

North Richmond Shoreline Directory

Activists and organizations working to protect
the North Richmond Shoreline, its watersheds, and its communities

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Mission: APEN seeks to empower low-income Asian Pacific Islander (API) communities to achieve environmental and social justice. APEN believes that the environment includes everything around us: where we live, work and play. And we strive to build grassroots organizations that will improve the health, well-being and political strength of our communities.

Type of Work:

Pop. served: Low-income Asian Pacific Islander (API) communities

Baykeeper

Contact: Debbie Self (ED)
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Website: www.sfbaykeeper.org
Mission: To protect and enhance the water quality of the San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary and its tributaries for the benefit of its ecosystems and human communities.

Type of Work: Activities are primarily litigation-based; recently settled a suit with the city of Richmond over their discharges of raw sewage to streets and homes

Pop. served: Richmond residents, business, and environment

Catholic Charities of the East Bay: Family Literacy Program

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Mission: The CCEB Family Literacy Program brings parents and their young children together to help entire families reach their full potentials as learners and to enhance their quality of life.

Type of Work: Through a combination of Adult Education, Early Childhood Education, Parenting Classes, and Parent/Child Interactive Literacy Activities, families learn communication skills and educational activities which result in life-long patterns of positive parent-child interaction.

Pop. served: Parents and children of North Richmond, particularly those that need support with improving literacy.

Citizens for East Shore Parks

Contact: Patricia Jones
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Website: www.eastshorepark.org
Mission: The mission of the Citizens for East Shore Parks is to preserve and enhance the natural resources, and recreational and educational opportunities of the east shore of San Francisco Bay, creating a necklace of shoreline parks from the Oakland Estuary to the Carquinez Strait.

Type of Work: CESP has been working to protect open space and establish a park along the East Bay shoreline through advocacy, outreach, and education since 1985.

Pop. served: All East Bay residents

Communities for a Better Environment

Contact: Jessica Pozar
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Mission: Communities for a Better Environment (CBE) is an environmental health and justice non-profit organization, promoting clean air, clean water and the development of toxin-free communities.

Type of Work: CBE's unique three-part strategy provides grassroots activism, environmental research and legal assistance within underserved urban communities. CBE directly equips residents impacted by industrial pollution with the tools to inform, monitor, and transform their immediate environment.

Pop. served:

Community Health Initiative

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Mission:

Type of Work:

Pop. served:

Community Housing Development of North Richmond

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Website: www.chdcnr.com
Mission: The overall purpose is to improve the quality of life and revitalize the North Richmond community.

Type of Work: 1) Promote civic pride, public safety and neighborhood empowerment among community volunteers to keep the community of North Richmond clean, safe and beautiful for its residents 2) Combat neighborhood deterioration at the smallest organized level 3) Beautify the environment (Landscaping projects, playground projects, creek cleanup and restoration) 4) Provide Environmental education, 5) Increase services, activities and employment for youth and other community residents.

Pop. served:

Contra Costa County Volunteer Monitoring Program

Contact: Michelle Luebke
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Mission: Determine the current status of creek conditions by producing baseline data; Educate citizens on the importance of water quality data collection; Provide equipment, training, and educational materials to enable volunteers to effectively monitor their watersheds; Increase the ability of citizens and governmental organizations to diagnose and fix water quality problems Providing data analysis to enable citizens and others to pursue and implement projects to improve water quality; and Mobilizing and engaging citizens to be active watershed stewards.

Type of Work: The Volunteer Creek Monitoring Program assists watershed stewards in caring for their creeks through benthic macroinvertebrate surveys, GPS surveys, and help inform restoration projects.

Pop. served: Friends of Creek Groups and any interested stewards, middle school, high school students, and some community colleges in Contra Costa County

EarthTEAM

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Website: www.earthteam.net
Mission: EarthTeam's mission is to create a new generation of environmental leaders by introducing into the classroom and the community environmental experiences that are so active and engaging that they inspire dedication to a healthy environment.

Type of Work: Hands on restoration activities, class room based projects, building student leadership, multi-media

Pop. served: Middle and high school students in the East Bay (primarily Alameda and Contra Costa counties)

East Bay Bicycle Coalition

Contact: Robert Raburn
Address: P.O. Box 1736, Oakland, CA 94604
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Website: www.ebbc.org
Mission: As a volunteer, grassroots, bicycle advocacy organization, the EBBC works to heighten awareness of bicycling needs with elected officials, government staff, and the public.

