CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS



News Release

ANGEL ISLAND CONSERVANCY



ANGEL ISLAND conservancy

For Immediate Release Date: October 25, 2012

Contact: Amy Brees - DPR (415) 435-3149 <u>abrees@parks.ca.gov</u>

> Gail Dolton – AIC (415)435-3972 Gail.dolton@gmail.com

Angel Island State Park Interpretation Master Plan Completed

TIBURON – A comprehensive Interpretation Master Plan (IMP) has been completed for Angel Island State Park (AISP). The Angel Island IMP is the culmination of a two-year joint effort by California State Parks and Angel Island Conservancy (AIC). The IMP also reflects the input of various community constituents who participated in stakeholder workshops held during the planning process. The final product is a long-range plan that provides a roadmap for new and improved interpretive facilities, educational programs and recreational opportunities on AISP, the largest island in San Francisco Bay. The plan contains not only a general framework, but very specific projects to be implemented in the near future, including a new Visitor Orientation Hub in Ayala Cove. To read the entire IMP, please visit http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=468 or http://angelisland.org/.

"We are especially thrilled with the Action Plan portion of the IMP," said Amy Brees, AISP Superintendent. "Through the implementation of the Action Plan projects, we will encourage visitors to explore the whole island, inspire them to make connections to the island, and promote renewed interest in Angel Island throughout the Bay Area and beyond."

"Angel Island Conservancy is proud of the role it has played in the development and funding of the IMP," said Gail Dolton, Board President of AIC. "Our goal is to create an awe-inspiring visitor experience on Angel Island State Park by bringing to life the cultural, historical and natural attributes of the island; the completion of the IMP is an enormous step in that direction."

The IMP has already returned dividends to Angel Island State Park, as it was instrumental in the park receiving \$450,000 in Proposition 84 bond funds to finance an island-wide interpretive signage project scheduled for completion in time for the America's Cup in 2013.

Angel Island State Park is already one of the crown jewels of the California State Park system. With the completion of the IMP and the support of AIC and the surrounding community, AISP is on a path to becoming one of the San Francisco Bay Area's must-see destinations.



To become involved or to learn more about the happenings at Angel Island State Park, friend us on Facebook: Angel Island State Park.

Donate to Angel Island Conservancy to make IMP projects become a reality. Visit <u>www.angelisland.org</u> for more information or to become a member of AIC.

Angel Island State Park Mission of Interpretation - The mission of interpretation at Angel Island State Park is to provide high-quality, enjoyable, and relevant interpretive programs and exhibits for the visitor, to enhance the quality of their recreational and educational experiences, and to increase their appreciation of the shared role of California State Parks and the visitors as stewards of these resources.

About Angel Island Conservancy — Angel Island Conservancy works in partnership with Angel Island State Park to raise funds and develop programs for a local treasure that has something for everyone. We do this *with* our community *for* our community. Whether we're offering a scholarship program funding visits for underserved students or implementing a new interpretation master plan, we are working with our park partners and supporters to elevate Angel Island to a Bay Area must-see destination.

