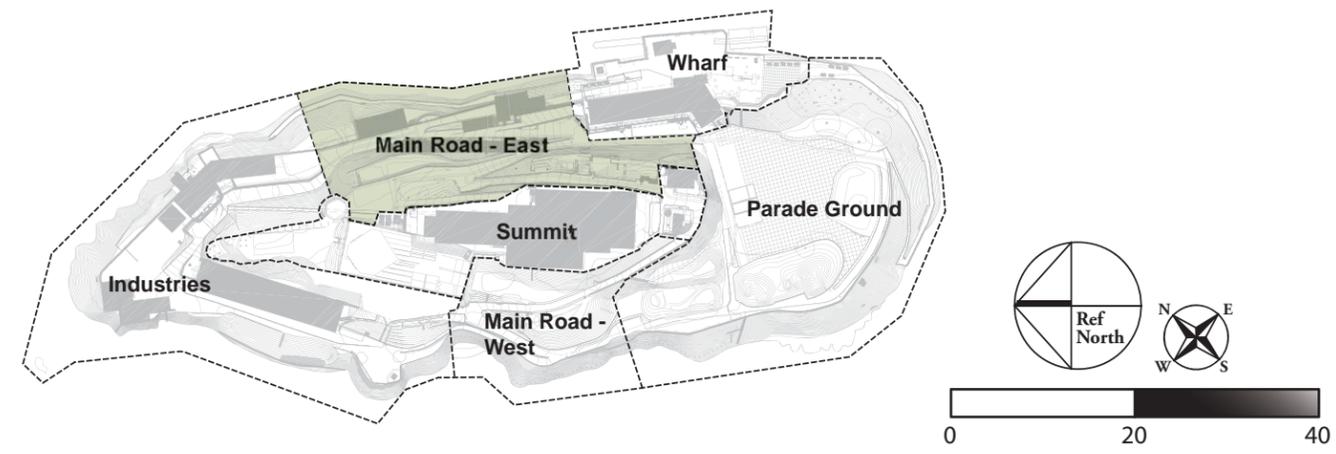
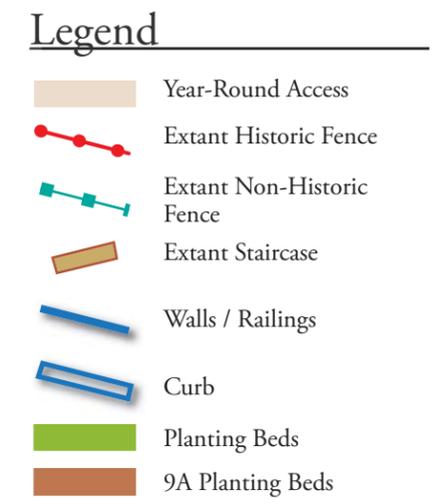
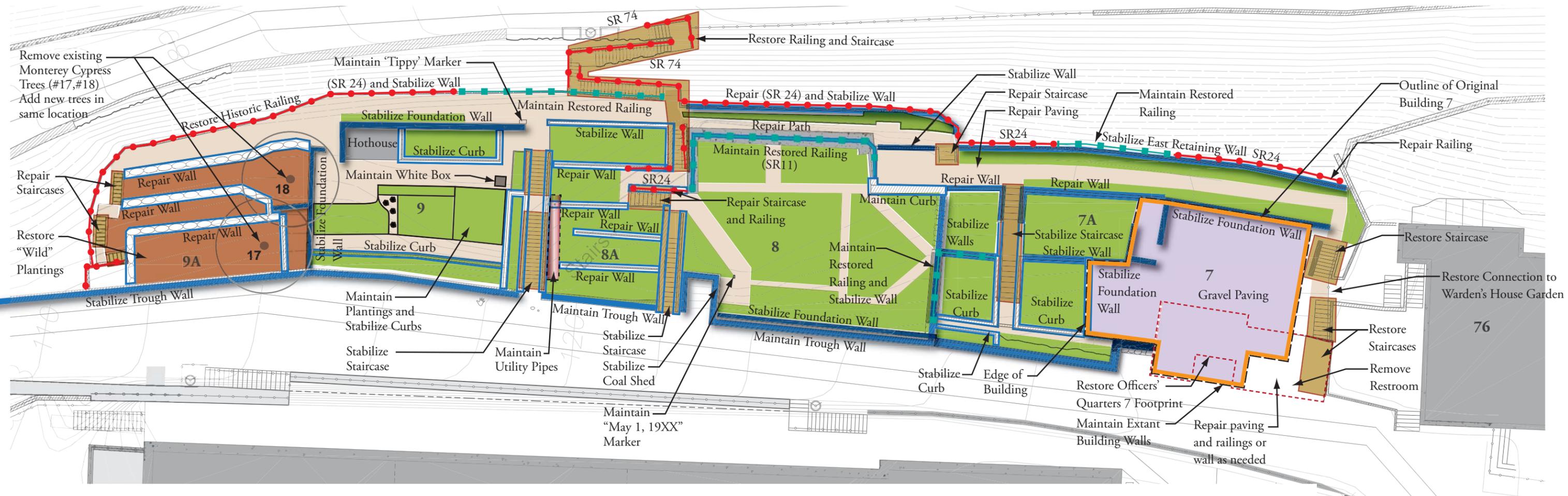


