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Welcome and Introductions

- Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront Department at the City of Berkeley
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 - Evelyn Chan, Supervising Civil Engineer
 - Isaac Carnegie, Civil Engineer and Project Manager
- ELS Architecture and Urban Design



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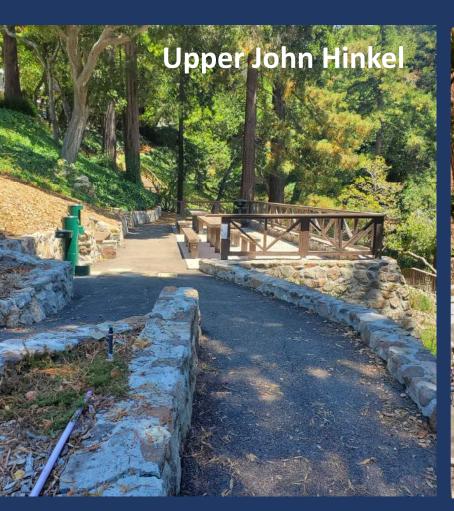


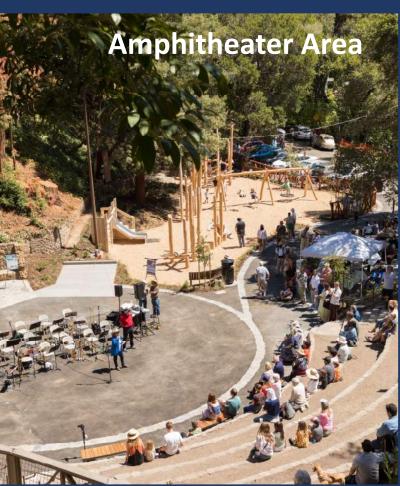
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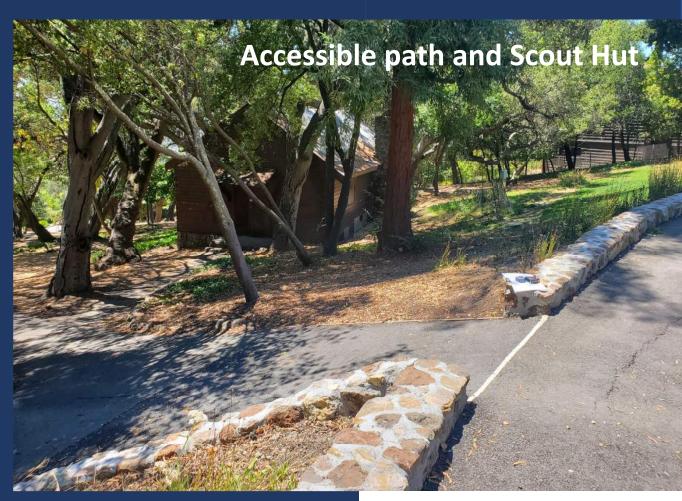
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Previous Projects







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Funding and Project Constraints Landmarks Preservation Trees Accessibility Cost **Project Goals and Possibilities** Possibilities for a community focused building **Funding opportunities**

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Historic Timeline



The original fireplace in John Hinkel Park was used by 7,243 Berkeley citizens during 1925-1926.



View of the completed amphitheater in 1934. Benches were later added.



Map of John Hinkel Park dated 1953 includes the Boy Scouts structure.



City of Berkeley landmark plaque next to amphitheater.



Scout Hut in 2022 with recent irrigation improvements at the upper area of park in foreground.

1918

August 14, 1919

John Hinkel, a philanthropist and property owner, gives the city of Berkeley 5.4 acres for a public park. Landscape architect John Gregg designed the original stone fireplace, picnic area, pathways, and clubhouse.

1933-34

October 1933

City landscape architect Vernon M. Dean designs amphitheater.

December 1933

The Civil Works Administration (CWA) employs over four million workers to regrade streets, construct storm sewers, and repair park equipment and buildings, including John Hinkel Park.

April 29, 1934

John Hinkel Park Amphitheater officially dedicated.

1938-52

1938

The clubhouse annex, now known as the Scout Hut, is relocated to John Hinkel Park on a new stone foundation. Over the next fourteen years, the east addition is added for storage and a stone fireplace and chimney is constructed. The roof is replaced during this time.

The Boy Scouts use this land for wilderness exploration, camping, and meetings.

2001-2011

April 2, 2001

John Hinkel Park designated as a city of Berkeley Landmark. The Scout Hut is included in this designation.

September 2005 - 2011

The Scout Hut existing condition and repairs drawing set is completed. Some of these cosmetic repairs were completed including exterior painting.

A structural report assessing the condition of the structure is completed.

