



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

MARCH 2024



KENSINGTON
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

COMMUNITY SAFETY EVENT

PAPER SHREDDING

1 LAWSON ROAD - UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

SATURDAY APRIL 27TH

10:00am-12:00pm

INFO: WWW.KENSINGTONFIRE.ORG

KENSINGTON FIREWISE



- Chipping Day 3/11- 15 Homes Participated
- Exterior Home Hardening Walk-Thru 3/23
- Planting Zoom Presentation April date TBD



- Pending Recognition Confirmation
- Hosted Firewise Lead Mixer

WILDCAT FIREWISE

MAYBECK FIREWISE

HIGHLAND PURSUIT

**TARGET AREA/
FUTURE DEVELOPMENT**

GRIZZLY PURSUIT

PARKSIDE PURSUIT

**TARGET AREA/
FUTURE DEVELOPMENT**

CERRITO CYN PURSUIT

BERKELEY



CERT SPRING CLASS



APPLICATION PERIOD 1/1/2024- 4/30/2024

REPLANTING GRANT PROGRAM

Funds are available for qualifying projects to replace hazardous vegetation.

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REPLANTING GRANT PROGRAM

Challenges

- Some residents are unable to do the work themselves
- Some may need assistance with funding or cost-sharing
- Some do not have the tools to do it efficiently
- Wood chips/tan bark/mulch is also a concern



<https://diablofiresafe.org/programs>

Apply for Funding

DFSC supports a wide variety of efforts to prepare for wildfires by securing and providing funds for proven risk reduction measures.

From thinning dead trees to clearing roadways, getting fire safe often requires hiring professional services. This work may be eligible for up to \$5,000 in cost-sharing assistance.

When you can't do it all yourself, DFSC may be able to help you get the funds you need. We review applications on a quarterly basis and welcome the opportunity to help.