# Officers' Row Treatment Recommendations

Figure 6-85

- Rehabilitate all extant contributing features associated with Officers' Row.
- Maintain the historic form, topography, and arrangement of Officers' Row.
- Allow for non-contributing compatible features such as railings and the restroom to remain and to be stabilized.

- Reflect the garden's "wild" character of the 1940s/50s at Garden Terrace 9a.
- Continue to implement 2006 Officers' Row Gardens Treatment Plan for plantings 9, 8, 8a and 7a.
- Remove non-contributing, compatible (and non-compatible) restroom and restore Officers' Quarters 7 footprint.





***Main Road – West***

The Main Road –West (Figures 6-99, 6-3, 6-9, and 6-10) consists of Alcatraz Island’s primary road built in the 1850s that extends from the Summit to the west side of the Island. It includes the road and paving as well as topography, walls and buildings that, currently or historically, define and line the road edges. At the Summit it is flatter to match the level terrace adjacent to the Lighthouse. The Upper West Road continues down the west hillside, on the south and west of the Main Prison and Lighthouse, and down a steep incline. This area includes the coastline bordering the road on the west side of the Island, as well as the gardens and buildings that historically lined the road.

**Intent:**

1. Maintain the historic form, topography, and arrangement of the Main Road – West.
2. Repair all extant contributing features associated with the Main Road –West including those associated with the historic gardens and hillsides.
3. Allow for non-contributing compatible features such as railings to remain and be stabilized.
4. Maintain West Lawn North and its perennial border.
5. Maintain the perennial border of West Lawn South to convey the edge of the historic West Lawn South.
6. Integrate extant historic vegetation with historic and non-historic compatible plantings and continue seasonal closures in identified areas (and in compliance with the new GMP) to protect sensitive waterbird habitat.

