

The Value of Open Space

Early European settlers sought to develop the vast marshlands that once surrounded San Francisco Bay. They viewed the wetlands as wasteland—thought to be useful only if drained, filled or dumped upon. Since the 1970s, housing, business parks, and an airport have all been proposed for this site. These may all be valuable uses for empty land, but, what is the value of the *emptiness* itself?

How do you feel when you gaze, unobstructed, across this rich wetland to the open water and mountains beyond? The many positive health benefits of spending time in nature continue to be confirmed by medical professionals.

Not only has this park's marsh been restored, but you yourself may be as well...simply by visiting.