

Chabot Space and Science Center Vegetation Management and Habitat Enhancement Project

Background

The area adjacent to the Chabot Space & Science Center is home to the pallid manzanita (*Arctostaphylos pallida*), an endangered shrub found only in the East Bay Hills.



A Habitat Enhancement and Conservation Plan has been prepared in order to restore and enhance habitat for the pallid manzanita. The City of Oakland, Chabot Space & Science Center, and Friends of Sausal Creek are working to implement the Plan.

Habitat Enhancement

The Habitat Enhancement and Conservation Plan calls for a number of

activities to restore and protect habitat for the pallid manzanita at the Chabot Space & Science Center, including removing certain trees and shrubs and growing manzanita seeds. Overtime, due to a lack of wildfire, trees have grown to shade the manzanitas. As a result, the manzanitas present at the site have suffered and only a few remain. Removing select trees will allow more sunlight to reach the manzanitas thereby increasing their chance of survival.

Wildfire Prevention

In 2003 the Oakland Wildfire Prevention Assessment District was created to reduce the risk of wildfire in the Oakland Hills. Funding from the District has been allocated for vegetation management activities at the Chabot Space & Science Center. This funding will be used to reduce the risk of wildfire at the Center while also implementing elements of the Habitat Enhancement and Conservation Plan for the pallid manzanita. Although the voters did not renew the District in 2013, the funds previously collected remain to be allocated to the project.

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