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Tool Lending Library

DIY with BPL

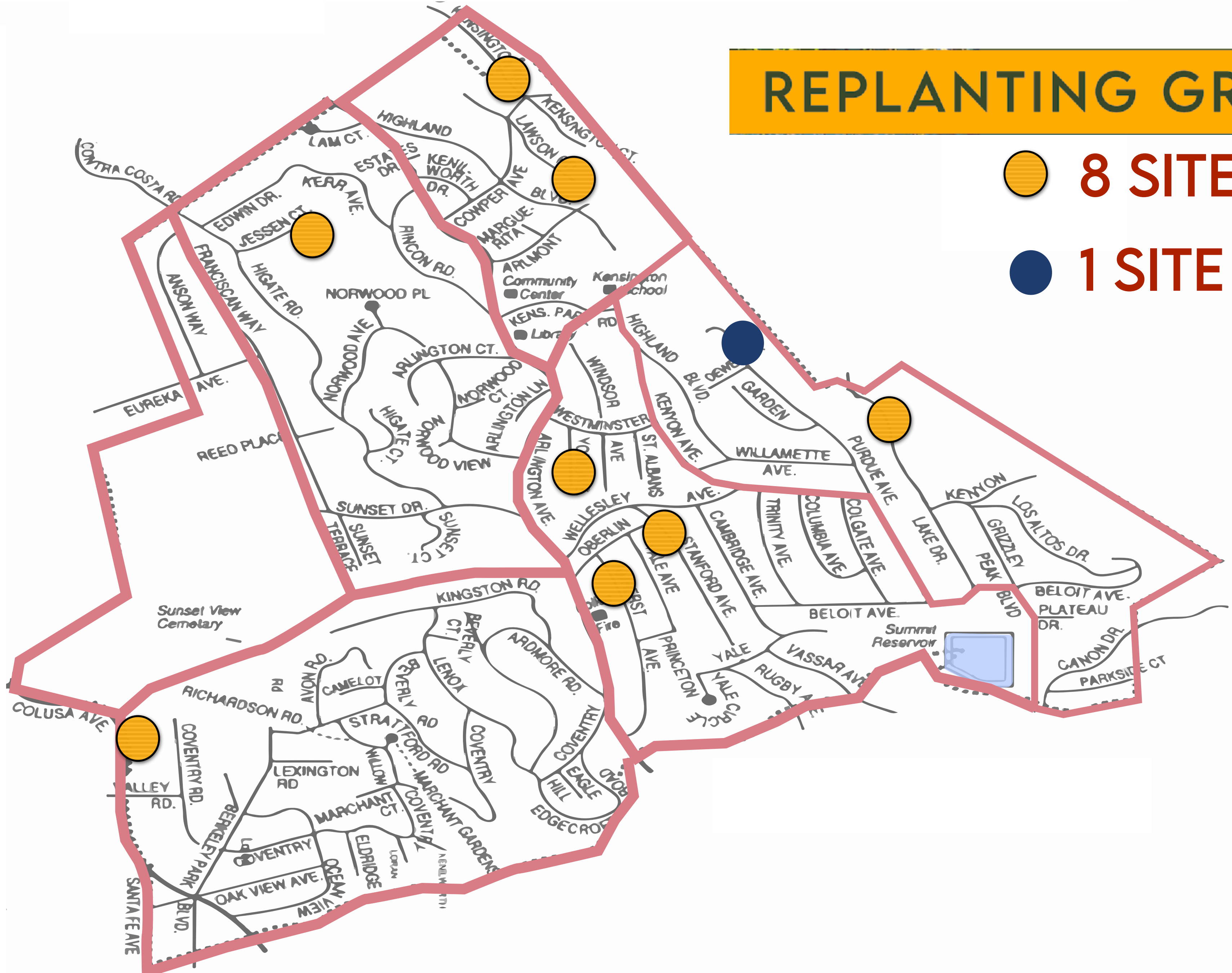
DISCOVER BERKELEY'S TOOL LENDING LIBRARY



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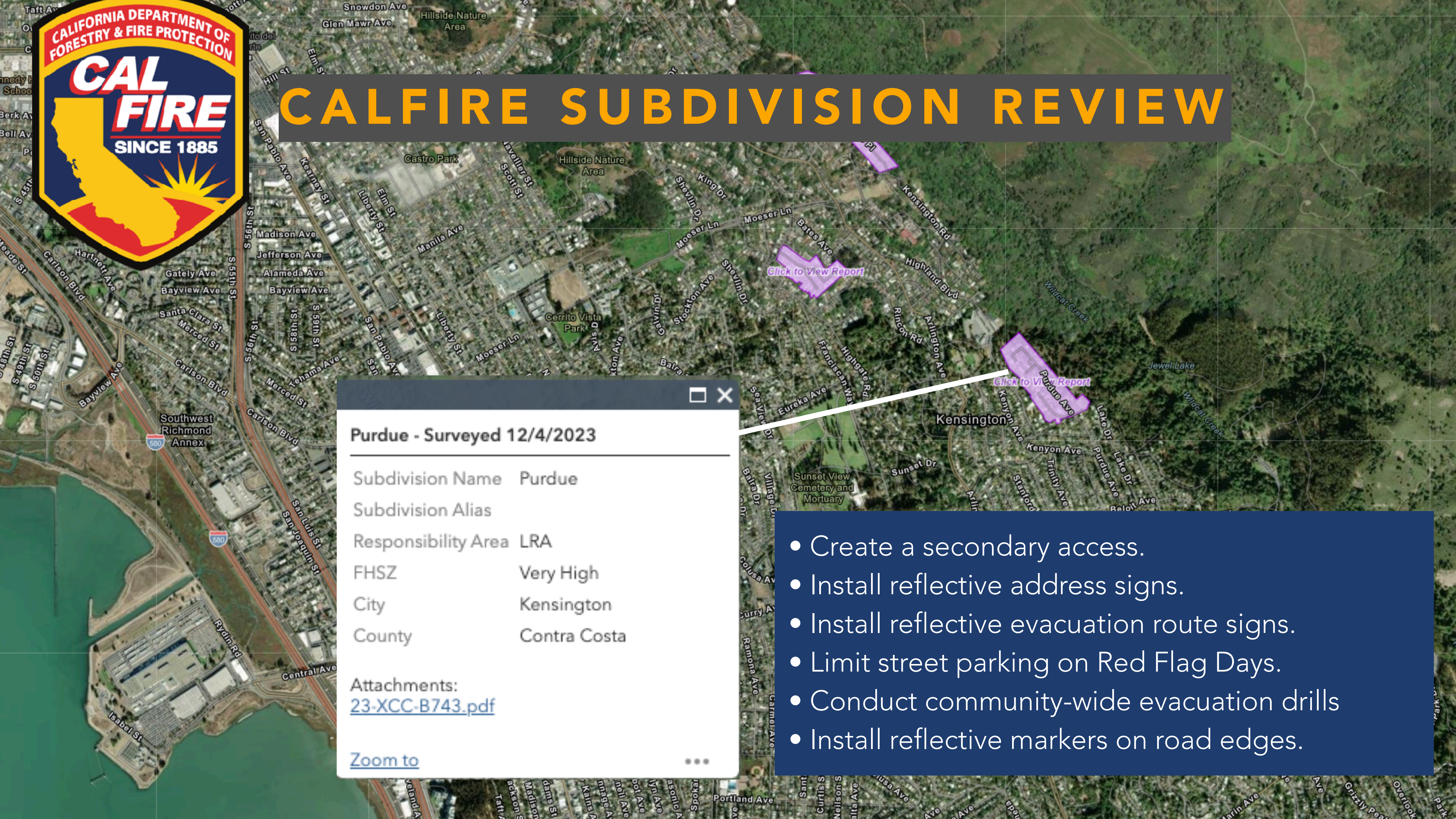
● 8 SITES IN PROGRESS

● 1 SITE COMPLETE





CAL FIRE SUBDIVISION REVIEW



Purdue - Surveyed 12/4/2023

Subdivision Name	Purdue
Subdivision Alias	
Responsibility Area	LRA
FHSZ	Very High
City	Kensington
County	Contra Costa

Attachments:
[23-XCC-B743.pdf](#)

[Zoom to](#)

- Create a secondary access.
- Install reflective address signs.
- Install reflective evacuation route signs.
- Limit street parking on Red Flag Days.
- Conduct community-wide evacuation drills
- Install reflective markers on road edges.



THE FIRE PLUG

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COMMUNITY SAFETY EVENT
SHRED & MEDS
 PAPER AND PHARMACEUTICAL DROP-OFF
 UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH NORTH PARKING LOT
 ADDITIONAL INFO ON PAGE 3

SAT 10/28
10am-12pm

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Alan Siegel leads a tour from Kensington Court to Leneve Place in El Cerrito.

