

NOVATO WATERSHED PROGRAM

and

FLOOD CONTROL 2.0

The Novato Watershed Program aims to provide a system-wide analysis of flood protection options and identify specific opportunities to integrate flood protection goals with creek and wetland restoration elements. This process includes evaluating alternatives that would reduce flood protection maintenance costs and impacts and be resilient to sea level rise.

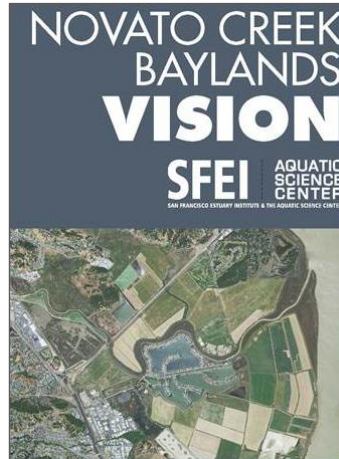
About Flood Control 2.0

Lower Novato Creek is one of three focus areas for Flood Control 2.0, an ambitious regional effort funded by the US EPA San Francisco Bay Water Quality Improvement Fund. The project aims to reduce flood risk while helping restore stream and wetland habitats, improving water quality, and adapting to sea level rise around San Francisco Bay.

Through an interdisciplinary team linking regional science expertise with on-the-ground flood control agencies, the project will advance channel redesign to restore wetland habitat, water quality, and shoreline resilience through demonstration projects.

At a regional scale, the project will collect and integrate data on coarse sediment and historical stream characteristics with the results of the local projects. The resulting regional strategy will increase environmental benefits and cost-savings to flood protection infrastructure along the San Francisco Bay shoreline.

Project partners are: [San Francisco Estuary Institute](#), [San Francisco Bay Joint Venture](#), Bay Area Flood Protection Agencies Association, Bay Conservation and Development Commission, and the Marin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District.

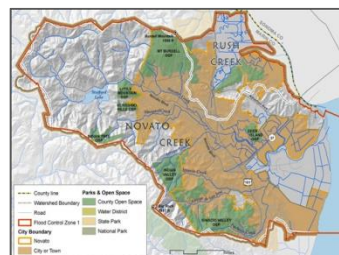
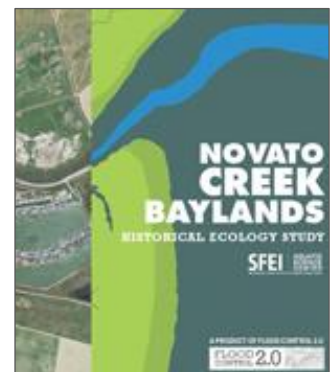


The Novato Creek Baylands Vision is a report authored by SFEI that explores the potential for integrating ecological functions into flood risk management.

[Read the Vision report.](#)

SFEI has also prepared a historical ecology report of the lower Novato Creek baylands. This report provides the scientific basis for the Vision report.

[Read the Historical Ecology report.](#)



The San Francisco Bay Joint Venture produced a podcast featuring the Lower Novato Creek Redesign Project.

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