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Parks, Recreation & Waterfront Capital
Projects Update

City of Berkeley

**Ribbon Cutting for the South Adeline
Improvements: Dog Park, Landscaping
Improvements and Miyawaki Forest**

On Saturday, June 20, 2026, the City of Berkeley celebrated the opening of a new dog park, a Miyawaki forest, and new landscaping improvements at Adeline Street at MLK Jr. Way near the Oakland border! The Miyawaki Forest was designed to address urban heat islands and biodiversity using dense planting, while the landscaping improvements add beauty, color, texture, and add to the City's pollinator corridor. The dog park provides a new amenity to an underutilized space and activates the area for community use. Together, these improvements improve safety, create more green space, and add amenities to an area which has historically lacked appropriate park and open spaces. We are excited to share these improvements in South Berkeley!



Adeline Street Landscape Improvements



New Adeline Street Dog Park



Miyawaki Forest on Adeline Street

MLK Jr. Youth Services Center/YAP - Renovation Project Update



MLK Jr. Youth Services Center YAP Renovation and Seismic Upgrade

The Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Services Center | Young Adult Project (Y.A.P.) is a well-used 10,655 square foot community center adjacent to Grove Park at 1730 Oregon Street. The building is one of the City's 5 community centers operated by the Parks, Recreation & Waterfront (PRW) Department, and one of the City's designated care and shelter facilities identified in the City's Resilience Strategy, Emergency Operations Plan, and Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. As a community center, the PRW Department provides recreational programming and services for residents of all ages

here, but this is the only community center with a particular focus on young adults and teens. The primary objective of this project is to create a more modern and flexible recreation center that is safe and accessible to the local teens and community it serves. The project includes:

- An interior remodel to re-size program spaces, for flexibility in future recreational programming opportunities,
- An improved community room, a new teen lounge, computer lab and a new recording studio,
- A seismic retrofit of the 1950's building to upgrade the building to an Immediate Occupancy level,
- Improvements to fire and life safety systems,
- Upgrades the building to incorporate universal design and increase accessibility, and
- Will meet the City of Berkeley's sustainability goals with full electrification, passive design strategies, and healthy building materials.

Construction is progressing for the renovation and expansion of MLK Jr. Youth Services Center, and currently:

- Extensive dry rot was replaced.
- Framing is complete, and roofing installation has begun.
- Exterior waterproofing has started.
- Electrical, plumbing, and other utility work is underway.

Baring any unforeseen circumstances, we are well on our way to re-opening in early 2027!

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Corporation Yard Improvements Ribbon Cutting



Corporation Yard Improvements

On Thursday, May 21, 2026, the City of Berkeley proudly celebrated the ribbon-cutting for the newly completed Corporation Yard Improvements Project—a major milestone in modernizing essential Public Works facilities and investing in the people and infrastructure that help keep Berkeley running every day.

The project delivers significant upgrades that improve working conditions for Public Works staff, strengthen critical infrastructure, and support more efficient and sustainable operations across the Corporation Yard.

Green Room Improvements:

- New employee lockers
- New restrooms and showers for Public Works staff
- Hazardous materials abatement
- New flooring
- Upgraded mechanical systems, plumbing, and lighting
- Full building electrification

Building H Improvements:

- New roof
- Structural, lighting, and electrical upgrades

Wash Station Improvements:

- New bypass sewers and valves for the vehicle washdown area
- Enhanced protection of the sewer system from stormwater inflows during wet weather
- Water line leak repair

PRW Capital Projects Team

The City of Berkeley manages Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) across the city to modernize aging facilities, improve accessibility, meet current safety standards, and support evolving community needs. Investments in park and facility improvements help strengthen recreational programming, protect neighborhood vitality, and build our shared social infrastructure.

The Department of Parks, Recreation & Waterfront (PRW) leads its own Capital Improvement Division, made up of three working groups overseeing projects throughout Berkeley and at the City's residential camps in Tuolumne, Sonoma, and El Dorado counties. PRW projects support parks, recreation centers, pools, sports fields, public restrooms, open spaces, camps, and the Berkeley Marina and Waterfront.

Measure T1 Project Updates

Facilities/Buildings

- **African American Holistic Resource Center Project** – Staff and consultants are working toward final design.
- **MLK Jr. Youth Services Center** – Construction started July 2025. Project completion anticipated in early 2027.
- **Willard Park Clubhouse** – Construction completed in June 2025. To sign up for programming at the new clubhouse, please visit the [City's](#)

[Recreation Registration for the Willard Clubhouse](#). To learn more about the building and how to rent the facility, please visit the [City's Willard Clubhouse Facility webpage](#).

- **South Berkeley Senior Center** – the seismic renovation is in the permitting process. The contract for the SBSC Water Heater Replacement Project has been executed and construction start is tentatively for August.
- **1947 Center Street Window Replacement** – Landmarks Preservation Commission process is complete, and the project building permit is approved. Bids were received and are currently evaluating.
- **Fire Station #2** – Construction in progress with tentative completion of June, 2026.
- **Fire Station #6** – Notice to proceed was issued March 23, 2026 - construction in progress.
- **PW Corporation Yard Improvements:**
 - **Green Room & Building H** – Under Construction with tentative completion date of May 2026.
 - **Wash Station** – Work Completed March 2026.

