

HIGHLIGHTING ENVISION CREDITS



QL3.4 Enhance Public Space and Amenities



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Envision includes 64 sustainability and resilience indicators, called 'credits', organized around five categories.

CREDIT HIGHLIGHT

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CREDIT INTENT

Improve amenities and publicly accessible spaces to enhance community livability.



METRIC

Plans and commitments to preserve, conserve, enhance, and/or restore the defining elements of the amenity.



QUALITY OF LIFE: COMMUNITY

WHAT DOES THIS CREDIT ADDRESS?

The potential for infrastructure to *create or enhance public space* and amenities.

Public amenities can be in urban or natural settings and may include, but are not limited to, parks, plazas, trails, playgrounds, recreational facilities, and wildlife refuges.

Enhancing public space can also include beautification of streets, sidewalks, or right-of-ways.



WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

- ▷ Opening space for community activity whenever possible is helpful in gaining acceptance by local communities, educating the public about sustainable infrastructure, reducing crime, and encouraging *healthy and vibrant neighborhoods*.
- ▷ Can help to *reintegrate* infrastructure into communities and infrastructure awareness into the public mindset.



What qualifies as public resources?

- ▶ Project teams may include any publicly owned and accessible resource, or privately owned resources where there is significant and formalized public access.
- ▶ Public access does not necessarily mean 24-hour access or “no cost” access.

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Guides project teams to:

1. Assess and *mitigate impacts* to existing public space and/or amenities.
2. Integrate issues of public space and amenities into the *stakeholder engagement* process.

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Guides project teams to:

3. Confirm that public stakeholders are *satisfied with project plans* involving public space and amenities.
4. Enhance, *create, or restore* public space and/or amenities.





IN PRACTICE

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One objective of the Treasure Island Water Resource Recovery Facility is to transform part of a former U.S. Navy site on Treasure Island into a public space for the community. The project replaces an existing gravel lot with a modernized wastewater treatment facility that includes wetlands, landscaped areas, aesthetically pleasing architectural features, and local public artwork on the building facades. These efforts will restore natural views of the San Francisco Bay and enhance the local character of the community. The project team proactively engaged with local stakeholders to generate open dialogue about the project.

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