**General:**

- Maintain the Upper West Road. Repair the curb and wall at the base of the Cellhouse Slope, the wall on the west side of the Upper West Road, and the curb above the Toolshed Terraces.
- Repair the Road to Parade Ground including the repair of the concrete wall at the base of the Toolshed Terraces, the concrete rubble wall below the Snowy Egret habitat, and the brick retaining wall along the west edge of the road. Remove the observation blind.
- Repair Lower West Road including the repair of the Lower West Wall and the brick wall.
- Install new Tipi at historic location on West Lawn South as placed during Indian Occupation Period. Consider elevating new Tipi to be visible over existing vegetation. Protect existing vegetation as Snowy Egret habitat. There will be no visitor access into this area.
- Maintain concrete retaining wall near southwest corner of Stockade/Recreation Yard, east of New Cisterns on West Lawn - North.
- Maintain West Lawn North, including its historic form and topography, and extend lawn to edge of Stockade/Recreation Yard. Maintain new cisterns. Repair West Road Terraces and garden walls to reflect their historic appearance during the 1940s, 1950s, and early 1960s. Repair the staircase at the West Road Terraces.
- Repair Toolshed Terrace walls and gardens to reflect their historic appearance during the 1940s, 1950s, and early 1960s.
- Restore Federal Penitentiary period small scale features including security fencing (SR61), pedestrian lighting, staircases, railings and walks.

- Stabilize the staircase and repair the walls from Upper West Road to the Toolshed (in the Toolshed Terraces). Maintain the Toolshed.
- Restore ‘Warning’ sign from the Federal Penitentiary period and repair the paint and graffiti on the wall below the Road Tower from the Indian Occupation period.
- Consider restoring the Road Tower and Catwalk to the Stockade/Recreation Yard to its fullest extent including all of the original elements. At a minimum, restore these features to a level adequate to evoke the mass, scale and use of the original Road Tower and Catwalk.

#### Vegetation/Gardens:

- Continue to remove all English, Algerian and cape ivy from existing vegetation, structures, and small scale features.
- Maintain the plantings and vegetation of the Toolshed Terraces, West Road Terraces, and the Cellhouse Slope reflecting their 1940/1950 appearance (when they “were the most intensively planted”).<sup>8</sup> Relocate the non-historic gate to south edge of the Toolshed Terraces to allow year round access to the edge of the south terraces. Allow seasonal access beyond the gate.
- Maintain extant historic vegetation (survivor plants),<sup>9</sup> and plant compatible species in the Toolshed Terraces and West Road Terraces.
- Maintain the lawn vegetation, topography and form of West Lawn North to follow its historic arrangement.<sup>10</sup> Extend the lawn to the edge of the Stockade/Recreation Yard and along the new cisterns added by the Garden Conservancy in 2010.
- Maintain the perennial borders of West Lawn North and South reflecting the West Lawn’s 1940s, 1950s, and early 1960s appearance. Maintain the extant vegetation west of the West Lawn Perennial Border as a buffer and as Snowy Egret habitat (Figure 3-12).
- Maintain the historic Apartment A Lawn as waterbird habitat for Black-crowned Night Heron. Protect the extant historic topography. Monitor use, and if habitat is no longer needed, allow for vegetation to be cleared seasonally, scheduled in conjunction with waterbird management (after bird nesting season) to maintain the historic space.
- Maintain the extant historic topography and plantings of the Cellhouse Slope consistent with its historic appearance as per the 2007 Cellhouse Slope Treatment Plan.<sup>11</sup> Maintain existing plantings in dual value habitat area for Black-crowned Night Heron. If this use diminishes, consider managing vegetation as a consistent cover of *Drosantheumum* to attain the historic appearance
- Stabilize the Army Slope by planting a uniform cover of *Drosantheumum* across the slope as was done historically. Maintain existing plantings in the dual value habitat area for Black-crowned Night Heron. Monitor use, and if Black-crowned Night Heron use diminishes, consider managing vegetation as a consistent cover of *Drosantheumum* to attain the historic appearance.

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<sup>8</sup> Byers and Ashford 2008: 38-47

<sup>9</sup> Ibid., 38-47

<sup>10</sup> Ibid., The 2008 Treatment Plan has a slightly different arrangement.

