MONTALVIN MANOR, TARA HILLS, BAYVIEW, AND ROLLINGWOOD - CONTEXT - 1

Situated along San Pablo Avenue in the northwestern part of the county, these four communities are made up of single-family neighborhoods with some multiple-family homes and commercial storefronts. Residents enjoy spectacular views of San Pablo Bay and easy highway access to regional job centers in Richmond, Oakland, and beyond. Residents also appreciate the relatively modest home prices in this area.

Montalvin Manor, Tara Hills, Bayview, and Rollingwood offer recreational opportunities in pocket parks, along trails, and at the Montara Bay ballfields/ community center. Residents would like to enhance the trail network along the shoreline to connect two existing segments of the Bay Trail near Garrity Creek. The historic Union Pacific Railroad runs along this shoreline, creating challenges for safe and convenient access to the bay.

Interstate 80 skirts the eastern edge of Tara Hills, and traffic congestion and related air pollution during peak commute hours cause problems for residents. Surface streets can be severely congested, and pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure is limited, impeding access to local amenities. Many of the neighborhood-serving commercial spaces in the community have become vacant over time, limiting local service options and attracting illegal dumping.





WHO LIVES IN MONTALVIN MANOR, TARA HILLS, BAYVIEW, AND ROLLINGWOOD?





The information on this page presents a summary of hazards and vulnerabilities in Montalvin Manor, Tara Hills, Bayview, and Rollingwood based on the Contra Costa County Vulnerability Assessment; please see the **online Vulnerability Assessment** for a full description of these hazards and vulnerabilities. For information on tsunami hazards, see Figure HS-6, Tsunami Hazard Areas, in the Health and Safety Element.

HAZARDS Image: Air quality from increased ozone and diesel particulate matter Image: Coastal flooding Image: Coasta

MAJOR VULNERABILITIES

Persons experiencing chronic illnesses, homeless persons, and households in poverty are vulnerable to poor air quality, extreme heat, and human health hazards.

Homes in Bayview are vulnerable to sea level rise and coastal flooding.

Amtrak and freight rail lines that run through Montalvin Manor are vulnerable to coastal flooding and sea level rise.

Homes and schools in Tara Hills are vulnerable to landslides and debris flows.

Public transit access, water and wastewater services, energy delivery services, and solid waste removal services are vulnerable to multiple hazards.





FLOOD ZONES

Flood Hazard Areas 100-Year Flood Zone 500-Year Flood Zone Areas of Undetermined but Possible Flood Hazard Water Incorporated Cities Urban Limit Line Outside Urban Limit Line Creeks and Drainages A 100-year flood zone represents a 1% chance of flooding in any given year. A 500-year flood zone represents a



A 500-year flood zone represents a 0.2% chance of flooding in any given year.

Source: FEMA, 2019; Contra Costa County, 2018; PlaceWorks, 2022.

LANDSLIDES

Landslides

Mapped landslides
Few large mapped landslides, but contains scattered small landslides and questionablyidentified larger landslides
Areas of gentle slope at low elevation that have little or no potential for landslides
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Regional Faults
Railroads
Creeks and Drainages
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Scale (Miles)

Source: US Geological Survey, 2018; Contra Costa County, 2018; PlaceWorks, 2022.

IMPACTED COMMUNITY

The County has identified Montalvin Manor, Tara Hills, Bayview, and Rollingwood as Impacted Communities under Senate Bill (SB) 1000, which requires the County to integrate environmental justice into the General Plan. This law is based on the understanding that some communities have experienced a combination of historic discrimination, negligence, and political and economic disempowerment. Often, this has resulted in a disproportionate burden of pollution and health impacts and disproportionate social and economic disadvantages in these communities.

The 21 indicators that contribute to Montalvin Manor, Tara Hills, Bayview, and Rollingwood's identification as Impacted Communities are highlighted in the chart to the right, with additional details provided in the maps that follow, based on State data from **CalEnviroScreen**. The chart shows how Montalvin Manor, Tara Hills, Bayview, and Rollingwood rank for each indicator compared to the rest of the state. The County identifies Impacted Communities as those where the combined ranking for all factors is 72 percent or higher. While there are multiple Census tracts that make up Montalvin Manor, Tara Hills, Bayview, and Rollingwood, this chart presents only the most-impacted Census tract among these communities.

