## **Adopt a Spot Mosaics Sparkle Across Oakland**



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## Oakland

You are here

Pacific Ocean

#### San Francisco

Oakland

Francisco Bay



- Incorporated in 1852
- California's 8<sup>th</sup> most populated city and 22<sup>nd</sup> largest by land area (~55.8 sq. miles)
  - Population >420,000
- High diversity of race, culture, nationality, language, etc.
- >150k households
- ~40k businesses
- Wide range of economic wealth affluence to poverty

# **Oakland Public Works Volunteer Program**



- Litter and illegal dumping cleanup 1.
- Graffiti removal 2.
- Litter container mosaics 3.
- Storm drain inlet surface clearing/cleaning 4.
- Park maintenance landscaping assistance 5.
- Tree planting and establishment care 6.
- Habitat restoration 7.
- 8. Fire fuels reduction
- Trails maintenance



# **City Support**

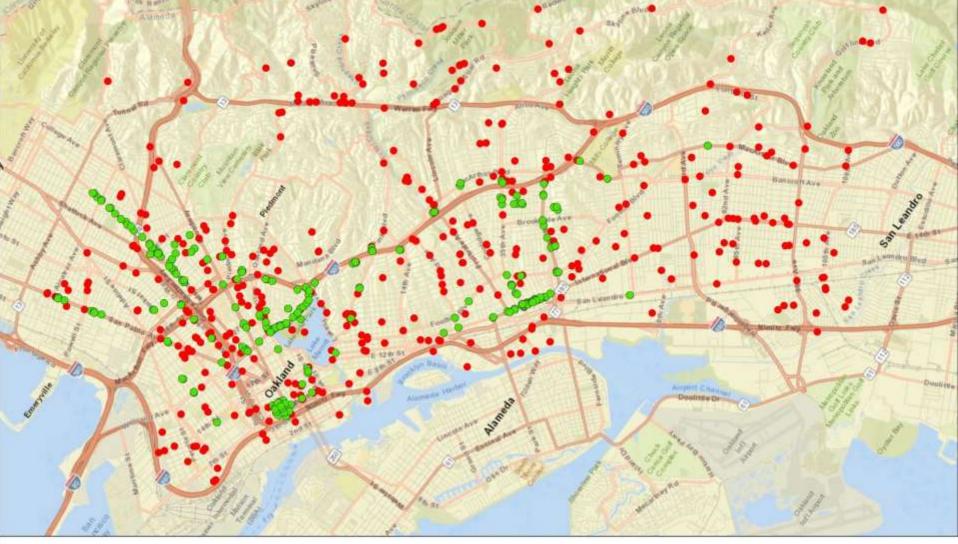
- Tool loans and supplies
- Debris pick-up
- Volunteer networking
- Promotion
- Training
- Technical assistance

## **Volunteer Motivations**

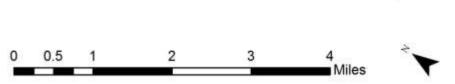
- Remedy problems and/or add to common good
  - Issue driven (fire fuels, mosaics, parks, trees, etc.)
  - Placemakers at particular sites
- Social connections
- Event oriented
- Community service credit, requirement, or mandate
- Education and training
- Alignment with organizational goals or mission