<sup>11</sup> Byers and Ashford 2007a



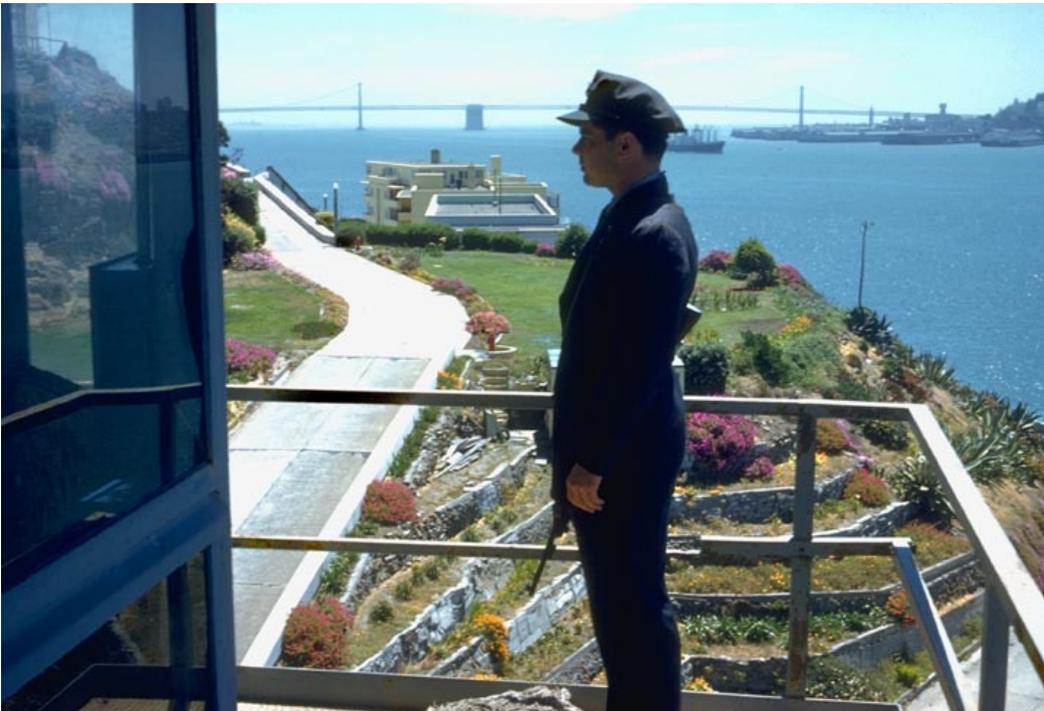
**Figure 6 - 86.** Repair West Road Terraces to Federal Penitentiary period (c 2010) (source: MBD); (DSC\_0477.jpg)



**Figure 6 - 87.** Repair Lower West Road; repair walls and maintain slope; restore “Warning” sign, Indian Occupation graffiti, and Federal Penitentiary period security fencing. (c 2009) (source: MBD); (DSC03249.JPG)



**Figure 6 - 88.** Repair Road to Parade Ground and stabilize wall. Remove debris and wooden safety posts, and provide new safety railing. Stabilize eroding slope. (c 2009) (source: MBD); (DSC03283.JPG)



**Figure 6 - 89.** Repair Toolshed Terrace walls and concrete curb along Upper West Road. Restore perennial borders at West Lawns (along road), and vegetation in Toolshed Terraces. (c 1950s) (source: Parks Conservancy); (west side 1950s william long jr (goga35178).jpg)



