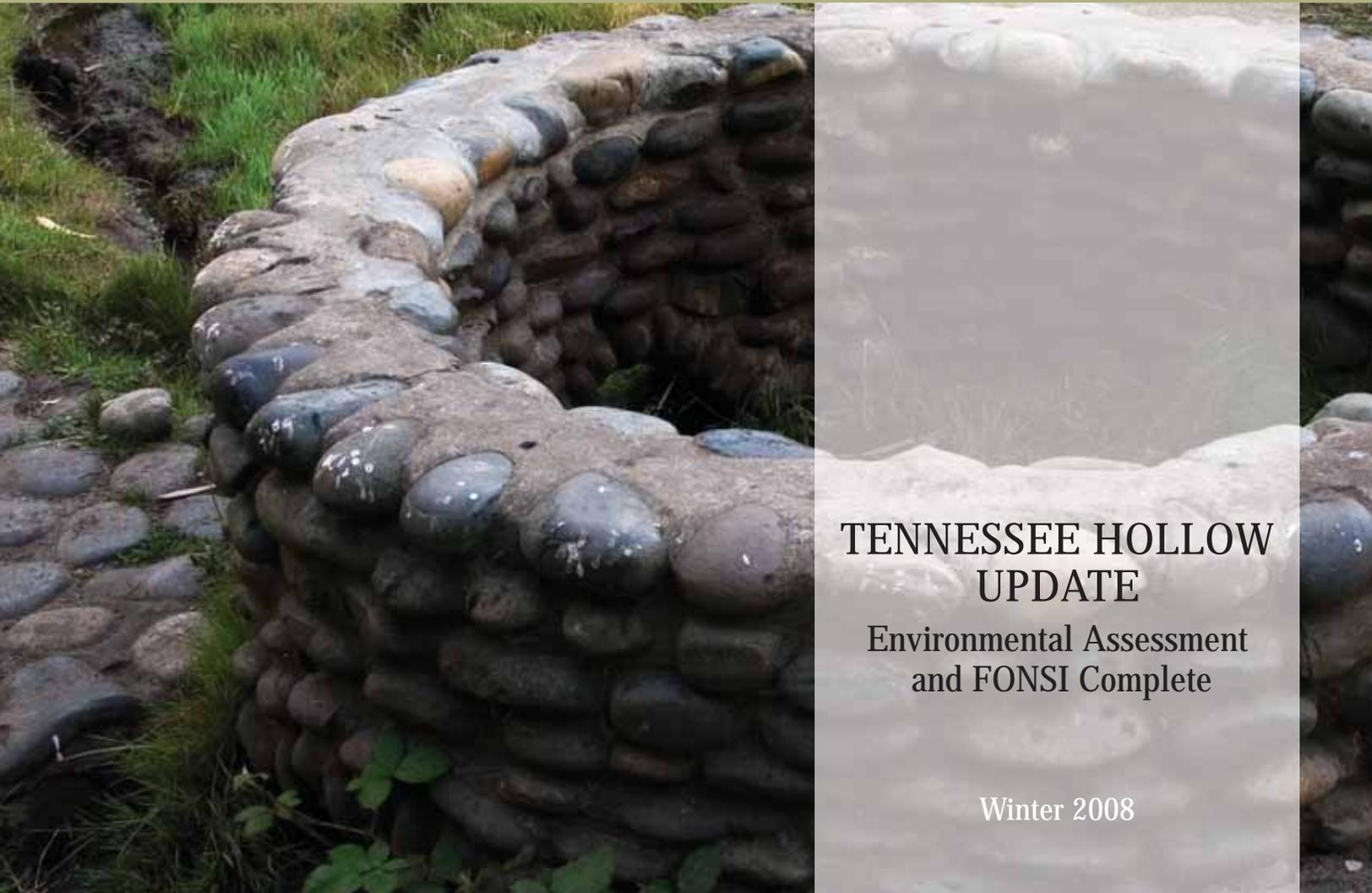




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TENNESSEE HOLLOW UPDATE

Environmental Assessment
and FONSI Complete

Winter 2008

THANK YOU! A MILESTONE IS REACHED

The Presidio Trust has finalized the Tennessee Hollow Environmental Assessment,* which outlines plans for enhancing 28 acres within the upper watershed. Over several years, hundreds of people have helped plan for Tennessee Hollow's future, and we offer an enthusiastic thanks to all. Your input has shaped the exciting changes to come. Over the next several years, visitors can look forward to many new experiences in Tennessee Hollow. These include:

welcoming visitors to el polín

A wooden pedestrian boardwalk will be constructed; habitat will be restored with volunteer support; a garden and other interpretive facilities will tell the story of the early occupants, recent archaeological discoveries and vibrant wetlands; a new picnic area and restrooms will welcome visitors.

