



Restore Sharp Park

What San Francisco Residents want...

A 2004 San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department survey found that San Francisco residents' #1 recreational demand is for more space for hiking and biking activities. In the same survey, golf ranked toward the very bottom of priorities: **16th** out of **19** recreation opportunities provided by the City.

Sharp Park is a **400-acre** recreation area located in Pacifica, but owned and operated by the City and County of San Francisco. Currently it is managed primarily as a golf course. **But it can be transformed into a new public park that everyone can enjoy in partnership with the National Park Service.**

With Sharp Park as a Golf Course...

Taxpayer money goes down the drain

- According to the Recreation and Parks Department, since 2004 Sharp Park Golf Course has lost an average of \$162,000 annually: **in total that's nearly \$1 million dollars in taxpayer dollars spent subsidizing suburban golf in San Mateo County.**
- In order to maintain Sharp Park Golf Course, it will cost the city \$50 million to overhaul the facility, protect it from sea level rise, and pay for endangered species compliance work.
- Every year neighborhood parks, community centers, domestic violence shelters, and after school programs face drastic budget cuts. The cumulative impact of annual cuts has taken its toll, and some programs have closed for good. While homeless shelters are strained, our schools struggle, and families are leaving the City, we are subsidizing a failing golf course at Sharp Park.

Endangered species are being killed

In the 1930s, before environmental laws prohibited such development, Sharp Park Golf Course was built on endangered species' habitat. Operations to maintain the course continue to harm two endangered species: the California Red-legged frog—also known as Twain's frog because it inspired Mark Twain's short story *The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County*—and the San Francisco garter snake, the most beautiful and imperiled serpent in North America. Unless we act quickly to restore their lost habitats, we risk losing them forever.



Sharp Park as a National Park

The Better Solution for our Resources

Turning Sharp Park into a National Park will:

- Provide recreational activities that everyone can enjoy such as hiking trails, nature education, and camping facilities.
- Allow San Francisco to spend its scarce recreation dollars on neighborhood parks, community centers, local jobs, and social services within the City.
- Ensure that the endangered species at Sharp Park recover for future generations to enjoy.

Do you golf? Things you should know...

- Golf is oversupplied in the Bay area by **6 million** rounds annually. Golf analysts agree that many Bay Area golf courses will close because of this market imbalance.
- Golfers give Sharp Park Golf Course failing grades in nearly every category the National Golf Foundation measures.
- If we continue to subsidize low quality courses like Sharp Park Golf Course, better courses will close instead, and the game of golf as a whole will suffer.
- Restoring Sharp Park will improve access to affordable golf. With the money San Francisco saves it will be able to improve facilities at its other municipal courses and allow all current Sharp Park golfers to play the City's remaining courses at San Francisco resident rates.



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