

NOTICE OF PREPARATION

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Subject: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report

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Project Title: Moraga Canyon Sports Fields Project

The City of Piedmont will be the Lead Agency and will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed project. The public is invited to submit comments regarding the scope of the EIR. The City is also requesting comments from responsible agencies regarding the scope and content of the environmental document.

Project Location: The project area includes the Coaches Field and Blair Park sites located in the City of Piedmont (City) in the northwest portion of Alameda County. Both sites are accessed by Moraga Avenue, located less than 0.20 mile west of State Route 13/Warren Freeway and near the northern limits of the City. The Coaches Field project site is located on the north side of Moraga Avenue at Red Rock Road, and the Blair Park project site is located on the south side of Moraga Avenue between Red Rock Road to the west and Maxwellton Road to the east. The City of Oakland border is located just north and east of the project area. Figure 1, attached, shows the project location.

Project Description: The project entails improvements at the Coaches Field and Blair Park sites. The City proposes to install lighting and artificial turf at the existing 1.9-acre Coaches Field site. The approximately 5.6-acre Blair Park site, located across the street from Coaches Field on the south side of Moraga Avenue, would be developed with two new youth sports fields. Figures 2 and 3, attached, show the conceptual plans for both sites. Specifically, the proposed project would involve the following primary components:

- Replacement of the existing natural turf at Coaches Field with a synthetic field surface, associated drainage improvements and the installation of field lighting;
- Construction of a pedestrian bridge across Moraga Avenue connecting the Blair Park and Coaches Field sites;
- Tree removal, grading, slope excavation, and the placement of retaining walls along the southern boundary of the Blair Park site to increase the developable land surface; and the
- Construction of two multi-purpose youth play fields at Blair Park, one approximately 150 feet by 300 feet and the other 75 feet by 150 feet, with ancillary structures (e.g., spectator bleachers and concession and restroom facilities); landscaping, including new trees; 4 driveways for vehicle ingress and egress; and 40 parking spaces to accommodate the new facilities on the Blair Park site.

Potential Environmental Effects: The project description, location, and the potential environmental effects, based on information known to date, are contained in the Initial Study prepared for the project. It has been determined that an EIR will be necessary to analyze potential environmental effects associated with the project. Specific areas of analysis will include, but will not be limited to, the following topics: aesthetics; air quality, biological resources; geology and soils; hazards and hazardous materials; hydrology and water quality; land use; noise; traffic, circulation and parking; utilities; and climate change. The EIR will also address short-term and long-term effects of the project on the environment, the proposed project's potential to cause direct and indirect growth inducing impacts, and cumulative impacts associated with the proposed project. Alternatives to the proposed project will be evaluated that may reduce impacts determined to be significant in the EIR. Mitigation will be proposed for those impacts that are determined to be significant to reduce those impacts to less than significant. Impacts that are determined to be significant after mitigation will be identified. A mitigation monitoring program will also be developed, as required by Section 15097 of the CEQA Guidelines.

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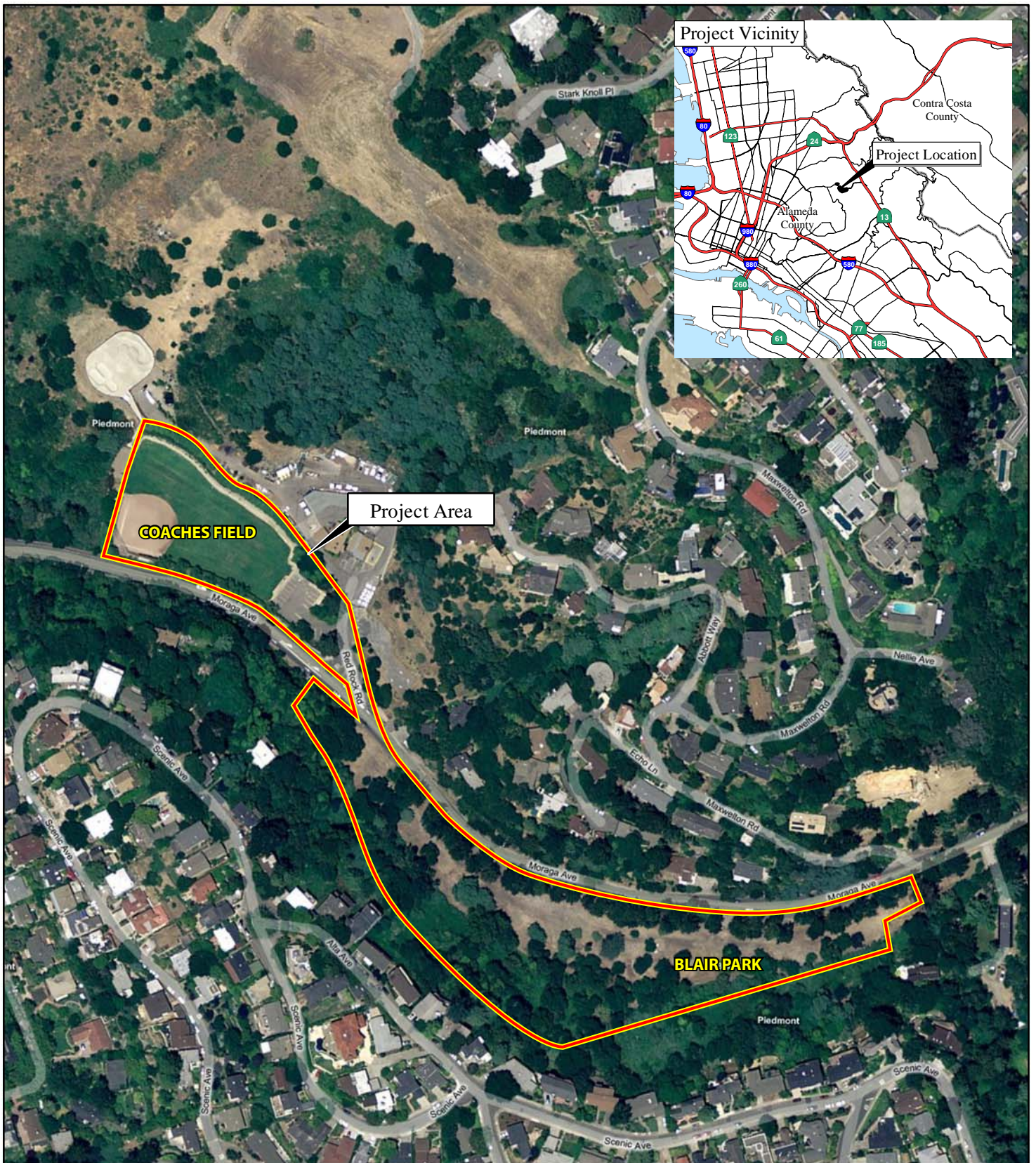
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 Project Boundary

