

# TRASH HOT SPOT SELECTION FORM

City of Albany

Site ID: alb\_sfb\_1



## Site Information

**Waterbody:** San Francisco Bay Shoreline – Albany Beach

**Site Location:** Foot of Buchanan Street, Albany CA, west of Golden Gate Fields lower parking lot

**Jurisdiction:** City of Albany

**Ownership:** East Bay Regional Park District

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## Justification

**Information Supporting Selection as a Hot Spot (Attach additional photos as necessary):**

Existing open water bodies within the jurisdiction were surveyed including Cerrito Creek (northern border of the City), Codornices Creek (southern border of the City), and the Albany Beach (San Francisco Bay).

Survey of the open water bodies included analysis of site accessibility and safety, total length of the given water body area, and amount of trash visible. Additionally, staff from the City's Maintenance Department, Environmental Resources and Fire Department were consulted to determine existing knowledge regarding potential water body areas that seem to have higher trash amounts at any given time.

The City ultimately selected the Albany Beach – San Francisco Bay shoreline as our “trash hot spot” for several reasons. The site is readily accessible and highly visible for survey, cleanup, and volunteer participation. The City has an excellent working relationship with the East Bay Regional Park District (property owner), and has coordinated cleanup events at the location for several years.

Additionally, the site has good connectivity to the City's Waterfront Park and regional recreational uses. The City has hosted an annual cleanup at the waterfront and beach on Coastal Cleanup day for several years, and often hosts a cleanup on Earth Day. The City also encourages ongoing cleanup

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efforts via the "Adopt a Trail" program, which was implemented as a way to encourage cleanup of the area by community volunteers. Based on the data collected during these cleanup events, there appears an ongoing trash issue. Sources of trash seem to be multiple, and not necessarily always readily identifiable. However, based on existing data trash seems to be generated by immediate/adjacent land uses, wind, flow from local creeks/outfalls and a significant amount from bay inflow.