Wildcat Firewise Walk with Firefighters to Enhance Community Safety

In a remarkable display of community spirit, over 50 Wildcat Firewise residents, accompanied by children and dogs, recently took to the streets to assess wildfire risks in their neighborhood. Guided by Wildcat Firewise Lead Alan Siegel, this walk through the community focused on areas where work has been completed and where work needs to be done. Kensington Fire Protection District Board Director Larry Nagel joined the walk to discuss initiatives increasing Kensington's safety and emergency preparedness.

The walk was a crucial opportunity for residents to engage with Kensington's firefighters and emergency preparedness coordinator and gain insights into effective wildfire prevention measures. Larry Nagel's presence underscored the shared commitment of both residents and local authorities to safeguarding the community from potential fire threats.

Wildcat Firewise actively seeks resources to support removing hazardous trees and vegetation. Contra Costa County's Measure X funds offer a promising avenue to finance these critical efforts, ensuring the community's resilience against wildfires.

Notably, this event drew the participation of community members from neighboring areas, eager to pursue their own Firewise designation in Kensington. They are capitalizing on the momentum generated by Wildcat Firewise, seizing the opportunity to fortify their communities against future fire risks. To learn more about how Kensington residents prepare for emergencies, visit www.kensingtonfire.org/volunteer.

EST. MAIL OUT: MID APRIL

- Evacuation Responsibilities
- Block Party Info
- Firewise Updates
- Replanting Grant Updates
- Upcoming Events
- Defensible Space Reminder
- CWS Register for Alert Notifications
- EBRPD Updates
- CERT Updates

HOME HARDENING

Embers are responsible for most damage during wildfires. They can accumulate on your home, deck, or porch and ignite plants, mulch, leaves, fencing, or furniture. They can also be forced into gaps in the home (e.g., attic vents or an open or broken window) and burn the home from the inside out. When this happens, there can be little damage to the surrounding vegetation, leaving people puzzled as to what caused the home to burn. Hardening your home can help increase its likelihood of survival when wildfire strikes.

Embers cause the majority of wildfire home ignitions.

HOW HOMES CATCH FIRE



Ember Storm

Embers are small pieces of burning material that can travel more than a mile ahead of a wildfire. They can create spot fires when they land on combustible materials, such as leaves in your gutter or plants next to your house and under your windows. Combustible materials should be at least 5 ft. from structures.

Radiant Heat

Radiant heat generated from burning structures or plants can be hot enough to ignite a house without direct flame contact. This is particularly challenging in densely populated areas, where the heat from one burning home can ignite the next.

Direct Flame

Depending on time and exposure, direct flame contact can ignite your home. The flaming front of a wildfire is often not hot enough to ignite a house, but plants around your house and under your windows can ignite combustible siding, or break glass allowing the fire to enter the house.

IBHS Ember Storm Test Highlights Video

The Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety's Research Center conducted a wildfire test to demonstrate vulnerabilities of a typical home during an ember storm. To view the video, scan this QR code with your mobile device or visit, www.kensingtonfire.org/emberstorm



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HOME HARDENING CHECKLIST

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The California Building Code (Chapter 7A) went into effect in 2008 and requires certain fire-resistant measures, including exterior construction materials used for roof coverings, vents, exterior walls, and decks. Although it applies to new construction of residential and commercial buildings in designated fire hazard severity zones, an analysis of the homes in the path of the 2018 Camp Fire demonstrated the effectiveness of these measures. Eighteen percent of homes built before 2008 were undamaged, compared to 51 percent of the homes built after 2008. Based on California Building Code Chapter 7A and the recommendations of CALFIRE and other fire prevention experts, here are measures you can take to harden your home. Use the following pages to assess and improve your home hardening.

START FROM THE TOP

- ROOF**
Is your roof covering made of Class A material to prevent ignition? Replace wood or shingle roofs with non-flammable materials like asphalt, clay, metal or slate.
- RIDGE VENT**
Add a metal baffle to minimize embers with enough energy to cause ignition. Replace plastic ridge vents with metal and metal flashing.
- SOLAR PANELS**
Minimize debris accumulation under and next to solar panels.
- GABLE VENT**
Replace with ember and flame-resistant vent to minimize embers with enough energy to cause ignition. Install vents with non-combustible screens less than 1/8 inch openings.
- SKYLIGHTS**
Replace plastic skylight with multi-pane glass with tempered glass outer pane. If the skylight opens, install a metal screen on the inside. If the screen is non-metal, replace it with a metal screen. Screens are needed only on operable skylights.
- GUTTERS**
Limit accumulation of ignitable debris in gutters by installing a non-combustible gutter cover. Add metal flashing if the fascia does not cover the roof sheathing. Prevent the accumulation of embers at the fascia/sheathing intersection.

