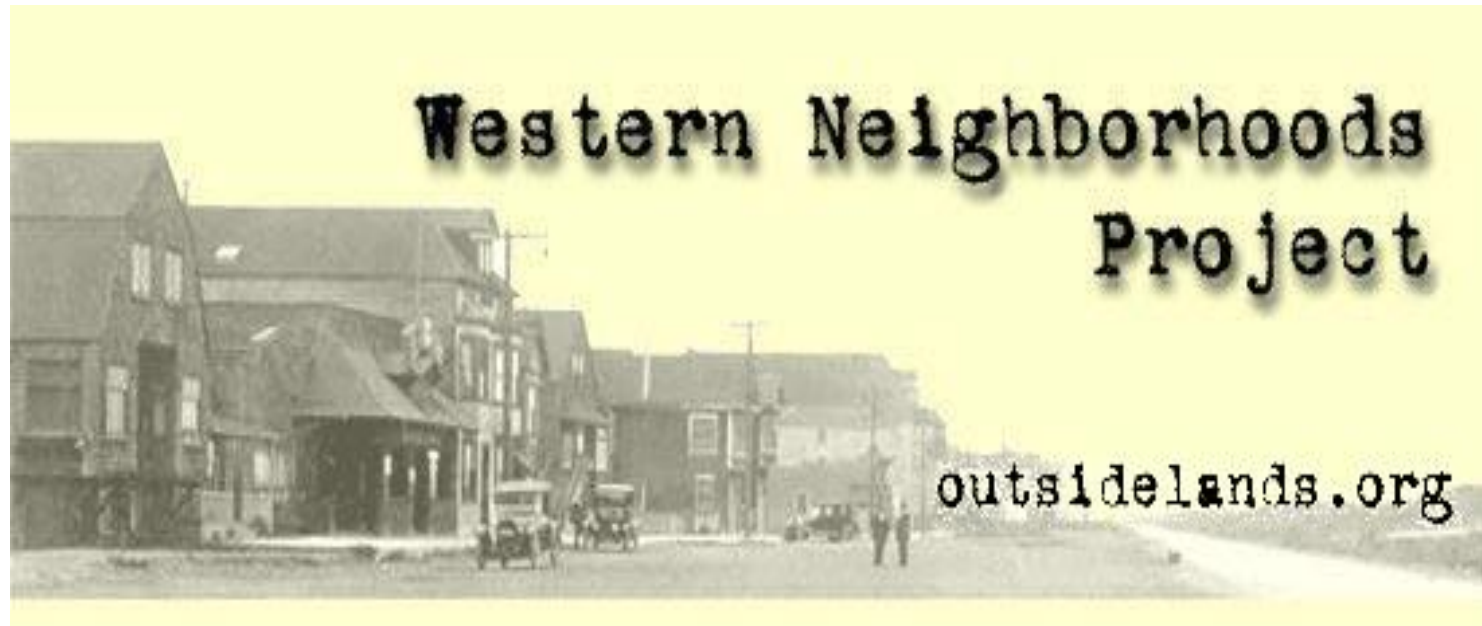


Gardens in the City:

San Francisco's 20th Century Residence Parks

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- Nonprofit organization formed in 1999
- To preserve and share the history and culture of the neighborhoods in western San Francisco.

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What is Residence Park?

