

# THE NEW EAST BAY AIDS MEMORIAL GARDEN

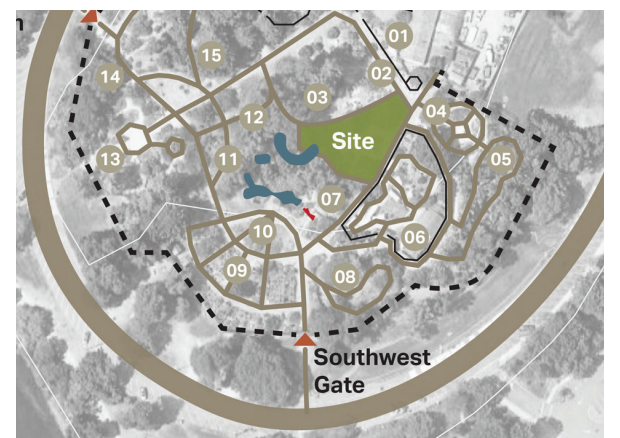


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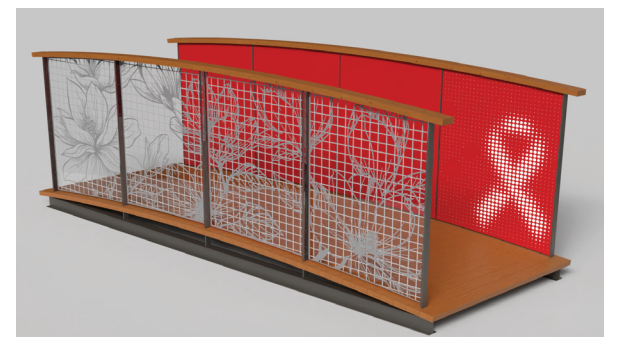
The East Bay boasts a rich history and diverse culture; however, there's no monument that memorializes, honors nor recognizes HIV's impact on the community. To address this, the *POZ+ group* at **East Bay Getting to Zero** is leading the creation of the East Bay's first AIDS Memorial Garden to be built within The Gardens at Lake Merritt.

The project kicks off with **The Dr. Dawn K. Smith Memorial Bridge**, honoring Dr. Smith, a champion of PrEP and a beloved leader within the AIDS community. The new bridge will serve as an anchor for the future memorial garden.

Rooted in Oakland's landscape and legacy, the garden will honor those living with HIV, remember those lost, and foster intergenerational dialogue about the HIV and LGBTQ+ experience. Conceived as an ecotherapy space, it will offer healing, reflection, and hands-on care—transforming remembrance into shared community connection.



Site location in The Gardens of Lake Merritt



Proposed design of the new bridge



Hands-on tending the garden will provide healing and connection.

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