Type of Work:

Pop. served:

East Bay Regional Park District

Contact: Nancy Skinner
Address: 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, P.O. Box 5381, Oakland, CA 94605
Email: nskinner@ebparks.org
Phone: 510- 883-0808
Website: www.ebparks.org
Mission: To acquire, develop, manage, and maintain a high quality, diverse system of interconnected parklands which balances public usage and education programs with protection and preservation of our natural and cultural resources.offer recreation opportunities,

Type of Work:

Pop. served:

East Bay Watershed Center

Contact: Robin Freeman
Address: 12500 Campus Drive Oakland, CA 94619
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Phone: (510) 434-3840
Website:
Mission: The mission of the Merritt College East Bay Watershed Center is to protect and improve environmental health by increasing community capacity through easily accessible watershed education, technical, planning and policy assistance.

Type of Work: Classes and majors, community education, demonstration site restorations, research, library materials, publications, technical assistance and policy education for decision making agencies and elected officials and fundraising assistance.

Pop. served: Local Community groups and individuals, College, Middle and High School Students, educators and policy makers.

EcoVillage Farm

Contact: Shyaam Shabaka
Address: EcoVillage Farm Center, 21 Laurel Lane, Richmond CA 94803
Email: sms2020@aol.com
Phone: (510) 329-1314
Website:
Mission: Eco Village Farm Center's mission is to provide residents of the San Francisco East Bay with practical knowledge and skills through a wide range of participatory experiences will help East Bay citizens live more sustainable and healthier lives and will better protect the Earth's natural resources and ecosystems for present and future generations.

Type of Work:

Pop. served: The services of Eco Village are designed to serve all interested school age youth and adults of the SF East Bay communities with a particular focus on the residents of Richmond, San Pablo, El Sobrante, Pinole and other West Contra Costa county cities.

Environmental Justice Coalition for Water

Contact: Amy Vanderwarker
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Phone: (510) 286-8400 x 4
Website: www.ejcw.org
Mission: The Environmental Justice Coalition for Water is a network of more than fifty grassroots and intermediary organizations. EJCW works to empower community members to become strong voices for water justice in their communities.

Type of Work: EJCW advocates for the open space needs of communities along the North Richmond shoreline to be met. We try to assist communities in taking back the North Richmond shoreline and proactively planning its future.

Pop. served: We work with low-income communities and communities of color and facilitate community participation in activities related to the shoreline work.

Estuary Newsletter

Contact: Lisa Owens Viani
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Website: www.sfep.abag.ca.gov/news/newsletter
Mission: ESTUARY covers water supply, wetland and wildlife-related stories about San Francisco Bay and the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta, everything from pollution problems to efforts to save endangered species and prevent floods, fish kills and ecological in

Type of Work: Raising awareness for issues like dredging, development, pollution, and restoration.

Pop. served: Newsletter maillist at 3500 statewide including decisionmakers, citizens, NGOs, and poiliticians.

Filipino/American Coalition for Environmental Solidarity

Contact: Lea Francisco
Address: 1808 Fifth Street Berkeley, CA 94710
Email: info@facessolidarity.org
Phone: (510) 549-1808
Website: www.facessolidarity.org
Mission: FACES is an intergenerational organization that works for environmental justice within communities in the United States and in the Philippines, and builds partnerships through advocacy, education, service, and organizing.

Type of Work: Connecting with other communities impacted by Chevron.

Pop. served: Filipino/Americans, communities impacted by environmental injustices, organizations working towards environmental justice.

Golden Gate Audubon

Contact: Michael Martin
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Email: mmartin@goldengateaudubon.org
Phone: (510) 843-7295
Website: www.goldengateaudubon.org
Mission: To protect Bay Area birds, other wildlife, and their natural habitats.

Type of Work: GGA conserves and restores wildlife habitats, connects people of all ages and backgrounds with the natural world, and educates and engages Bay Area residents in the protection of our shared, local environment.

Pop. served: Primarily the citizens of Richmond, but Golden Gate Audubon members as well.

Kids for the Bay

Contact: Mandi Billinge, Kristina Cervantes Yoshida
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Phone: (510) 985-1602
Website: www.kidsforthebay.org
Mission: At KIDS for the BAY we create effective, on-going environmental education programs for elementary school communities and promote active, hands-on restoration of local habitats. Our programs teach the latest California State science and social science standards and have been written into the School Wide Development Plans of our target schools.

Type of Work:

Pop. served: Teachers and elementary school students in Bay area

Ma'at Youth Academy

Contact: Sharon Fuller
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Email: mya@maatyouthacademy.org
Phone: (510) 222-6594
Website:
Mission: To improve public and environmental health in urban areas by developing and modeling multicultural environmental education, promoting economic opportunities for youth and increasing community involvement in environmental protection.

Type of Work:

Pop. served: MYA links urban high school students to hands-on environmental education and community action. Our community-based environmental experiences give 14-18 year olds -- and adult volunteers -- an opportunity to learn and to lead.