## **City of Oakland Adopted Spots**



- Adopted spots (638)
- Mosaic litter containers ~200-300



November 5, 2018













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# New World Mosaics

Juan Lopez installing mosaic panels





## Oakland litter container types

Aggregate

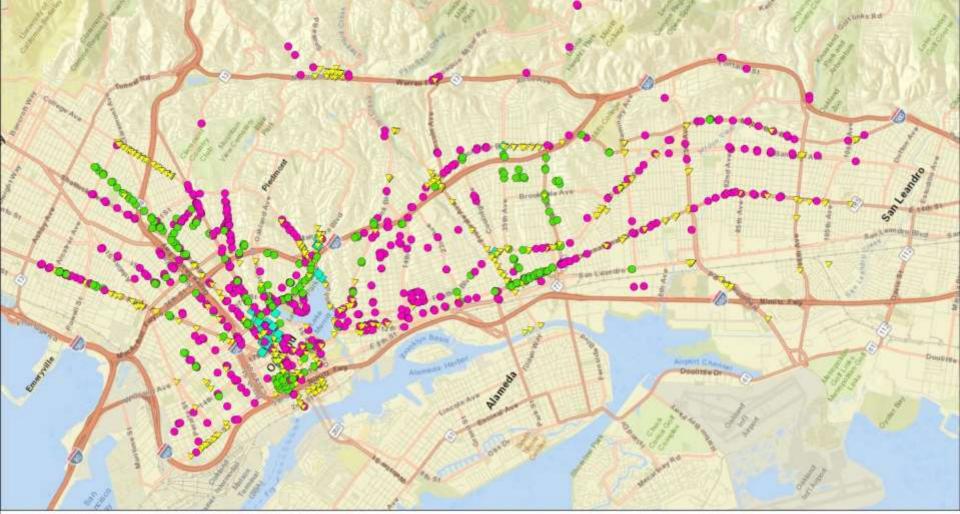


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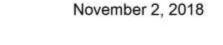
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## **City of Oakland Litter Containers**



#### Litter Container Type and (Count) -DRAFT

- Aggregate (plain) (494)
- Aggregates (mosaic) (192)
- Decorative (534)
- Big Belly (34)

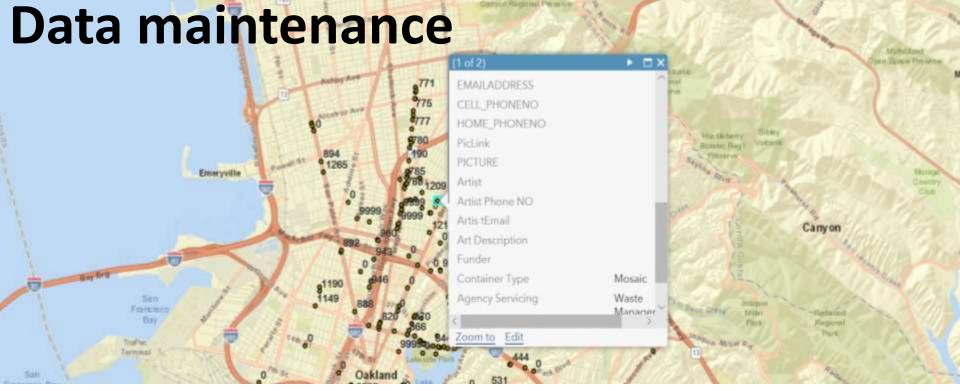




### **GIS Operations Tracking**

### Within Cityworks with ArcSDE Enterprise Geodatabase

Litter container service July 1, 2018 through June 19, 2019	Serviced by	Total
Overflow/misc.	Contractor	564
Misc servicing (emptying)	City	4,807
Misc repair	City	353
Repainting/graffiti abatement	City	169
Pressure wash litter container	City	2
Install litter container	City	75
Relocate litter container	City	15
Remove litter container	City	40
City Total	City	5,461
Grand total	City + Contractor	6,025



#### City staff

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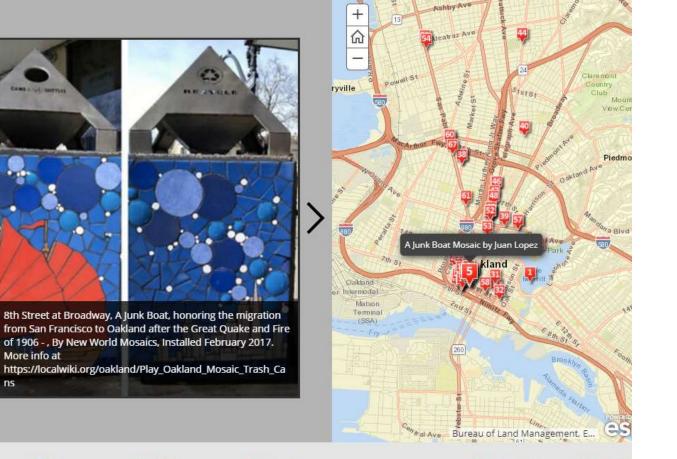
non-GIS users: Use the published feature service in ArcGIS Portal.