There are multiple brownfield sites in the area, some of which remain vacant due to high cleanup costs or risk of contact with hazardous substances. In the decade prior to 1975, the nearby Pinole Point Steel Company discharged toxins into an on-site pond, which is now monitored with land use restrictions to prevent contamination. Clean up of hazardous materials has also been required at the Pinole Point Business Park and former Chevron facilities, and other remediation efforts are ongoing within the community. Other nearby industrial and manufacturing facilities in Richmond, Hercules, and Pinole impact the human and environmental health of local residential neighborhoods.

In addition, the car-oriented landscape constrains active transportation such as walking and bicycling, which may be a contributing factor to high rates of cardiovascular disease, asthma, and low birth weight infants, as shown in the chart. Access to emergency services and hospitals is of significant concern in these four communities. With the recent closure of a nearby medical center, residents must travel farther on congested roads to receive care.

IMPACTED COMMUNITY INDICATORS (2021)

Ranking of Most Impacted Census Tract in Montalvin Manor, Tara Hills, Bayview, and Rollingwood Relative to the State



MONTALVIN MANOR, TARA HILLS, BAYVIEW, AND ROLLINGWOOD - CONTEXT - 4



CLEAN UP SITES



This map ranks Census tracts based on the concentration of clean up sites, which are sites undergoing clean up actions by governmental authorities or property owners due to environmental degradation from hazardous substances. The ranking also considers the nature and magnitude of the threat and the site type and status. Parts of Montalvin Manor, Tara Hills, Bayview, and Rollingwood are ranked at 98 percent, meaning that the Census tract has a concentration of clean up sites that is higher than 98 percent of the state.

Scale (Miles

Source: CalEnviroscreen, 2021; Contra Costa County, 2018; PlaceWorks, 2022.



HAZARDOUS WASTE



This map ranks Census tracts based on the density of hazardous waste facilities and generators, considering each facility's type and permit status and generator activities. Parts of Montalvin Manor, Tara Hills, Bayview, and Rollingwood are ranked at 89 percent, meaning that the Census tract has a density of hazardous waste facilities and generators that is worse than 89 percent of the state.



Source: CalEnviroscreen, 2021; Contra Costa County, 2018; PlaceWorks, 2022.

PLANNED LAND USE

Land use designations for Montalvin Manor, Tara Hills, Bayview, and Rollingwood are shown on Figure LU-1, General Plan Land Use Map, and are defined in the Land Use Element. Montalvin Manor, Tara Hills, Bayview, and Rollingwood are planned primarily for low-medium and medium-density residential uses with small pockets of mixed use, commercial, higherdensity residential, public/institutional, and parks and recreation land uses. There are two small commercial areas located along San Pablo Avenue, at Tara Hills Drive and Richmond Parkway. Both sites are planned for community-serving businesses that are walkable and accessible by multiple transportation modes.

The area designated Mixed-Use at the intersection of San Pablo Avenue and Tara Hills Drive is intended to serve as a town center and commercial core planned for a range of neighborhood shopping, residential, and office uses that will stimulate improvements and reinvestment. Ideally, this mixed-use area will also serve as a central community gathering place. In Rollingwood, high-density residential and commercial uses are concentrated at the southwest end of Rollingwood Drive; one parcel in the eastern part of the community is planned for commercial use and is accessible via El Portal Drive.

Montalvin Manor, Tara Hills, and Bayview wrap around the shoreline of San Pablo Bay, providing residents with beautiful views and valued access to nature. As such, access to shoreline and trail connections will be preserved through resource conservation and park and recreation designations.



Existing single-family home in the community.

Existing shopping center in Bayview.





Existing park and open space in Montalvin Manor.

Existing multi-

family housing

in Tara Hills.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The following guiding principles articulate the values, priorities, and aspirations for the future shared by Montalvin Manor, Tara Hills, Bayview, and Rollingwood community members:

- **1.** The diverse and distinctive character of these communities should be preserved and promoted.
- 2. Sweeping views of San Pablo Bay and Mount Tamalpais provide a beautiful backdrop for the area and should be preserved.
- **3.** Residents value their access to wildlife habitat, open spaces, and nature along the shoreline and at Garrity Creek. Trail access to these areas should be preserved and increased.
- **4.** Water recreation uses along the shoreline should be encouraged, and shoreline access should be improved.
- Local retail and commercial centers, particularly at the intersection of San Pablo Avenue and Tara Hills Drive, should be revitalized with new neighborhoodserving businesses and community gathering places within walking distance of residential uses.
- **6.** Young residents of these communities should be nurtured with high-quality youth programming.
- **7.** Residents should have access to a comprehensive transportation system that is safe, functional, and meets the need of multiple user groups.
- 8. The variety of the existing housing stock should be maintained and enhanced.
- 9. Residents should have local access to quality medical care and emergency services.
- **10.** Residents should be protected from adverse health impacts, especially those associated with traffic congestion and emissions along Interstate 80.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES (CONTINUED)