North Richmond MAC

Contact: Henry Clark
Address: 116 Carolyn Dr Pittsburg CA 94565
Email: henryc11@prodigy.net
Phone: (925) 432-1350
Website:
Mission: Political leadership for the Unincorporated area of North Richmond.

Type of Work: Responsible for protection of all of North Richmond.

Pop. served: Residents in the unincorporated area of North Richmond.

North Richmond Shoreline Open Space Alliance

Contact: Whitney Dotson
Address:
Email: wldotson@aol.com
Phone: (510) 367-5379
Website:
Mission: To protect and restore Richmond's shoreline, with particular emphasis on the North Richmond Shoreline and its watersheds.

Type of Work: Advocacy and lobbying to promote the organization's mission. Building public awareness of shoreline matters, through community activism and environmental education. Collaborating with other environmental groups focused on Richmond. Helping to update the Richmond General Plan.

Pop. served: Richmond and Bay Area communities.

Pacific Institute

Contact: Swati Prakash
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Mission: The Pacific Institute is a nonprofit research institute that provides independent research and policy analysis aimed at advancing real-world solutions to pressing environmental, economic and health problems such as global warming and environmental injustice. The Pacific Institute's Community Strategies for Sustainability and Justice Program works with local organizations and residents to give those that live in polluted neighborhoods the tools they need to advocate for change, clean up pollution, and protect the health of their families.

Type of Work: The Pacific Institute's Community Strategies Program is currently partnering with several community-based organizations in West Contra Costa County to launch the West County Indicators Project. The goal of this project is to provide community organizations and residents with valuable information on the environmental, economic, and community health issues facing neighborhoods in Richmond and West San Pablo.

Pop. served: Since its founding in 1995, the Pacific Institute's Community Strategies Program has predominantly worked with those low-income communities of color in the Bay Area most impacted by pollution and its health impacts.

Parchester Village Neighborhood Council

Contact: Whitney Dotson
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Phone: (510) 367-5379
Website:
Mission: To monitor and improve the quality of life in the surrounding area, including Parchester Village, Point Pinole and San Pablo.

Type of Work: Act as a steward for the whole area, including the North Richmond Shoreline. Facilitate community interaction with various agencies that have responsibility for the area. Participate in ongoing protection and planning for restoration of the area.

Pop. served: Mainly residents of Parchester Village and adjacent San Pablo residents.

Parents Club of Verde School, "Coffee Club"

Contact: Cecilia Ornelas
Address: 2000 Giaramita St, Richmond, CA 94801
Email: ceciliaornelas3@hotmail.com
Phone: (510) 237-0166
Website:
Mission: Our mission in our program is to help the school in three areas. Attendance, Behavior and Parent involvement.

Type of Work: The Coffee Club is part of parent involment. The purpose of Coffee Club is to have a place for parents to meet each other and to talk about any concers that they may have about the school or community and to help the parents better understand their role in the school as well as their power.

Pop. served: Our population is about 70% Latinos and 28% African American and 2% Asian

Parents for a Safer Environment

Contact: Susan JunFish
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Website: www.pfse.net
Mission:

Type of Work:

Pop. served:

Public Trust Alliance

Contact: Michael Warburton
Address: 1413 Arch St., Berkeley, CA 94708
Email: mwarburton@jps.net
Phone: (510) 644-0752
Website: www.publictrustalliance.org
Mission: The goal of The Public Trust Alliance is to build the capacity of the public and government representatives to use one of the most powerful tools available to preserve and defend valuable public resources.

Type of Work: Public advocacy

Pop. served: General public

Richmond Environmental Defense Fund

Contact: Barbara Bream
Address: PO Box 70953, Richmond, CA 94807-9991
Email: bbream@sbcglobal.net
Phone: (510) 232-2232
Website: www.pointrichmond.com/redf
Mission: Ensure that future development in Richmond is well-planned, sensitive to the environment and in compliance with laws of all jurisdictions.

Type of Work: REDF has contributed volunteer hours organizing, promoting and participating in events sponsored by NRSOSA; has promoted attendance at civic meetings when issues re shoreline itself or developments along the shoreline are being considered.

Pop. served: Citizens of Richmond

San Pablo Watershed Neighbors Education and Restoration Society

Contact: Juliana Gonzalez
Address: 1327 South 46th Street #155, Richmond, CA, 94804
Email: juliana@thewatershedproject.org
Phone: (510) 665-3538
Website: www.thewatershedproject.org
Mission: To protect the San Pablo Creek Watershed and inspire community appreciation and stewardship through advocacy, education, and habitat restoration.

