

REDWOOD CITY



ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

1. Completed Initial Study Questionnaire. (attached)
2. Eight complete sets of plans (these plans can be used for other applications if submitted at the same time. All drawings furnished shall be folded to approximately 8-1/2 x 11”.)
3. Title Report.

The land belongs to Redwood City.

4. Proof of ownership or written authorization from property owner.
5. Fee: Initial Study: \$5,000 deposit, Actual cost
Environmental Impact Report: \$5,000 deposit, Actual cost.

INITIAL STUDY QUESTIONNAIRE

Proposed Project Name: BIAC South Lot - Storage and Expansion Project

1. Give a complete description of the proposed project. Attach any exhibits as needed.

a) Name of project, location, and boundaries of the project:

BIAC (Bair Island Aquatic Center) South Lot - Storage and Expansion Project. Located in the old Cemex site, 1402 Maple Street, the entire site is bounded by Steinberger Creek, Maple Street, Blomquist Street, and a private railroad spur on the southeast side.

BIAC is applying to use the space along Steinberger Creek.

b) Objective sought by the proposed project:

BIAC is seeking to expand space for our programs, including new programs in concert with Redwood City Park and Recreation and the Redwood City Schools. This larger space will 1) improve traffic flow for parents, 2) provide additional on-site parking, 3) provide more on-site storage for trailers currently parked in the street, 4) provide more space for training equipment, including a large rowing barge for the "Safe Program" at Sequoia High School, 5) provide safer paths from parking to our facilities, and 6) relieve crowding used for housing gym equipment in the existing building.

In summary: BIAC is connecting to an existing facility next door to improve traffic safety, provide more off-street parking, and relieve overcrowding in our existing facilities. BIAC's purpose is to provide human aquatic access to Steinberger Creek and the neighboring bodies of water.

c) General description of the project's physical characteristics:

BIAC will create a compacted gravel driveway, off-street parking and a drop-off area. It will also erect a large tent (35x84') to house gym equipment, including indoor rowing machines, and bring in a metal container for boating equipment. A temporary fence will enclose the site and fence off the driveway from the rest of the site. A power drop will provide lighting for the driveway and the tent. There is no HVAC.

2. Give a complete description of the environmental setting without (before) the project. Attach any exhibits as needed.

- a) Terrain features: types, sizes, and locations of trees (shown on plan); and other types of ground cover (grasses, plant, and shrubs):

The current site is an abandoned industrial location, with few outstanding features. The site is flat and unimproved; the ground is a mixture of asphalt, rocks, and highly compacted dirt. There are weeds in many places in the site. There are a few trees next to Steinberger Creek, including a palm tree, which will not be disturbed..

There are two abandoned wooden docks on Steinberger Creek.

- b) Animal life (land, water, and air), other than common urban mammals, birds, and insects frequenting or occupying site:

Steinberger Creek contains fish, harbor seals, and is home to many birds. These will not be disturbed in the proposed expansion project.

- c) Area setting, adjoining land uses, and streets leading into and out of this site:

1402 Maple houses Redwood City's Fire Department structures and dirt from Redwood City's Public Works. The south east side houses GraniteRock; concrete and building materials. The north west side houses BIAC's current facility; a boathouse and yard. 1402 Maple has access to Maple Street via two gates; BIAC will be adding a third gate and a pedestrian gate. There is no access from Blomquist.

All buildings and storage will be at least 30' from the high tide mark on Steinberger Creek.

3. Give a complete description of the environmental impacts (both beneficial and adverse, both short-term and long-term) anticipated from the project. Attach any exhibits as needed.

- a) Physical changes, loss of trees, amount of grading (quantities), traffic, and loss of wild life habitat:

BIAC will add gravel on the site to level the parking area and tent. The fence, tent and storage container are all temporary and are entirely above ground. No trees will be removed.

BIAC is creating a safer traffic flow and decreasing the current parking load by moving the trailers on-site and providing more parking spots. Pedestrian access will be much safer, as athletes can stay off the street.