



The San Francisco Estuary Partnership  
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 The Urban Creeks Council  
 and the cities of El Cerrito and Richmond  
 presents



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## BEADS ON A GREEN NECKLACE: GREEN STREETS/RESILIENT WATERSHEDS TOUR

Friday, October 9, 2009  
 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.

We invite you to attend a free, one-day tour for interested city planners, public works directors and staff, landscape architects, city councilmembers, county supervisors, and legislators.

Tour stop  
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9 - 10 a.m.

See the new, soon-to-be-LEED-certified El Cerrito City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Avenue, where bioswales and bioretention areas capture and treat stormwater runoff. Presentations by Melanie Mintz (city of El Cerrito); Keith Lichten, San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board: green infrastructure examples from around the world; Brock Dolman, Occidental Arts & Ecology Center: permeable watersheds.

Tour stop  
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10 - 10:30 a.m.

Madison and San Pablo Avenue, site of a new sidewalk rain garden (green stormwater) project.



Gates and Associates

Tour stop  
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10:45 - 11:15 a.m.

Baxter Creek at Poinsett Park (upper watershed). Creek daylighted in 1997 as an alternative to repairing a failing stormwater pipe. Speaker: Ann Riley, San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board. (continues on next page)

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11:30 - 12 p.m.

Baxter Creek at Gateway Park (mid-watershed). 2006 restoration project (mid-watershed) that turned a railroad ditch into a thriving creek and gateway to the city. Speakers: Drew Goetting, Restoration Design Group, Berkeley; Melanie Mintz, City of El Cerrito; Estuary Partnership's Athena Honore on IPM for cities.



Tour stop

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12:15 - 1:45 p.m.

Baxter Creek at Booker T. Anderson, Jr. Park, Richmond (lower watershed). Lunch (brown bag) and soil bioengineering demonstration. This site is at the downstream end of the watershed near the Bay. See a demonstration-in-progress\* by the Urban Creeks Council on soil bioengineering techniques to stabilize creek banks.



Tour stop

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2 - 3 p.m.

San Francisco Bay Trail; mouth of Baxter Creek. Visit mouth of Baxter (aka Stege) Creek where it enters S.F. Bay Speaker: Karl Hans, environmental scientist, UC Berkeley, on western Stege Marsh remediation/restoration project.

### **Tour limited to 30 participants.**

To register, contact Lisa Owens Viani at (510) 622-2337 or [lowensviani@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:lowensviani@waterboards.ca.gov).

\*Soil bioengineering workshop limited to 20 participants: preregister by contacting Mike Vukman, Urban Creeks Council ([mike@urbancreeks.org](mailto:mike@urbancreeks.org)) (510) 540-6669. Workshop at Booker T. will begin at 11:30 a.m.