HOME HARDENING CHECKLIST Continued

SECURE THE SIDES TO PROTECT INSIDE

- CLADDING (SIDING)**
Replace exterior wall covering with noncombustible material for the bottom 2 ft. (from the ground); add metal flashing to protect the bottom edge of the sheathing to prevent wind-blown debris and local fuels from igniting the wall.
- EAVE/ SOFFIT, CRAWL SPACE VENTS & OTHER OPENINGS**
Enclose the eaves with noncombustible material and seal around penetrations with fire caulking. Replace vents with ember and flame-resistant vents to minimize embers and ignitions under the structure.
- WINDOWS**
Add metal screens to minimize embers with enough energy to cause ignitions. Replace wooden frames and single-pane glass with double-pane windows, with one pane being tempered glass and noncombustible frames.
- EXTERIOR DOORS**
Install metal door jamb kits, metal thresholds with metal kick plates and metal door bottoms. Replace wooden doors with metal doors including frames and thresholds to limit ember ignition to the door and frame.
- GARAGE DOORS**
Add metal flashing at the base of the framing for the first 6 inches going as close to the ground as possible. If the garage door is not metal, go over with metal flashing around the bottom of the door on both inside and outside for the first 6 inches.
- SLIDING DOORS**
Install a non-wood-containing slider with dual-pane windows and at least one tempered glass pane, and a metal screen to limit the door and frame ember ignition.

HOME HARDENING CHECKLIST Continued

WORK YOUR WAY OUT AND AROUND

- DECK**
Replace walking surface deck boards with noncombustible deck boards for the 12 inches away from the residence to prevent ignition of the deck and limit the spread of fire to the primary structure. Replace the entire deck with a noncombustible option if possible.
- PATIO FURNITURE**
Replace the furniture with noncombustible framing material or move away 5 ft. to prevent flames from igniting the residence. Place cushions inside the residence below awnings.
- FENCES**
Replace with a noncombustible option for at least the first 6 ft. from the primary structure to prevent ignition of the combustible fence and spread of fire to the home.
- AWNINGS**
Introduce a noncombustible barrier/section between the combustible attachment and the primary structure or replace it with non-combustible material to limit the spread of fire to the house. Remove vegetation and have a 2 ft. open space between the primary structure.



TRAINING AVAILABLE!
CPR & FIRST AID
SIGN UP TO GET CERTIFIED

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STAY AWARE & ALERT RED FLAG WARNINGS

SIGN UP FOR EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS

VISIT TO LEARN MORE: www.kensingtonfire.org/redflag

or scan the QR Code below.

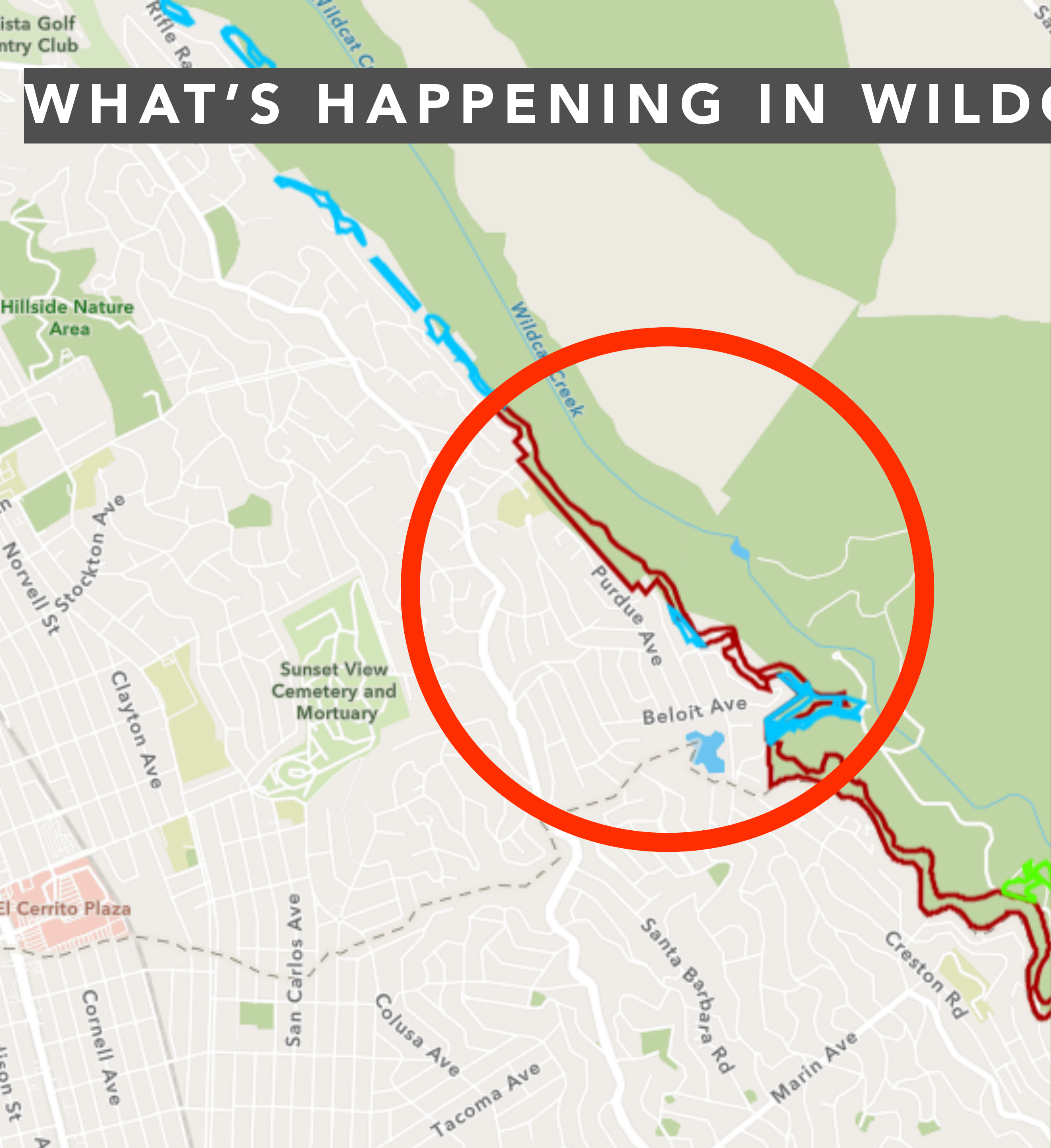
- ADJUST YOUR PARKING
- PREP YOUR GO-BAG
- UPDATE YOUR EVACUATION PLAN



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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WILDCAT CANYON?

