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YES Nature to Neighborhoods, California Academy of Sciences, and TOGETHER Bay Area teams in February 2023 at the first of two Connecting Urban Biodiversity bioblitzes

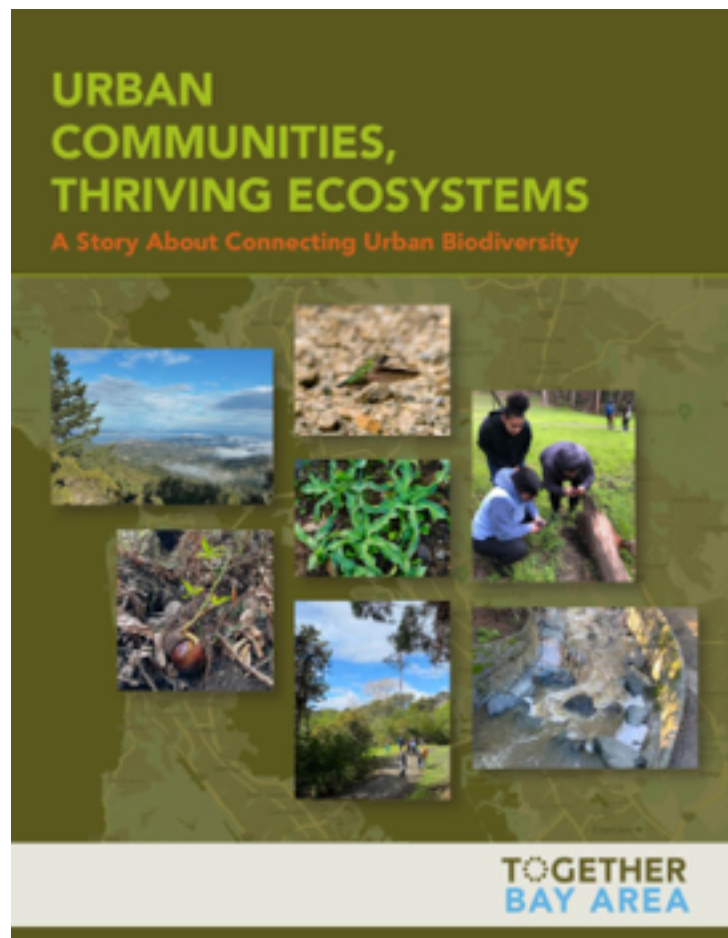
## Announcing a new report & webinar about urban biodiversity and regional conservation planning

Dear Stephanie,

Five years ago, we began a partnership with the California Academy of Sciences to explore how we can better integrate urban areas into regional conservation planning and action. This collaboration became the [Connecting Urban Biodiversity](#) project. The project began with a question: **Could community science illuminate the value of urban areas for biodiversity conservation?**

Together with partners, we explored how community science, regional conservation planning, and local decision-making can work together to create more biodiverse, resilient, and equitable urban environments. And we explored the paradigm shift that acknowledges the nature in cities and emphasizes its conservation.

Today, we are excited to share the [Urban Communities, Thriving Ecosystems: A Story About Connecting Urban Biodiversity](#) report, which tells the story of this project. In it you'll find maps, stories, models, lessons learned, and potential for different ways of thinking.



[Read the Report](#)

You're invited to a [regional conversation](#) about it all on Wednesday, February 5 at 10am for a webinar to discuss the lessons we learned about how we can create a positive cycle of community engagement, science, and on-the-ground action that benefits both people and the biodiversity of nature in our urban landscapes.

[Register for the webinar!](#)

Where does this work go from here? It will be integrated into the Conservation Lands Network 3.0 project. And it will be added to the growing field of research and practice to think differently about conservation planning and community engagement. We hope you'll join us in that.

The project team wants to thank our partners who participated in this project. This includes our community partners YES Nature to Neighborhoods, Salted Roots, and Friends of Sausal Creek. And it includes the State Coastal Conservancy for the funding that made this project possible. Thank you!

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