Restrooms

- **Harrison Park Restroom** – Conceptual design completed.
- **Ohlone Park Restroom** – Construction of the new restroom located by the Ohlone Middlefield was completed and opened in January 2026.
- **Willard Park Restroom** – Construction of the new park restroom was completed and opened in August 2025.
- **Telegraph/Channing** – Project was completed in January 2025 and grand opening held February 11, 2025.
- **Adeline/Alcatraz** – Conceptual design completed.
- **San Pablo/University** – Conceptual design completed.
- **Telegraph-Channing Parking Garage Restrooms & Elevators** – Entry way and restroom work are complete with construction for elevators to be completed by August 2026.
- **Cesar Chavez Restroom on Spinnaker** – Conceptual design completed.

Parks

- **Adeline Landscaping Improvements** – Construction completed in June 2026. Ribbon-cutting was held on June 20, 2026.
- **Civic Center Park Upper Plaza Improvements** – Project completed and re-opened in August 2025.
- **Santa Fe Trackbed to Park Conversion** – Construction for Phase 1 (site remediation) began on June 1, 2026. This phase includes the replacement of contaminated soil left behind by the site's historic railroad use with clean import fill, and new perimeter fencing. This phase is currently anticipated to be complete by the end of October 2026. Phase 2 (park construction) was recently advertised for bids. The City anticipates beginning park construction in late Fall or early Winter.
- **Grove Park Field Renovation** – Project complete.
- **Grove Park 2-5 & 5-12 Playground Renovation** – Project complete.

- **John Hinkel Park Playground and Amphitheater Improvements** – Project
- **King Pool Tile and Plaster Replacement** – Project complete.
- **Ohlone Park (East) Playground Replacement and Site Improvements** – Project complete.
- **Ohlone Park Lighting** – Installation of dark sky compliant light fixtures at existing dark areas along the main pathway and bollard lights by the dog park entrance at Grant Street is complete.
- **Tom Bates Sports Complex Restroom/Community Space** – Construction contract was awarded by City Council on December 2, 2025. Construction is anticipated to start in late July 2026 with completion mid-2027.

Waterfront

- **Replacement of Docks D & E at the Berkeley Marina** – Phase 1 of Construction (in-water demolition of docks) was completed in November 2024. Phase 2 landside and waterside improvements are in construction. Waterside improvements such as new dock floats, piles, and dock accessories are complete. Installation of Electrical and Fire Suppression utility connections were recently completed in coordination with PG&E and EBMUD. The contractor is now finishing the ADA upgrades in the neighboring restrooms, pouring the concrete and installing the entry gate with anticipation of an August 2026 opening.
- **K Dock Restroom** – Construction is in progress with completion expected in Fall 2026.
- **Marina Pilings Replacement** – Project completed.
- **Docks F & G Redecking at the Berkeley Marina** – Project completed.

Streets/Storm/Pathways

- **FY22 Sidewalk Repair Project** – Project complete.
- **Pathway Repairs** – Project complete.
- **Bollard Conversion to Landscaping** – Conceptual design complete.
- **Storm Improvements at John Hinkel Park, Marin, Euclid, Spruce, Grizzly Peak, San Benito, High Court and Virginia** – Projects complete.

PRW Capital Projects List

- [Adeline Street Landscaping Improvements and Dog Park](#)
- [African American Holistic Resource Center](#)
- [Aquatic Park Dreamland Playground Area Improvements](#)
- [Berkeley Marina Dredging Project](#)
- [Berkeley Pier with Ferry Access Project](#)
- [Berkeley Waterfront Bike Park Conceptual Design Project](#)
- [Cedar Rose Park – Age 5-12 Playground Renovation](#)
- [Cedar Rose Park – Age 2-5 Playground Renovation](#)
- [Civic Center Upper Plaza Improvements Project](#)

- [D & E Dock Replacement at the Berkeley Marina](#)
- [F & G Dock Re-Decking](#)
- [Glendale La Loma Park Upper Park Improvements](#)
- [K Dock Restroom Renovation](#)
- [MLK Jr. Youth Services Center/Y.A.P. Seismic Retrofit and Renovation](#)
- [O and K Dock Electrical renovation \(project page coming soon\)](#)
- [Ohlone Park Restroom and Lighting Improvements](#)
- [Ohlone Park \(East\) Playground Replacement and Site Improvements](#)
- [Santa Fe Trackbed to Park Conversion](#)
- [South Cove East Dock Pier Piling Repairs](#)
- [South Cove West Parking Lot](#)
- [South Cove Middle Dock ADA Ramp Replacement](#)
- [Thousand Oaks Park – Play area renovation \(project page coming soon\)](#)
- [Tom Bates Regional Sports Complex Restroom & Community Space](#)
- [Tuolumne Camp Construction](#)
- [Willard Park Clubhouse and Restroom Replacement Project](#)

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