Detached, single-family houses

Garden landscape

Lot setbacks

No cheap houses

No commercial buildings

No Japanese, Chinese or African
Americans

South Park begun 1854

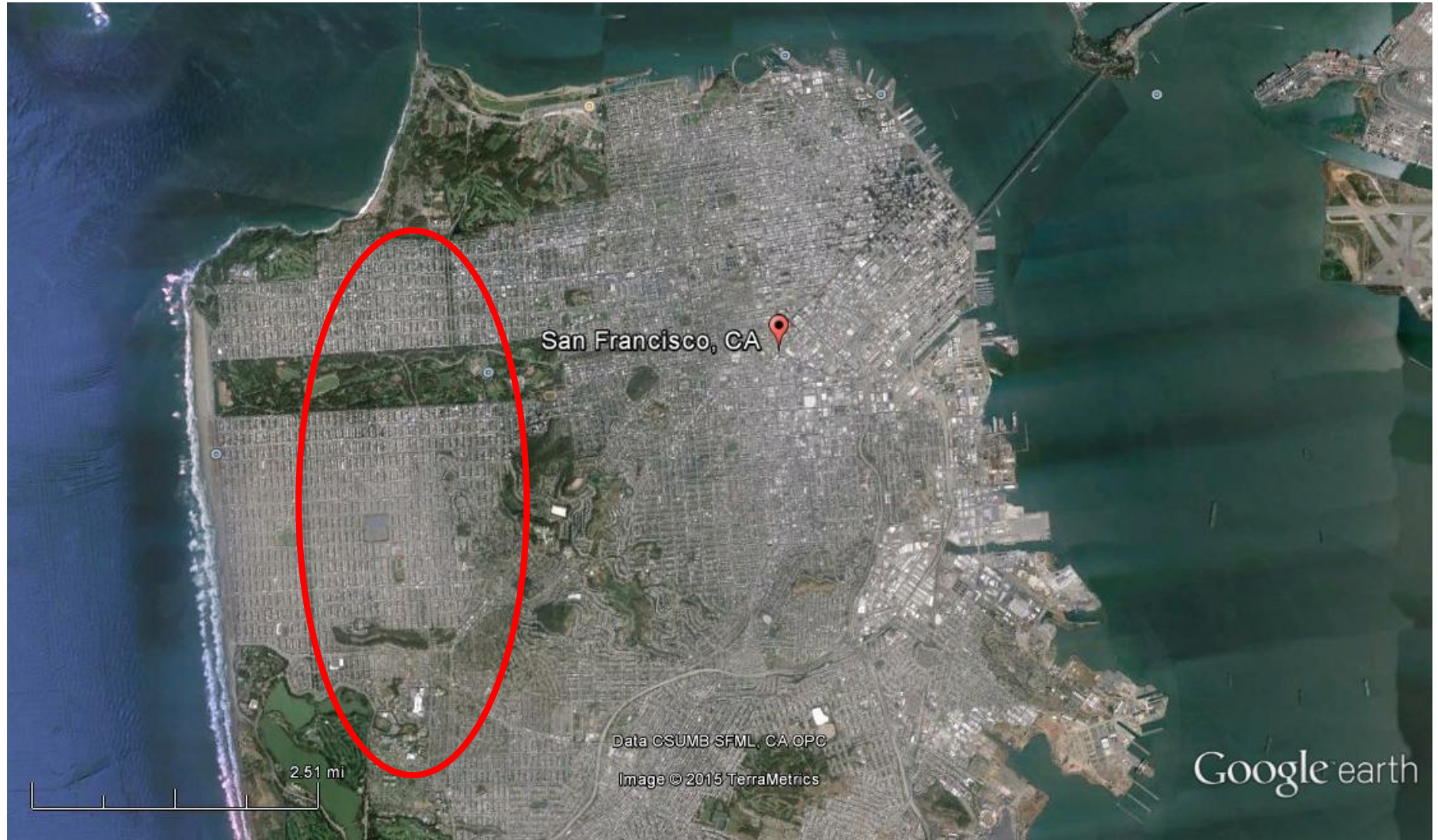
2nd and 3rd Streets, Bryant and Brannan



Presidio Terrace 1905



All located in western S.F.