East Bay 
Regional Park District

"We are currently seeking multiple grant opportunities to provide us with funding to treat and thin the Eucalyptus stands surrounding the Tilden Nature Area.

The timing is still uncertain, given that the applications are still awaiting award, but they have the potential for a significant amount of work in the area."

Patrick McIntyre
Fire Captain | Fire Department
East Bay Regional Park District

SURVIVAL KITS

200 UNITS ORDERED





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QUESTIONS?

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1 GET OUT & DOWN

KNOWING HOW TO GET OUT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

Identify at least two ways out of Kensington from your home. Use the nearest available downhill major streets to get out.

2 SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

STAY INFORMED & AWARE

Residents are responsible for knowing how to find their way to Arlington Avenue or Spruce St. Once on the Arlington consider Sunset Drive through Sunset View Cemetery to Colusa Ave. Additionally, for those living on the northeastern consider using the Hilltop School drive at the top of Highland where the traffic bollards have been removed for the purpose of evacuation.

This area includes streets in a very high wildfire area because of the immediate proximity to Tilden Park.

3 BEYOND THE ZONE NUMBER **ZONE ECK-E008**

Residents must know their zone number and all exit routes. Collaborate with neighbors to develop and practice evacuation plans, ensuring preparedness and safety. This involves being ready to leave on short notice and hitchhiking yourself with all traffic and walking routes leading to main roads for exiting Kensington during an evacuation. **DO NOT** overtake or back.

NOTE

Any special evacuation instructions from the Kensington Police Department or other official agencies (e.g. CWS) will supersede these and all other instructions.



3 KNOW YOUR ZONE continued

Your zone is referred to as ECK-E007, or locally it may be verbally abbreviated as "Zone 7".

Use the accompanying magnet as a quick reference to remember which zone you live in. Emergency communications may refer to your zone number in an evacuation message, or it may only contain plain text instructions.

To learn more about Kensington Zones visit www.kensingtonfire.org/zone

4 PLAN FOR YOUR SAFETY

Establish a plan that ensures:

1. Easily grabbing your pre-packed Go Bag,
2. Following your respective route out of Kensington.
3. Having a plan for shelter that suits your needs, whether its with a friend/relative, a hotel, or second home- plan in advance of an emergency. When an emergency strikes, go there!

More detailed preparedness information is available in the Kensington Wildfire Preparedness Workbook. Visit our website online or request a hard copy by emailing prepare@kensingtonfire.org.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEFS



EL CERRITO-KENSINGTON FIRE

Fire Chief Eric Saylor

" Use this guide as a prompt to finalize your wildfire evacuation plan. We have provided resources which will help you build an emergency plan. Thank you for doing your part to ensure your safety."

WHEN IN DOUBT - LEAVE EARLY, GET OUT!

KENSINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Mike Gancasz



A wildland fire presents a unique threat to our community. The presence of a fire that sweeps through the hills that comprise the District of Kensington creates a considerable threat to both life and property. Everyone in our community has an important role in ensuring all residents can safely leave an area threatened by a wildfire. Planning, preparing, and practicing simple actions as a community can help make leaving quicker, easier, and safer for residents and first responders, reducing the possibility of injury or worse.