2016-22

July 2016

Construction begins for lower park improvements.

2019

Construction begins for upper park improvements.

October 2021

Construction begins for the amphitheater area playground and picnic improvements.

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Community meeting for the revisioning of the Scout Hut as a community center

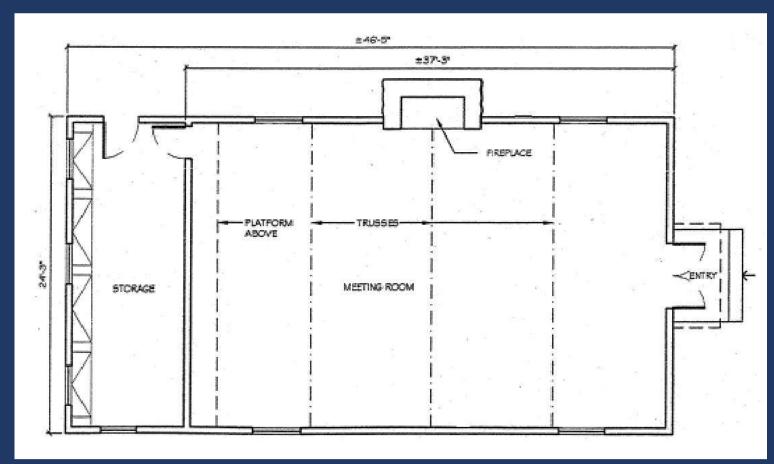
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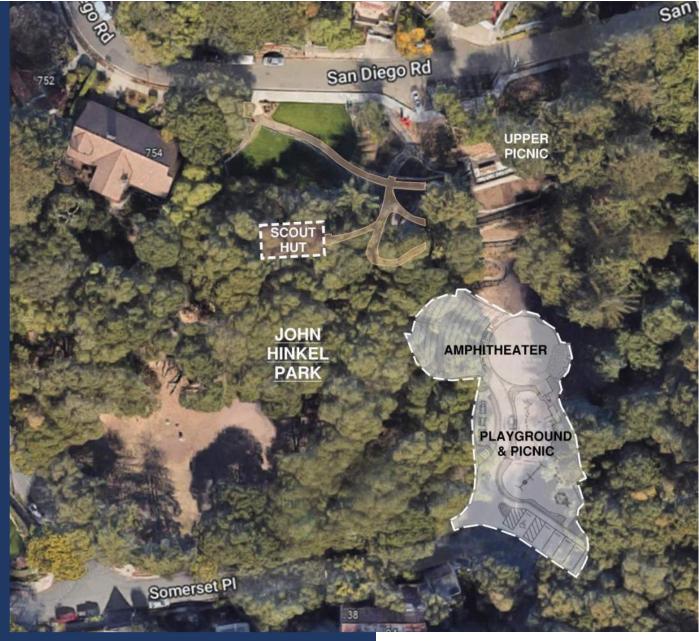
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Floor and Site Plan





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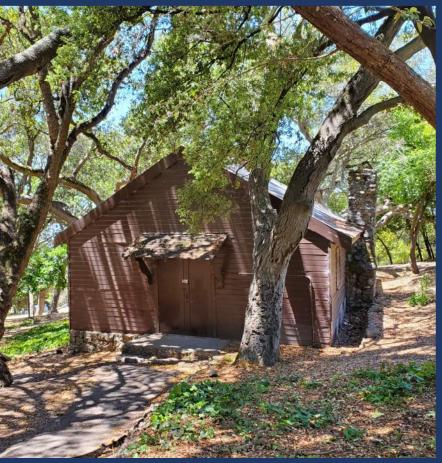
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Existing Building Conditions









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Outdoor Activities in the Park







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Current Building Use







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Possible Activities







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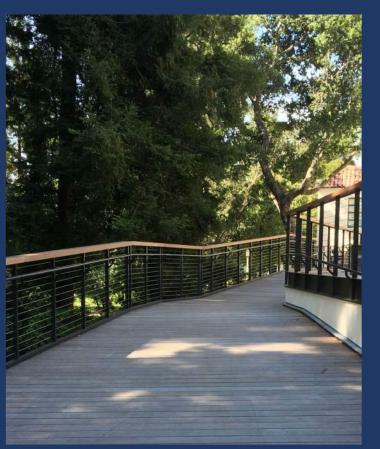
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Other Improvements

Accessible Approach, Pathways, & Repairs







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Potential Improvements and Addition









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For the Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront Department at the City of Berkeley



Kitchenette



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Next Steps

- Gather input from this meeting
- Formulate concepts
- Meet with the Landmarks Preservation Commission
- Present concepts to the community at our next meeting

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