San Francisco in 1900



East Bay Railroads and Streetcars 1912





Curvilinear Streets

Forest Hill, Sea Cliff



Entrance Gates

Balboa Terrace-St Francis Wood



Entrance Gates

Sea Cliff-Lincoln Manor



Jordan Park

Geary Boulevard, California Street, Palm Avenue, and Parker Avenue



Jordan Park Entrance Pillars (gone)

Odd Fellows Cemetery (left) 1925



Jordan Park

Church on left



Jordan Park

Various styles

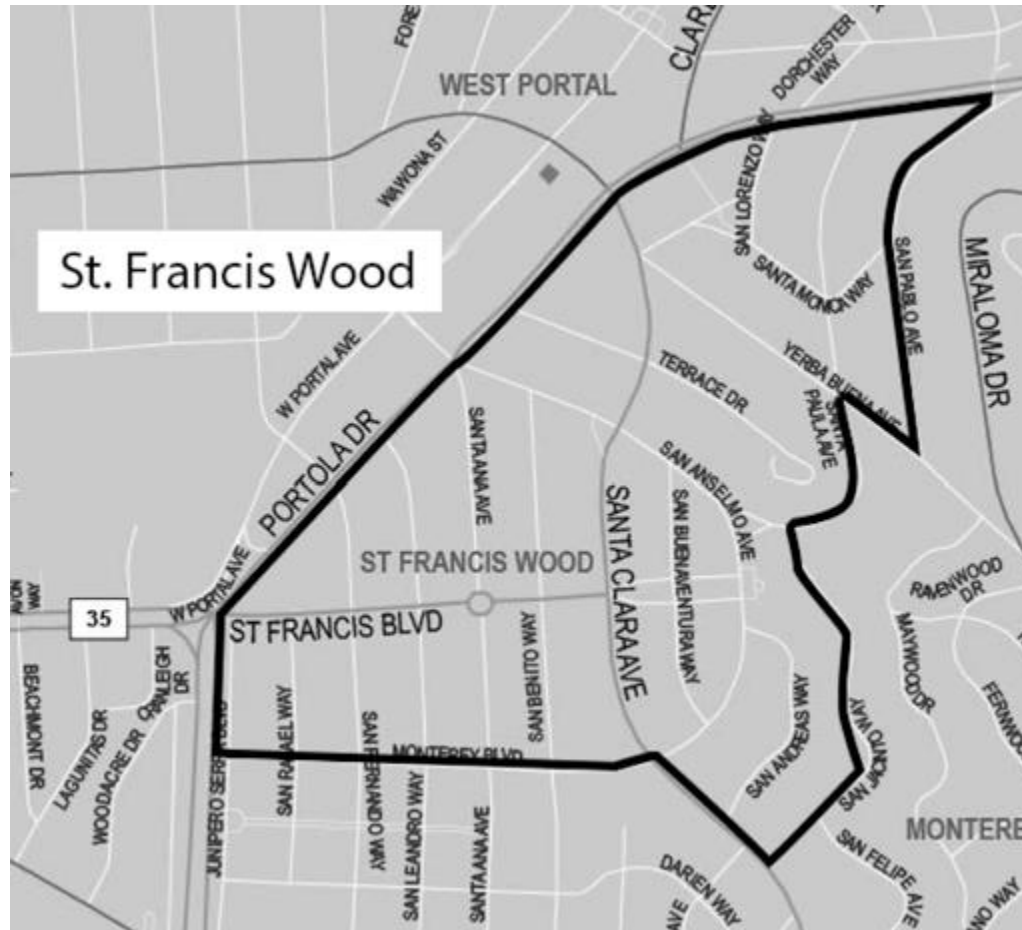


Jordan Park



St Francis Wood

Monterey and Junipero Serra Boulevards, Portola Drive, San Pablo Avenue, Yerba Buena Avenue, and San Jacinto Way



St Francis Wood public sculptures



Belvedere, fountain, park



St Francis Wood



St Francis Wood



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Uniform set backs, sidewalk design



Common features:

- Exclusively residential
- Only single-family (except Jordan Park)
- Detached houses
- Architectural controls over house size, fences, etc.
- Entrance pillars (not extant Jordan Park)
- Landscaping
- Deed restrictions to enforce the features and racial homogeneity
- Nearby public transportation to downtown

Additionally some had:

- Private mini parks
- Public statuary
- Staircases
- Fountains
- Curvilinear street design
- Clubhouse
- Playgrounds

What does it mean?

Something new in SF

Intentional communities of strangers

Suburban amenities and social exclusivity

Public spaces provided residents opportunities to socialize

Remoteness willingness to work together common goals.

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