

SECTION I

INTRODUCTION

A GENERAL PERSPECTIVE ON EAST BAY PARKLANDS

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The San Francisco Bay Area is uniquely blessed with parkland resources. It has been estimated that an acre of public parkland exists for every ten Bay Area residents - a ratio unmatched by any other major metropolitan area in the United States.

We hope that an examination of these parklands in the East Bay area - currently over 50,000 acres in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties - will contribute to an understanding and awareness of park planning and management considerations. Such an examination, including facets of vegetation management, transportation issues and park-site analyses, is the goal of this seminar.