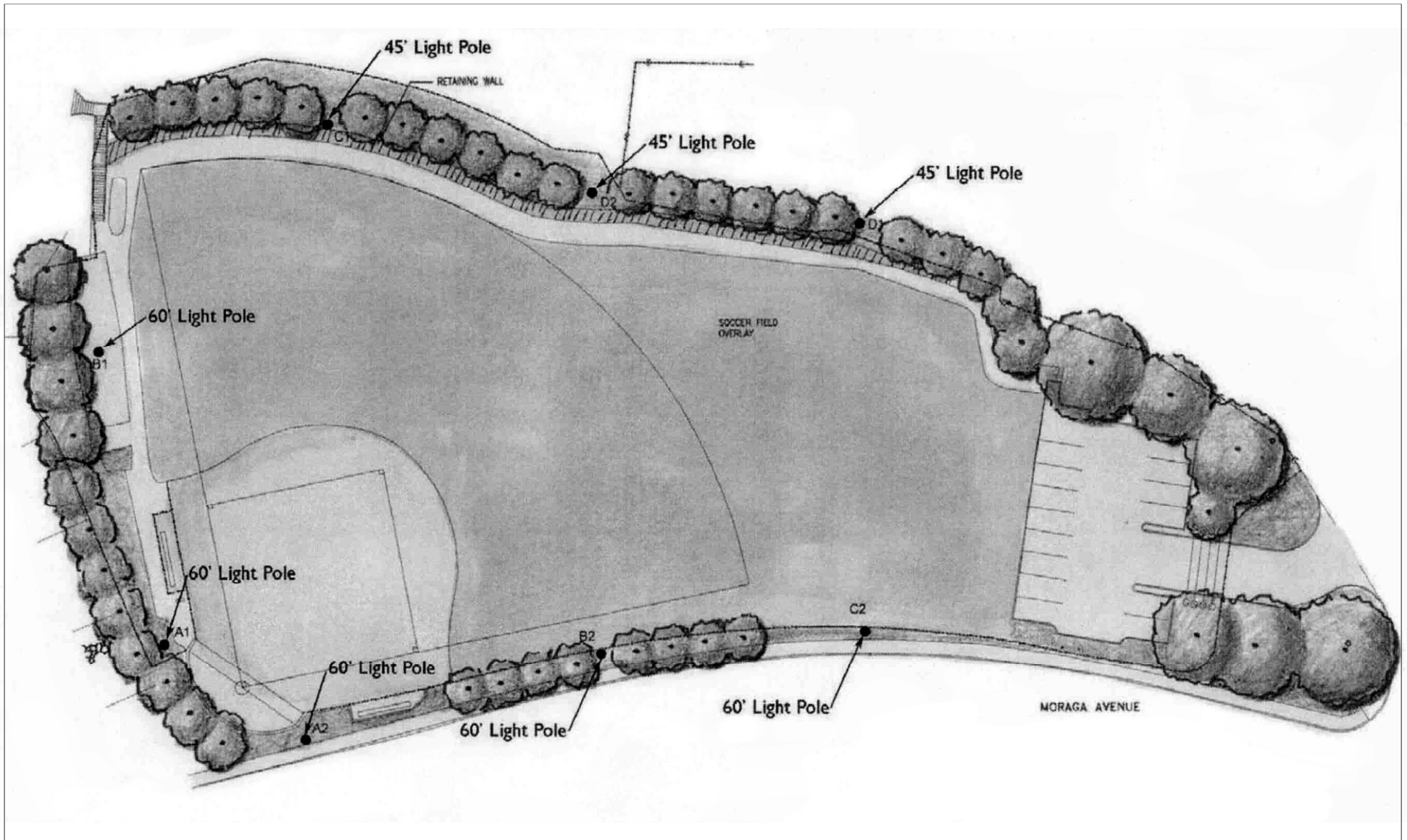
FIGURE 1



SOURCE: BING MAPS (2009)

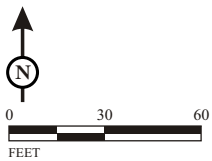
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Moraga Canyon Sports Fields Project
Regional and Project Location



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FIGURE 2



SOURCE: City of Piedmont. Coaches Field Lighting Photometric Report. (May 2008)

Moraga Canyon Sports Fields Project
 Coaches Field Lighting and Synthetic Turf Conceptual Site Plan

