

A Park for the People



Surrounded by a sea of industry, Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline saves precious, hard-won open space for people far and near. It is a park preserved in pieces, each bit acquired against tremendous pressures for development. Today, magnificent bay views, sandy beachfront, meandering trails, and recreational opportunities await visitors.

It was not always this way. Chemical plants, oil tanks, and weeds once littered the landscape. A growing community looked for more room. Quarry operations threatened the very land itself.

Visionaries saw the potential for parkland and sprang to action. Lucretia and Tom Edwards spent their savings on Nicholl Knob, protecting it for later sale to the Park District. The Contra Costa Shoreline Parks Committee tirelessly campaigned for the creation of a park.

First dedicated in 1972 to honor state senator George Miller Jr., today the park also recognizes state assemblyman John Knox who secured funds for the park's hillside portion in 1980.

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The Santa Fe Railroad causeway ran along the shoreline to Ferry Point.



Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline as it developed in the 1970s.



Dedication ceremony, 1972.