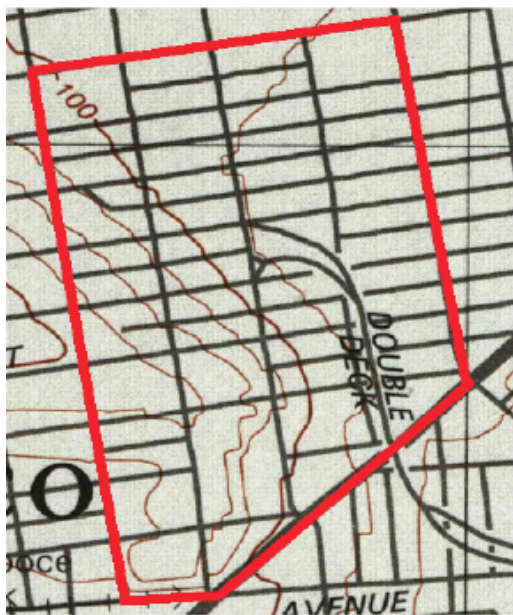


Landscape

Topography:



USGS Topographic Map, Datum NAD27 and NAD83, 1:24,000 scale

As the name would suggest, Hayes Valley is in fact, a valley considering that the elevation of the nearby neighborhoods is greater than 100 feet above sea level. Areas near the boundary of Hayes Valley are 100 feet in elevation. Moving inward, the elevation drops to 50 feet, as shown above. As a result of the drop in elevation and the surrounding areas being higher in elevation, the neighborhood would be considered a valley.

Stormwater Management:



Stormwater Management Implementation (Page St.), Photo Courtesy of Friends of the Urban Forest

Stormwater management technologies are currently being used throughout Hayes Valley. In the future, SFWater will be launching the Hayes Valley Green Project, which will use technology such as Creek Daylighting (restoration of creeks, streams, rivers, etc.) at wetlands located at McAllister and Franklin (Opera House), UN Plaza, 5th and King, as well as 6th between Townsend and King (SFWater). Another ongoing project is the SF Public Utilities Commission and the Friends of the Urban Forest's Sidewalk Garden project. The two recently replaced thousands of square feet of concrete with sidewalk gardens. The project was launched on Saturday, May 4th at the Zen Center properties in Hayes Valley. People from the community as well as employees from Fitbit helped install native species and permeable paving on Page Street between Buchanan and Laguna (Friends of the Urban Forest). Finally, another location where stormwater management has been implemented is permeable paving outside of Richardson Apartments on Franklin Street.

Open Space (Public vs. Private):



Patricia's Green (public open space example), Photo Courtesy of Ryan Hunt

Patricia's Green, a park within the heart of Hayes Valley, offers a large open space area with benches and nearby retail shops that attract visitors. The lawn in front of City Hall is another example of open space that is accessible to and used by the public. The neighborhood is also home to private gardens and courtyards that are maintained by propertyowners and/or neighbors. Linden Street incorporates elements that are central to open spaces such as trees and other landscaping which have revitalized the alley and made it more inviting.



Linden Street Landscape, Photo Courtesy of Ryan Hunt



Cisco Home (580 Hayes) Public Minimal Garden, Photo Courtesy of Mari Hunter at hayesvalleysf.org



Private residence garden and greenery, Photo Courtesy of Ryan Hunt

Street Trees:

Hayes Valley has a considerable amount of street trees, both public as well as residential, allowing for a vibrant, welcoming environment. The implementation of palm trees at Patricia's Green is an example of incorporating more street trees in the neighborhood. Furthermore, the Planning Department, along with coordination with other city agencies, is currently in the process of implementing the Market Octavia Living Alley Project (Bialick). This project hopes to revitalize the neighborhood's alleyways from areas of vehicle passage to areas that welcome pedestrians and cyclists, as well as social uses, mimicking the same efforts accomplished at Linden Street. This project will include landscaping in the form of street trees and other plants, thus contributing more greenery and further livening the neighborhood.



Residential street tree example, Photo Courtesy of Ryan Hunt



Public Street Trees on Octavia Boulevard, Photo Courtesy of Ryan Hunt