

Gardens in the City: San Francisco Residence Parks, 1906-1940

Draft Historic Context Statement Informational Presentation

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Why a Historic Context Statement?

“The development of historic contexts is the **foundation for decisions about the identification, evaluation, registration, and treatment of historic properties and surveys.**’ Well-developed historic contexts are critical.”

“Historic context statements are intended to **provide an analytical framework for identifying and evaluating resources**...explaining what aspects of geography, history, and culture significantly shaped the physical development of a community...what important property types were associated with those developments, why they are important, and what characteristics they need to have to be considered an important representation of their type and context.”

-- California Office of Historic Preservation

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Historic Context Statement



HCS 20th Century Residence Parks

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HCS Sample of 8

many others

Jordan Park (1906)

West Clay Park (1910)

Ingleside Terraces (1911)

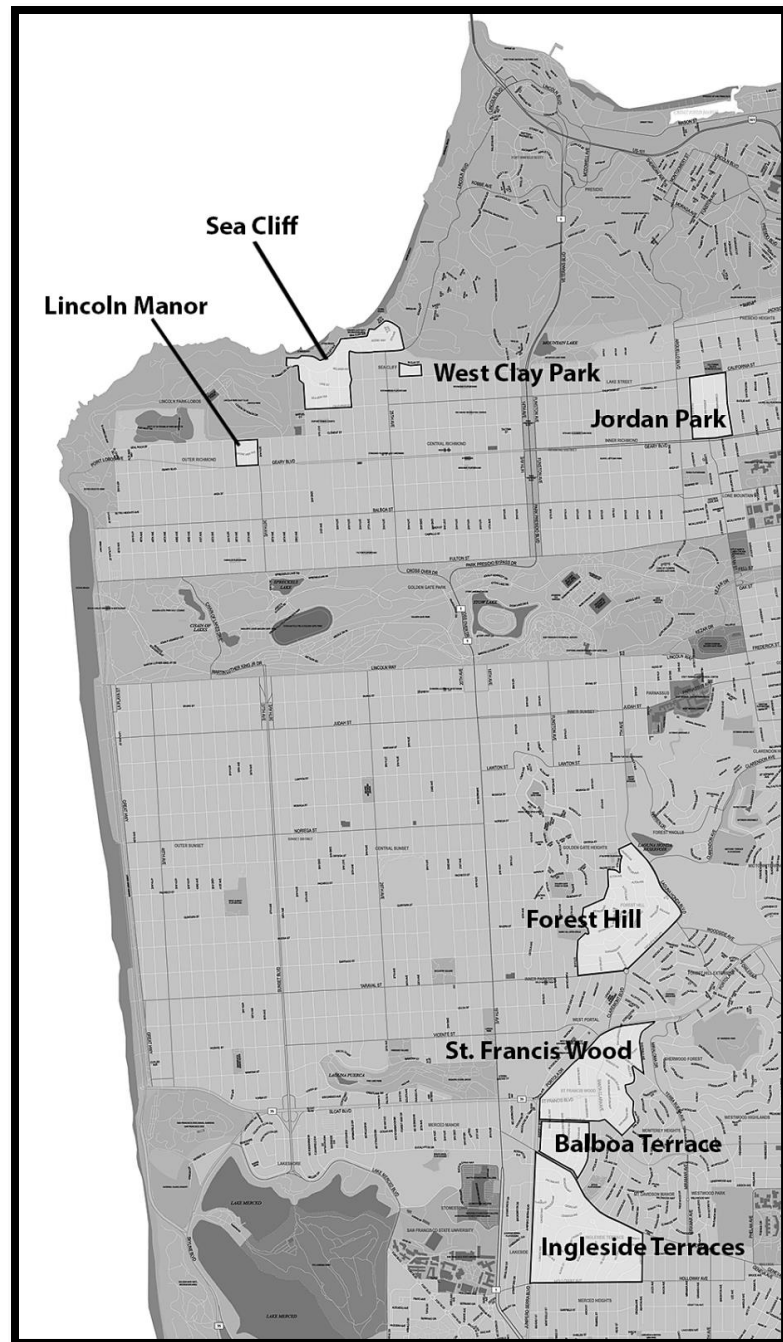
Forest Hill (1912)

St. Francis Wood (1912)

Lincoln Manor (1913)

Sea Cliff (1913)

Balboa Terrace (1920)



Curvilinear Streets

Forest Hill



Sea Cliff



Entrance Gates

Balboa Terrace



St Francis Wood



Entrance Gates

Sea Cliff

Lincoln Manor



Jordan Park

Geary 1925 pillars gone

Odd Fellows Cemetery (left)





