



# Public Health Service Hospital District eNews Update

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## The Public Health Service Hospital District

Located at the Presidio's southern border, the Public Health Service Hospital (PHSH) District is a refuge for native plants and wildlife, with a human history dating to 1875 when the district's first building was constructed. The San Francisco Marine Hospital provided free medical care to merchant mariners from around the world. In 1932, the original hospital was replaced by the U.S. Public Health Service Hospital. "Building 1801" is the Presidio's largest historic structure.

The PHS District revitalization effort includes:

- **Main Hospital Building and Townhomes (Building 1801).** Forest City Development is removing the non-historic wings and converting the historic main hospital building into 154 residential apartments. A three-story addition will be added at the rear of the building. Seven townhomes located on Belles Street are also included in the project. Forest City will seek the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold Certification for the project. *September 2008 – Fall/Winter 2010.* When complete there will be 154 units in building 1801; and 7 townhomes on Belles Avenue.
- **Nurses Dormitory (Building 1808).** The Presidio Trust is rehabilitating the historic former Nurses Dormitory for office space. *September 2008 – July 2009.*
- **Wyman Avenue Townhomes.** The Presidio Trust will rehabilitate seven historic Wyman Avenue buildings, three single family homes and four duplexes. When complete there will be eleven residential units. *April/May 2009 – May 2010.*
- **New trails and scenic overlooks.** Multi-use trails with scenic and historic overlooks will connect to Baker Beach, Crissy Field, and the Presidio forest. *Winter 2009 – Summer 2010.*
- **District Utility Infrastructure Upgrades.** The Presidio Trust is upgrading all existing PHS District utilities: water distribution systems, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, electrical distribution, and gas service distribution. *August 2008 – May 2009.*
- **Environmental Remediation.** Four fill sites, identified as Graded Area 9, Landfill 8, Landfill 10, and the PHS Fill Site, will be remediated by the Trust. The proposed remedies are described in a Remedial Action Plan (RAP) which was prepared following site investigations to assess the potential risks to human health and to the environment. The remedial construction, expected to occur in *May – November 2009*, includes: grading and consolidation of waste fill, and placement of pavement, soil, and vegetative covers over exposed waste fill. The covers serve as physical barriers to human contact and support establishment of native habitats and development of landscapes consistent with the planned revitalization and the Trust's Vegetation Management Plan (VMP). The RAP for Graded Area 9 was approved by the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) in 2007. The draft RAP and accompanying Negative Declaration prepared per the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the remaining sites are available at <http://www.presidio.gov/nature/cleanup>. Public review of this RAP ended in January 2009. DTSC approved the RAP for Landfill 8, Landfill 10 and the PHS Fill sites on February 27, 2009.

# Ongoing Activity for March 2009

## Building 1801

The historic former Public Health Service Hospital rehabilitation work continues on schedule with interior structural reinforcement work and historic window refurbishment. Work begins in front of the building on the underground storm and sewer mains serving the building. Other exterior restoration work is currently focused on below grade waterproofing.

## Building 1808

Weather impacts delayed completion of utility upgrades behind the former Nurses Dormitory. With no further weather delays, the utility upgrades will be completed in the next two weeks. Parking lot grading and paving construction behind the building will create parking for future office tenants. Area traffic direction will continue with flaggers for intermittent disruptions due to materials and equipment deliveries.

## District Utilities Infrastructure Upgrades Project

Weather permitting, the sanitary sewer system rehabilitation serving the PSHH District will be completed. Construction work on the PSHH District electrical substation near the 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue gate continues. The electrical upgrading work behind Building 1808 will reach completion. The installation of water service to the Wyman Avenue homes, Building 1801, Building 1802 and Building 1808 is anticipated, with project work expected on Saturday, March 28, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Traffic will be directed by flaggers around localized disruptions between Buildings 1806 and 1802, behind Building 1808 and on the east side of the Wyman Avenue homes.

## Environmental Remediation

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) approved the RAP outlining the remedial actions at Landfill 8, Landfill 10 and the PSHH Fill site on February 27, 2009. The Trust is now completing the construction documents to implement the approved remedies at these sites. The remedial construction site work is scheduled to start in May 2009. Vegetation clearance has been completed in the areas where grading will occur. These areas include the slope of Landfill 10, the surface and periphery of Landfill 8 and the area surrounding Graded Area 9.

## District Landscaping Update

The Trust is completing its review of the construction drawings for the 1808 landscape and the Landfill 10 parking lot and associated landscape which were prepared by its landscape consultant. In late March drawings will be finalized.

## Community Update Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 11, 2009; 6:30pm, at the Golden Gate Club, Cypress Room, 135 Fisher Loop, in the Presidio.

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