restoring the creek

The length of the Eastern Tributary of the creek will be restored; the creek will be brought above ground and back to life with the help of community volunteers; a new creek-side trail will invite the public to enjoy and explore this area. A section of the Western Tributary, a seasonal creek, will also be revitalized.

reorganizing and upgrading athletic fields

Morton Street Field will be relocated before creek restoration begins to ensure no loss of play. The Trust will work with the City of San Francisco to expand and upgrade Julius Kahn Field as a multi-use field that can accommodate high school soccer or Little League play. A new multi-use field accommodating high school soccer or Little League play will be constructed at Pop Hicks, as well as a new practice field adjacent to Paul Goode Field.

getting to and around

New trails will be provided to invite visitors to explore and enjoy the watershed; parking and circulation improvements will enhance pedestrian safety at key destinations and provide buffer areas for wildlife.



* A summary of recent public input and the Trust's responses can be found in the *Response to Public Comment and Final Finding of No Significant Impact* document available at www.presidio.gov and in the Presidio Trust Library.

TIMELINE

2008

- Detailed designs for El Polín Springs completed; in August, early work begins, including removal of several dozen trees to allow for the restoration of oak riparian areas
- Detailed designs for Eastern Tributary restoration and Morton Street Field replacement begin
- Community volunteerism, stewardship, and ongoing scientific research

2009 – 2011*

- Improvements are completed at El Polín Springs
- Detailed designs for Morton Field and Eastern Tributary are completed
- Morton Street Field is relocated and upgraded
- Eastern Tributary restoration, trail and interpretive enhancements complete
- Community volunteerism, stewardship, and ongoing scientific research

2011+*

- Pop Hicks Field is rehabilitated; the Western Tributary is enhanced, and new trails are constructed (following landfill remediation)
- A new practice field is constructed and upland habitat is restored near Paul Goode Field (following landfill remediation)
- Planning for future creek restoration in the other areas of the watershed begins
- Community volunteerism, stewardship, and ongoing scientific research

* Timing estimated; subject to the availability of funding

ENJOY THE WATERSHED

TAKE A WALK – To join a monthly docent-led tour of the watershed, call the Presidio Visitor Center at (415) 561-4323.

VOLUNTEER – The Trust is launching new opportunities to volunteer in the watershed and throughout the park, including trails and gardening. Call (415) 561-5333. Be a part of planting efforts that begin in late 2008 and early 2009.

KIDS on Trails: Visit www.presidio.gov to download a self-guided tour booklet that acquaints children aged 5-9 with the Ecology Trail, which runs from Inspiration Point through the watershed. You can also get a copy at the Presidio Visitor Center, 50 Moraga Avenue.

KIDS Quest Treasure Hunt: A “Quest” is a self-guided treasure hunt through a landscape. A free Quest guidebook to the watershed, appropriate for kids of all ages, is available at the Presidio Visitor Center, 50 Moraga Avenue, and at www.presidio.gov.

PLAY: Enjoy one of the park’s playing fields. Visit www.presidio.gov for more information.

SELF-GUIDED TOUR: Visit www.presidio.gov to download a map of Tennessee Hollow and create your own day in the watershed. Copies are available at the Presidio Trust office and Presidio Visitor Center, 50 Moraga Avenue.

DIG IT: Archaeological research exploring colonial-era life at El Polín Springs continues. To learn about ways to participate or observe, contact the Presidio Archaeology Lab at (415) 561-ARCH.

Tennessee Hollow Watershed

Tennessee Hollow is the Presidio's largest watershed. Its spring-fed creeks, historic neighborhoods, habitat areas, trails and playing fields define its character and draw people and wildlife into the park.

Efforts to revitalize and interpret this rich area of the Presidio have taken a major step forward with the completion of the environmental and historic compliance for the Tennessee Hollow Upper Watershed Revitalization Project.

