



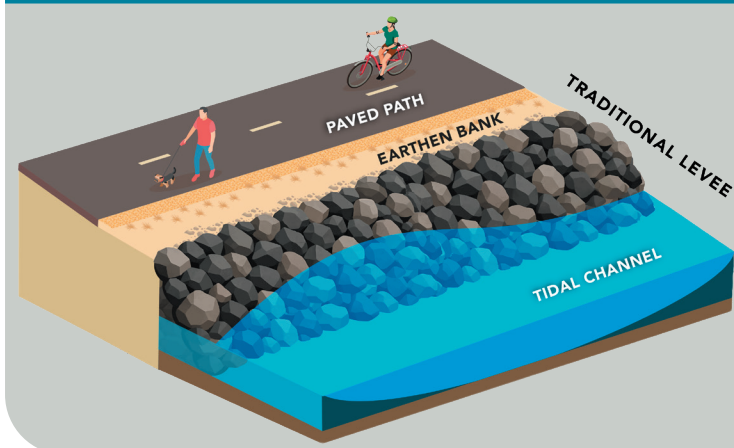
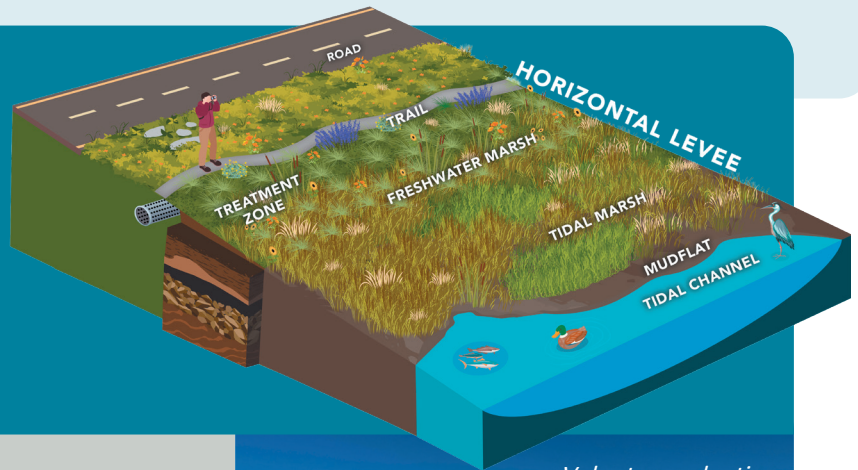
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Palo Alto's Horizontal Levee Pilot Project

Located in the Palo Alto Baylands, Palo Alto's **Horizontal Levee Pilot Project** plans to create habitat for wildlife, improve water quality, and adapt to sea level rise.

What is a horizontal levee?

Horizontal levees are gradual slopes built with earth, landscaped with native plants, and irrigated with treated wastewater. They create and support healthier coastal ecosystems, unlike traditional levees built with earth, rocks, steel, or concrete.



Volunteers planting native plants for the Horizontal Levee Pilot Project.



This project uses treated wastewater from the **Regional Water Quality Control Plant** to irrigate native plants, helping to increase biodiversity by restoring freshwater marsh habitats. These changes will support endangered animals, like the salt marsh harvest mouse and Ridgway's rail. Studies from this pilot will inform future regional projects.

Check out our website to learn more and for updates on our ribbon cutting ceremony!
PaloAlto.gov/HorizontalLevee

The City of Palo Alto partnered with the San Francisco Estuary Partnership to bring the Palo Alto Horizontal Levee Pilot Project to the Palo Alto Baylands. This project was made possible by grants from the California Department of Water Resources, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the California State Coastal Conservancy.



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