- **11.**Neighborhoods should be beautified to attract businesses and improve community pride.
- 12. Residents who lack housing should be treated with dignity and respect and have access to quality programs and services that facilitate access to secure and stable housing. Residents who are at risk of losing housing should be protected from displacement.
- **13.** Residents should feel safe in their communities with quality police protection services and a built environment that deters crime.

POLICIES

- In the mixed-use area at the intersection of San Pablo Avenue and Tara Hills Drive, attract and retain neighborhood-serving commercial and office uses. Support the development of new commercial uses and local-serving businesses while promoting new residential development.
- 2. Prioritize the preservation of scenic views and access to natural lands, open spaces, and trails.
- 3. Require new development to protect habitat areas and create additional parks.
- **4.** Encourage commercial uses to be at a neighborhood scale and serve the needs of the community.
- **5.** Encourage and attract high-quality, health-conscious, neighborhood-serving stores and restaurants, especially at the shopping center at the intersection of San Pablo Avenue and Tara Hills Drive.
- 6. Require the massing and scale of new development to be consistent with the community's character.
- **7.** Consider the cumulative impacts on traffic congestion from development and require new development to improve sidewalk connections and provide bicycle infrastructure.

POLICIES (CONTINUED)

- 8. Address parking problems by implementing parking management strategies and requiring sufficient off-street space when new development is approved.
- **9.** Incentivize the development of medical care services or a hospital nearby to improve access to healthcare.
- **10.** Coordinate with the cities of Richmond and Pinole on decisions that affect Montalvin Manor, Tara Hills, Bayview, and Rollingwood residents.
- **11.** Beautify the community, including the shoreline, through physical improvements as well as increased code enforcement and vegetation maintenance.
- **12.** Allow for urban agriculture uses on vacant lots, in coordination with property owners, to encourage community cohesion and health.

ACTIONS

- 1. Conduct a traffic study to analyze and address circulation deficiencies and constraints. The study should evaluate the high traffic congestion along San Pablo Avenue, Richmond Parkway, Tara Hills Drive, and adjacent surface streets, and identify mitigation, such as improved signal timing and effective left-turn lanes, especially at the intersection of Richmond Parkway and San Pablo Avenue.
- 2. Add resident-friendly pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure along major thoroughfares, including San Pablo Avenue, Richmond Parkway, and Tara Hills Drive, such as crosswalks, sidewalks, bike lanes, a sound barrier, landscaping, and other streetscape improvements.
- **3.** Assist a community-led effort to develop a communitywide parking management plan that addresses the lack of on-street parking.
- **4.** Work with local transit providers to increase connections to BART stations, especially the El Cerrito Del Norte station, and to construct additional transit stop shelters that improve the safety and comfort of transit users without attracting loitering.
- **5.** As a high priority, coordinate with County agencies, non-profits, and other organizations to investigate the feasibility of opening an emergency shelter to house residents of all ages that are homeless.
- **6.** As a high priority, invest in neighborhood beautification, such as through urban greening and clean-up efforts for graffiti, illegal dumping, and abandoned vehicles.
- Work with the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) to connect existing open spaces with a contiguous, well-maintained Bay Trail link along the shoreline from Point Wilson to Point Pinole for outdoor recreation and fishing.
- **8.** Study the feasibility of constructing a bridge over the railroad at Point Wilson to facilitate connections to the water.
- **9.** Improve and increase connections to wildlife habitat, open spaces, and trails along the shoreline and Garrity Creek.

ACTIONS (CONTINUED)

- **10.** Assist a community-led process to increase youth programming at the Montara Bay Park Community Center and other recreation spaces throughout the four communities.
- **11.** Establish a town center and community gathering place at the intersection of San Pablo Avenue and Tara Hills Drive to serve as a gathering space for residents of the four communities. Identify funding sources and strategies to support development of the town center.
- **12.** Identify locations and develop additional opportunities for recreation and access to nature, including a conveniently accessible dog park and a playground.