#### Public

Web application that allows volunteers & mosaic artists to find their spots and edit the fields. *In development.* 

#### The Mosaic Litter Container Story Map

The Environmental Services Division's Adopt a Spot program supports volunteer efforts to clean, green, and beautify City of Oakland owned public spaces and assets. Some of the most visible, celebrated, and successful volunteer projects are litter container mosaic makeovers that transform plain aggregate concrete litter containers with vibrant public art. Once adorned with mosaics, these litter containers become a source of community pride, and less likely to be defaced or vandalized.





A Junk Boat Mosaic by Juan

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## Impacts

- Beautification
- Neighborhood pride
- Reduce litter, dumping, and graffiti
- Safety
- Playfulness
- Accessible for artists
- Environmental Education

## From Blight...



#### ...To Beauty



Carrington Way mosaic wall and mural staircase installation completed August 2015

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#### Grand Avenue/Adams Point Mosaic Map





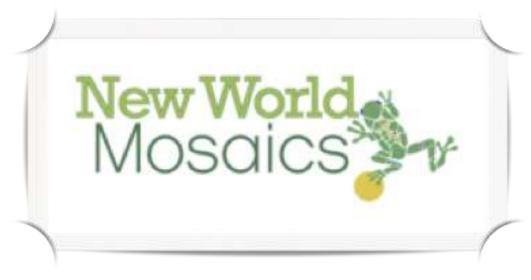










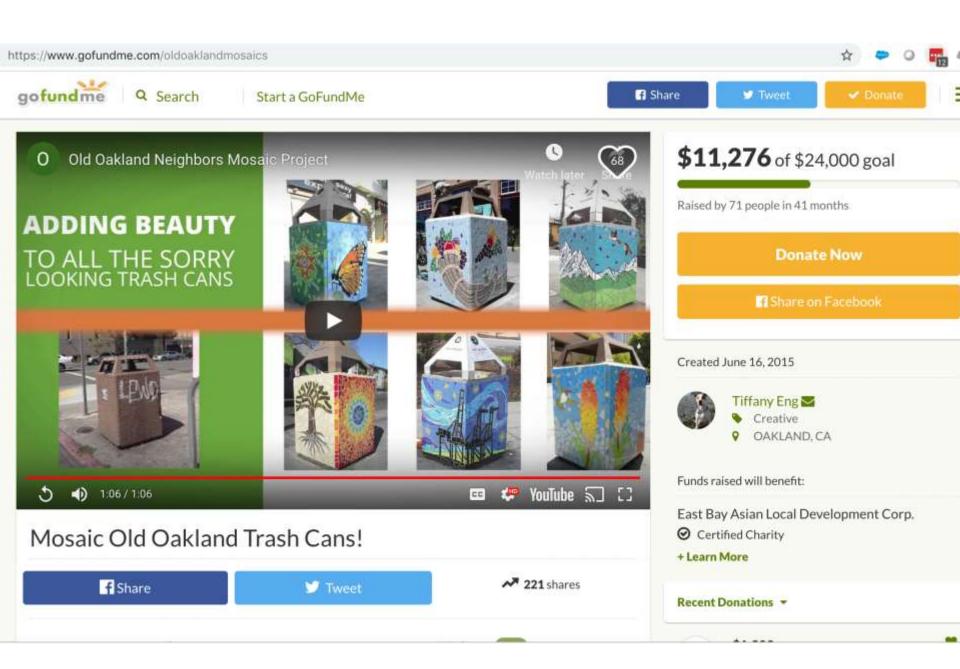
















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Trash cans become bird art in Oakland August 11, 2015

Posted by Ilana DeBare in Birding

Great Blue Heron trash can in Old Oakland

#### By Ilana DeBare

They started out as boring, nondescript, toooften-ignored trash cans.

But now they are bright spots of bird art in downtown Oakland!

A neighborhood group in Old Oakland is in the middle of a campaign to spruce up their streetcorner garbage cans with mosaics featuring Bay

So far, artist Juan Lopez of New World Mosaics has created images of Great Blue Herons, Western Tanagers, hummingbirds, California Quail, and Great Horned Owls, while neighborhood residents

The mosaic project was designed partly to give people a bright, hard-to-miss reminder about where to put that truck





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has been enhancing the look of its public trash containers for some time now. The most simple, installed last week, is a tile mosaic on a trash container located on Broadway, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Sta.

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