Type of Work:

Pop. served: Watershed residents below San Pablo reservoir west to Bay

San Pablo, City of

Contact: Adele Ho, Public Works Director
Address: 13831 San Pablo Avenue, San Pablo, CA 94806
Email: adeleh@ci.san-pablo.ca.us
Phone: (510) 215-3030
Website:
Mission:

Type of Work:

Pop. served:

Save the Bay

Contact: Athena Honore
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Phone: (510)452-9261 x118
Website: www.savesfbay.org
Mission: Save The Bay is the oldest and largest membership organization working exclusively to protect, restore and celebrate San Francisco Bay. As its leading champion, Save The Bay is committed to making the Bay cleaner and healthier and connecting residents to it.

Type of Work: Save The Bay wages and wins effective advocacy campaigns to increase public access to the Bay and protect it from today's greatest threats: urban sprawl and pollution. This year, Save the Bay will engage thousands of volunteers in restoring 75 acres of Bay wetlands by hand and will provide Bay recreation and education opportunities for more than 5,000 students and adults.

Pop. served: General public

Sierra Club

Contact: Norman LaForce, Dan Hernandez
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Phone: (510) 526-4362 (510) 848-0800
Website: www.sfbaysc.org
Mission: 1) Explore, enjoy and protect the wild places of the earth. 2) Practice and promote the responsible use of the earth's ecosystems and resources. 3) Educate and enlist humanity to protect and restore the quality of the natural and human environment. 4) Use all lawful means to carry out these objectives.

Type of Work: We implement our mission by activating the true power holders in our democracy, the general public. through educating and organizing we enlist our members to do outreach to the general public and ultimately bring political power to win victories for our environment.

Pop. served: General public

Trails for Richmond Action Committee

Contact: Bruce Beyaert
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Phone: (510) 235-2835
Website: www.pointrichmond.com/baytrail
Mission: 1) Complete the San Francisco Bay Trail in Richmond, assuring that it is linked to public parks and population centers and maintained in perpetuity.

Type of Work: TRAC is working to ensure that the Bay Trail is complete between Wildcat Creek Regional Trail and Point Pinole Regional Shoreline

Pop. served: The San Francisco Bay Trail serves everyone who lives, works and plays in Richmond

Urban Creeks Council

Contact: Josh Bradt
Address: 1250 Addison Street, # 107C, Berkeley, CA 94702
Email: josh@urbancreeks.org
Phone: (510) 540-6669
Website: www.urbancreeks.org
Mission: To preserve, protect, and restore urban creeks and their riparian habitat.

Type of Work: Project partner--North Richmond Shoreline Academy as project partner; Active stakeholder--Wildcat-San Pablo Watershed Council. UCC's activities are creek and watershed based, but we fully understand the value of natural, functioning tidal and freshwater

Pop. served: Local residents, businesses, and public agencies. Many of our in-the-ground projects are located in low-income areas and in communities of color. We currently are managing an environmental education after-school club at Richmond High School.

Urban ReLeaf

Contact: Kemba Shakur
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Phone: (510) 601-9062
Website: www.urbanreleaf.org/
Mission: Urban Releaf is an organization dedicated to planting trees primarily in low to moderate-income communities that have little or no tree canopy cover. The goal is to revitalize these communities by planting trees, providing environmental awareness education and on-the-job training for disadvantaged and at-risk youth.

Type of Work:

Pop. served:

Watershed Project

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Phone: (510) 665-3597
Website: www.thewatershedproject.org
Mission: To educate and inspire communities to protect their local watersheds.

Type of Work: The Watershed Project has innovative programs in three main areas: workshops for educators and the general public, support for watershed protection groups, and a marsh and grassland restoration project incorporating community support and education.

Pop. served: Communities of the San Francisco Bay Area including residents, business owners, educators, youth, watershed groups, and conservation organizations

West County Toxics Coalition

Contact: Henry Clark
Address: 116 Carolyn Dr Pittsburg CA 94565
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Phone: (925) 432-1350
Website:
Mission: To organize, educate, and promote Environmental Justice.

Type of Work: Creek Protection. Shoreline Protection and Restoration.

Pop. served: Primarily low income communities of color in the North Richmond, West Contra Costa County area.

Wildcat and San Pablo Creeks Watershed Council

Contact: Tim Jensen
Address: CCC PWD, Flood Control, 255 Glacier Drive, Martinez, CA 94553
Email: tjens@pw.cccounty.us
Phone: (925) 313-2396
Website:
Mission: Collaborative stake-holder driven forum that meets regularly to address issues related to Wildcat and San Pablo Creek Watersheds, including upper watershed grazing, erosion, landslides, non-point source pollution, fish kills, toxics, crime, youth employme

Type of Work: The Council's interests include the entirety of the watersheds including the creeks' headwaters and deltas. The Council has recently submitted a letter of concern regarding the potential feasibility study of locating a deep water port on Wildcat Creek Ma

Pop. served: Any self-identified stakeholder of the two watersheds, including residents, businesses, community leaders, educators, environmental professionals, and public agency staff.

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