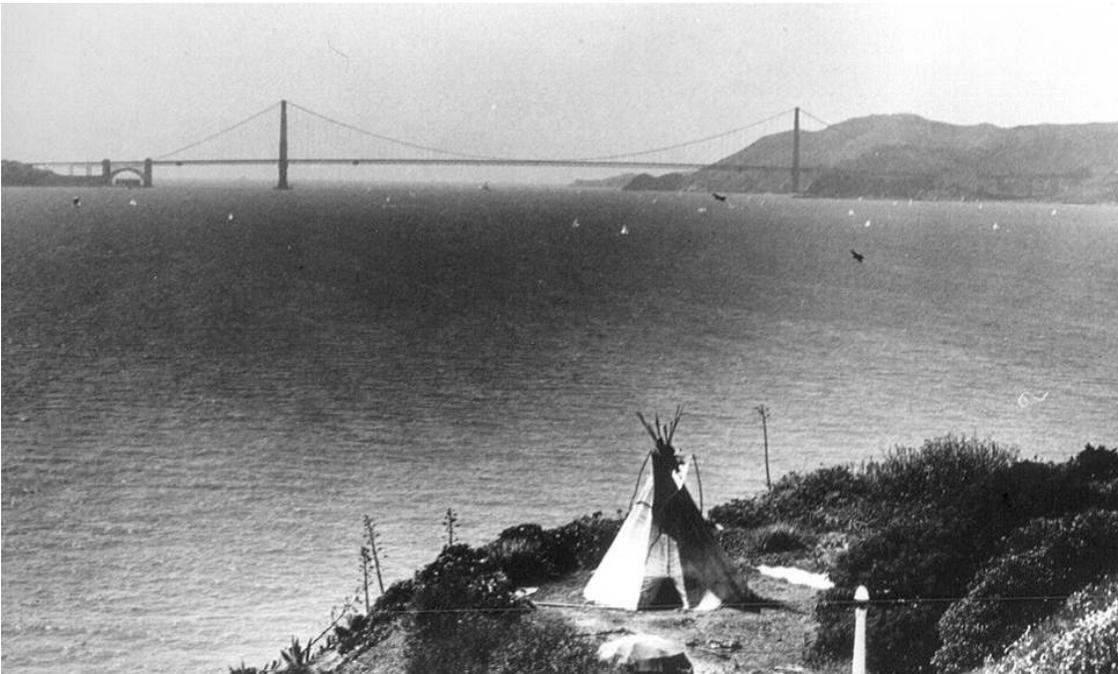
**Figure 6 - 90.** Maintain Upper West Road and repair Cellhouse Slope, curb and wall. Provide new compatible railing to improve visitor safety. (c 2009) (source: MBD); (DSC03249.JPG)



**Figure 6 - 91.** Restore the Road Tower and the Catwalk to Stockade/Recreation Yard. Repair Federal Penitentiary period fencing. (c 2009) (source: MBD); (P1030052.JPG)



**Figure 6 - 92.** Maintain Toolshed and stabilize staircase from Upper Main Road to Toolshed. Restore Federal Penitentiary period security fencing and pedestrian lighting. Note: Treatment for West Lawn South differs from historic condition and photo. (c 1950s) (source: Phil Bergen's Video Stills (1955)); (DVD Movie Segment#10A.jpg)



**Figure 6 - 93.** Add new Tipi structure only, to depict the historic tipi from the Indian Occupation period. Locate in area similar to historic location. Do not allow visitor access. Maintain vegetation for Snowy Egret habitat. (c 1970) (source: Parks Conservancy); (Tipi on West Road, occupation (GOGA Denevi).jpg)



**Figure 6 - 94.** Relocate gate south to west edge of Toolshed Terraces. Allow year round visitor access up to gate and around Toolshed Terraces. New gate location indicated by red dashed line and arrow. (c 2009) (source: MBD); (P1030047.JPG)



**Figure 6 - 95.** Repair concrete rubble wall and Road to Parade Ground curb. Remove debris and maintain vegetation for waterbird habitat. (c 2009) (source: MBD); (DSC03273.JPG)



**Figure 6 - 96.** Repair Toolshed Terraces walls, slope and vegetation. (c 2009) (source: MBD); (DSC\_0072.JPG)



**Figure 6 - 97.** Repair concrete block wall and stabilize slope. Restore decorative railing and pedestrian lights. (c 1950s) (source: GOGA); (Retaining wall (GOGA-1510 Weed).jpg)



**Figure 6 - 98.** Repair Federal Penitentiary period ‘Warning’ sign and Indian Occupation period graffiti. (c 2010) (source: MBD); (DSC\_0260-2crop.jpg, DSC\_0274.JPG)

