

Congress established the Presidio Trust to preserve the Presidio's natural, scenic and historic resources while reaching financial self-sufficiency by 2013. The Trust assumed management of the Presidio's non-coastal areas on July 1, 1998, one year after its seven-member volunteer Board of Directors was sworn in. Six Presidential appointees and the Secretary of the Interior or his designee sit on the Board and oversee Trust activities.

A non-profit federal government corporation, the Trust has streamlined authorities that enable it to operate the park in an effective manner and enter into lease agreements that support the general objectives of the General Management Plan for the Presidio. The Trust can retain revenue for use at the park, borrow from the U.S. Treasury, and provide loan guarantees to encourage private sector investment in Presidio improvements.



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A DYNAMIC NATIONAL PARK

The Presidio is a national park of uncommon beauty and history in the heart of a flourishing urban area.

Natural areas span the Presidio from the Pacific Coast to the San Francisco Bay, offering stunning views of the Golden Gate and surrounding cities. Once non-historic buildings are removed, two-thirds of the Presidio will be open space, an increase of 25 percent.

Diverse ecosystems on the Presidio include beaches and cliffs, forests and sand dunes, natural springs and rolling hills. Rare and endangered species make their home at the Presidio, and habitat restoration work is underway throughout the park. At Crissy Field, a former airstrip is being transformed into a dynamic shoreline promenade, featuring restored wetlands, trails, recreation areas and cultural facilities.

Historic buildings and interpretive programs reflect the Presidio's rich history from Native American settlements through 200 years of military use by Spanish, Mexican and

United States forces. The Presidio's 870 structures represent architectural styles from every major military construction period since 1848. The entire Presidio was designated a National Historic Landmark District in 1962.

The National Park Service, in cooperation with the Presidio Trust, offers educational and interpretive programs throughout the park. The Park Service also maintains coastal areas and provides public safety services.

A THRIVING COMMUNITY

The Presidio is a place to live, learn, work and play in a rare and beautiful setting, surrounded by scenic views, natural areas, and a community dedicated to common goals.

Situated at the heart of a thriving regional economy, the Presidio is an ideal location for non-profit and for-profit organizations that fit within the context of a national park. Education, arts, cultural and research groups, as well as high-tech enterprises, such as telecommunications, multimedia and film production are among those that will enrich the Presidio community.

The Presidio's fiber optic backbone provides high-speed data transmission capability to activity centers throughout the Presidio, with additional connections planned for residential areas. Current network facilities will be upgraded to provide transport of high-speed data and broadband video.

By 2013, an estimated 4,800 people will work on the Presidio, and more than half of them will live in its residential areas. A housing stock of 1,600 units will provide a full range of market-rate housing to the Presidio workforce. By creating a balance between jobs and housing, the Trust will minimize traffic demand and encourage transportation alternatives.

The Presidio offers a wide range of recreational facilities, including tennis courts, gymnasiums, a bowling center, a theater, a swimming pool, a public golf course, and a number of small

playgrounds and athletic fields. Residents and visitors can also enjoy hiking, biking, jogging, rollerblading, sailing and windsurfing.

SUSTAINABILITY

The Presidio is fast becoming a model of environmental, cultural and financial sustainability.



Energy-efficient material and environmentally responsible construction techniques will be employed for building improvements and replacement. Facilities will be designed and maintained to ensure their quality and longevity.

The Presidio's rich cultural heritage is reflected in programs and interpretation services that celebrate diversity, promote multicultural exchange, and encourage lifelong learning.

Revenue generated from leasing Presidio buildings will be recycled into the park's operating budget. The Presidio will reach financial sustainability by 2013, when the park will generate enough revenue to cover operating expenses, improvements, and reserves to preserve the Presidio for the enjoyment of future generations.

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The Presidio of San Francisco is one of our country's

most unique national parks. A former military base

dating back to 1776, the Presidio is a place of

breathtaking natural and architectural beauty. Its

1,480 acres feature jagged cliffs, expansive

beaches, dense forests, rare vegetation,

and an extraordinary assortment

of historic buildings.



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