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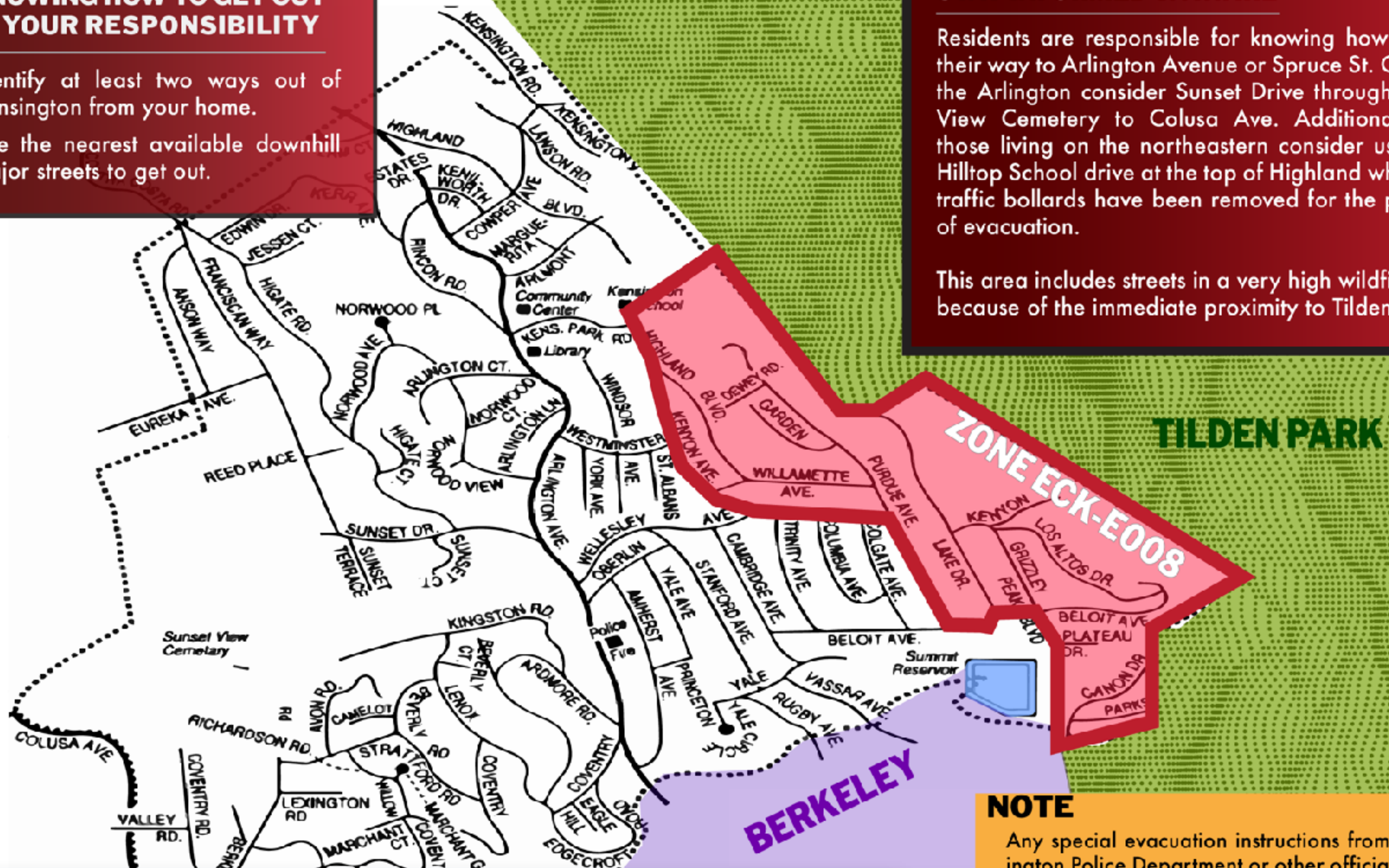
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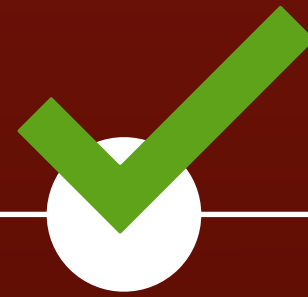
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CAMPAIGN DEVELOPMENT



Subcommittee
Approval



EP Committee
Approval

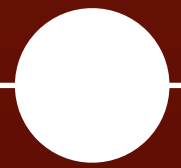


Fire/Police Chief
Approval

CWS
Review

PENDING

KFPD Board
Approval




Print Completion
TARGET: 5/3/2024

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CAMPAIGN ELEMENTS

- Trifold Brochures for each zone
- Magnet for each zone
- Program Announcements
- Signage/Banners
- Social Media Campaign

ZONE MAGNET - ENCLOSURE




I LIVE IN ZONE: 4

THE FULL ZONE NAME ACCORDING TO THE COUNTY IS:
ECK-E004

ECK = EL CERRITO/KENSINGTON

For more information about your zone and how to better prepare for emergencies, visit the website below.