Jordan Park

Various styles on grid





Entrance gates

St Francis Boulevard



St. Francis Wood



Public sculptures



Belvedere, fountain, park



Uniform set backs, sidewalk design



“A Gift to the City”

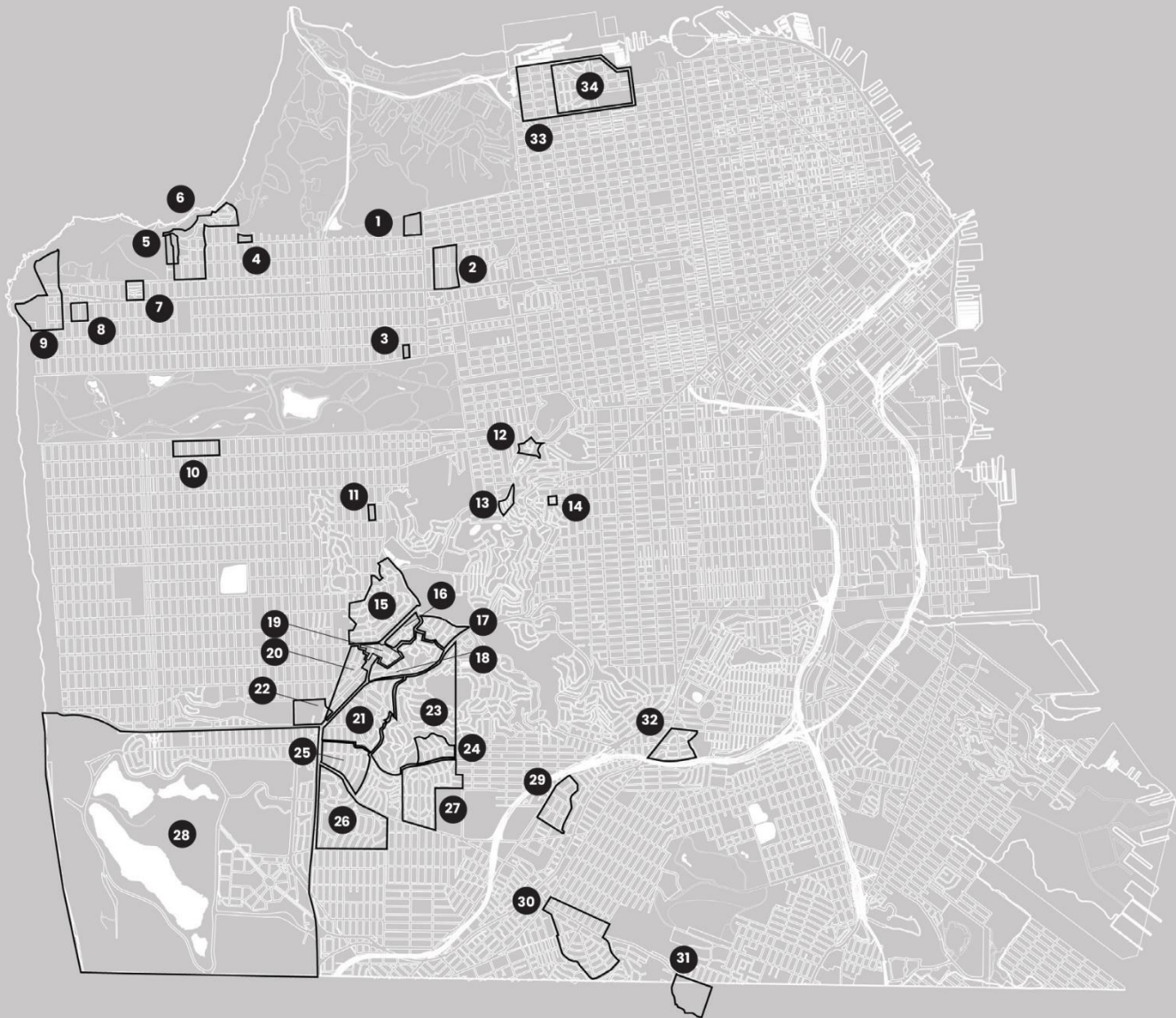
- Suburban amenities (quiet, detached, landscaping, gardens)
- Social exclusivity but not super rich
- Semi-private spaces provided socialization
- Long term stability
- High quality architecture and construction
- Variety of styles

Garden Neighborhoods of San Francisco

The Development of
Residence Parks, 1905–1924



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San Francisco's 20th Century Residence Parks

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