

Crafting a new vision for the Don Edwards Environmental Education Center



We are asking for your input to reimagine the possibilities for the Refuge's Environmental Education Center and surrounding public spaces in Alviso. To improve the public's experience at the Environmental Education Center site and ensure that this place remains a community asset for many decades to come, we really need to hear from you!

Originally built in 1979, the US Fish and Wildlife Service's Environmental Education Center in Alviso, California, has hosted thousands of programs for students and families for over 40 years. Some locals fondly refer to the observation tower as the "bird house." Families, school groups, and others have met here for ranger-led talks about pollinators and wetlands, for guided hikes through the wetlands in search of birds and mammals, and a safe place to spend time outdoors with family and friends. Others have spent countless hours helping maintain the gardens for native plants and restoring native vegetation in the area.

The existing Environmental Education Center with its two classrooms, small auditorium, enclosed observation platform, and limited exhibit space has served us well for decades, but the main building and the surrounding public buildings need revitalization and updating. There are many needed modifications, so we want your help to create a plan for new facilities.

It is time to reimagine the possibilities for the Environmental Education Center and the surrounding public spaces. We need to hear from you what you would like to see in a new facility!



Get involved!

From November 2023 - April 2024 the team will have multiple ways to engage with the visioning and design process: by sharing your thoughts via email, by joining one of our three open community workshops, by creating potential connections to partnerships for programming for the future facility, and more. Please save the date for our first workshop around EEC Priorities & Opportunities January 10th, 2024 from 6:30-8:30 PM at the Mayne Elementary School in Alviso.

Email Alviso_eec@fws.gov for details.

Help us envision the future!



Our first step is understanding what people value about the current Environmental Education Center, why they visit the refuge, and what types of spaces their community may benefit from in a new vision for the facility and site. Follow the QR code to share your thoughts with us, and sign up for emails to stay tuned for future opportunities and public meeting dates!

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share your thoughts



Additional feedback or questions?

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