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I LIVE IN ZONE: 5

THE FULL ZONE NAME ACCORDING TO THE COUNTY IS:
ECK-E005

ECK = EL CERRITO/KENSINGTON

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I LIVE IN ZONE: 6

THE FULL ZONE NAME ACCORDING TO THE COUNTY IS:
ECK-E006

ECK = EL CERRITO/KENSINGTON

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I LIVE IN ZONE: 7

THE FULL ZONE NAME ACCORDING TO THE COUNTY IS:
ECK-E007

ECK = EL CERRITO/KENSINGTON

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I LIVE IN ZONE: 8

THE FULL ZONE NAME ACCORDING TO THE COUNTY IS:
ECK-E008

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I LIVE IN ZONE: 9

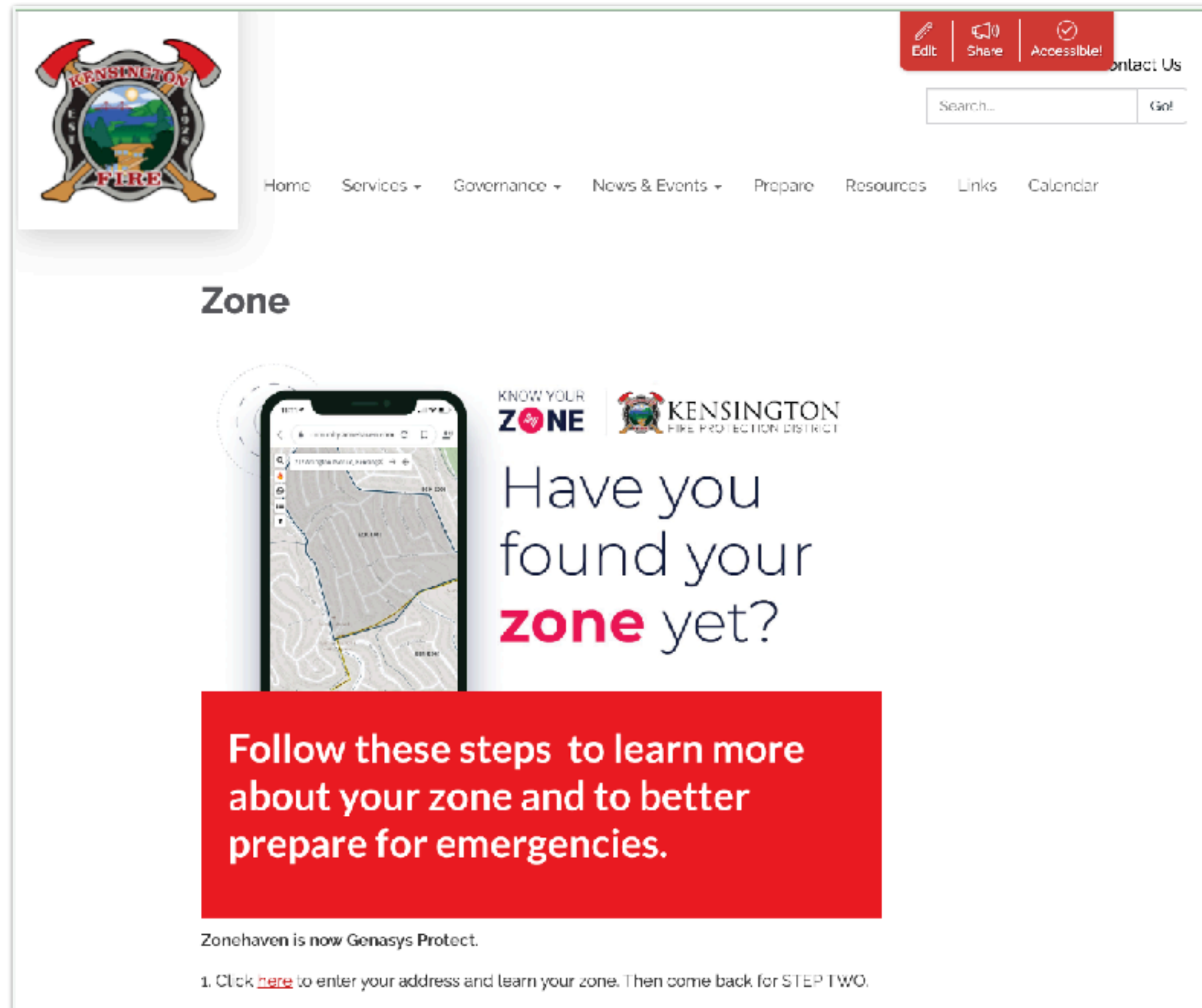
THE FULL ZONE NAME ACCORDING TO THE COUNTY IS:
ECK-E009

ECK = EL CERRITO/KENSINGTON


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ZONE WEBSITE LANDING PAGE



The screenshot shows the website's header with the Kensington Fire logo, navigation menu (Home, Services, Governance, News & Events, Prepare, Resources, Links, Calendar), and utility links (Edit, Share, Accessible, Contact Us). A search bar is also present. The main content area features a 'Zone' heading, a smartphone displaying a map, and the text 'Have you found your zone yet?'. A red call-to-action box contains the text: 'Follow these steps to learn more about your zone and to better prepare for emergencies.' Below this, it states 'Zonehaven is now Genasys Protect.' and provides step 1: 'Click [here](#) to enter your address and learn your zone. Then come back for STEP TWO.'



The screenshot displays the Genasys Protect mobile app interface. At the top, a map shows nine numbered zones (4-9) outlined in red. Below the map, step 2 instructions read: 'Based on the zone provided by Genasys Protect in STEP 1, select your zone below for more information:' followed by a list of zone codes: ECK-E004, ECK-E005, ECK-E006, ECK-E007, ECK-E008, and ECK-E009. The Genasys Protect logo and 'Download our Mobile App' section are visible, including instructions to download the app for notifications. Step 3 instructions at the bottom state: 'Download the Genasys Protect App for your mobile device to receive notifications. NOTE: This is not a replacement for Contra Costa County Community Warning System (CWS)- please ensure you are registered with Contra Costa County CWS as your primary emergency alert notification. Visit CWS to register. www.cwsalerts.com'

MATERIAL DISTRIBUTION

BOARD CONSIDERATION

USPS

Engage vendor (**Mailstream**)
To assemble and ship all materials
Targeted to each zone via USPS.

Volunteer Engagement

Engage community volunteers
To assemble and distribute all materials
Through team work.

47 individuals signed up on the
KFPD Volunteer email list.

Will we need a formalized Volunteer program?

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OPEN ENROLLMENT - REGISTER NOW!

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- BASIC FIRST AID
- TREATING LIFE-THREATENING CONDITIONS
- SEARCH & RESCUE

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EL CERRITO & KENSINGTON RESIDENTS QUALIFY FOR RESIDENT COURSE FEE

Contact for registration info:
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Know what to do, and when to do it.

Take action on the following then take our Community Emergency Preparedness Survey at www.kensingtonfire.org/survey.

Save the accompanying magnet and register for Red Flag Warning notifications. Instructions are on the magnet. Red Flag Warning emails will be sent to residents that subscribe to the email list. The email gives residents more time to prepare when wildfire risk is heightened by weather conditions.

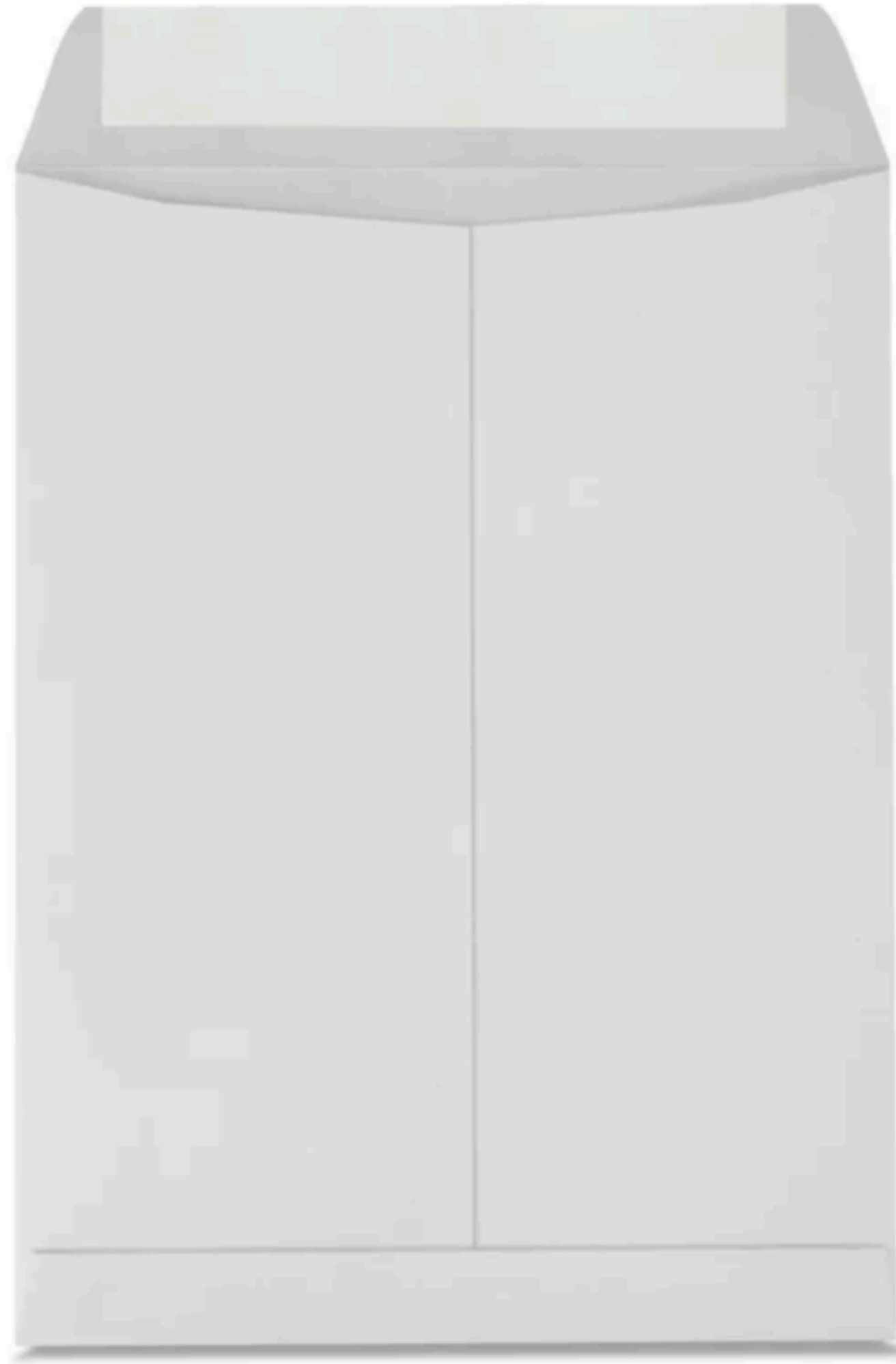
- Register with Contra Costa County's Community Warning System**
Of survey respondents, 96.1% have registered with CWS. To receive emergency alerts, register by visiting www.cwsalerts.com or call 925-655-0111.
- Add the CWS Contact Card to your mobile phone's contacts**
Of survey respondents, 45.7% have added the CWS phone number to their mobile phone contacts. Prevent your mobile phone from flagging an alert as "possible spam."
Save 925-655-0195 as "EMERGENCY ALERT (CWS)" or scan the QR code.
- Assemble and place your Go Bag in an easily accessible location**
Of survey respondents, 67.7% have their Go Bag packed for quick departure. Use the KFPD Wildfire Preparedness Workbook as a packing guide. www.kensingtonfire.org/wildfire-preparedness-workbook
- Collect emergency supplies for your home**
Of survey respondents, 67.4% have emergency supplies stored at home. Take advantage of the CERT Water Storage & Emergency Supply Sale. For more information, visit www.kensingtonfire.org/suppliesale.
- Create a family emergency communication plan**
Of survey respondents, 55.1% have established a family communication plan for emergencies.
Visit www.kensingtonfire.org/prepare to download the FEMA "Create Your Family Emergency Communication Plan" tool.

CWS CONTACT CARD
SCAN TO DOWNLOAD

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