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- **A crescent of sandy beach, backed by dunes and marsh**, curved from today’s Delaware Street out to Fleming Point – today’s Golden Gate Fields racetrack.
- **University Avenue** is fill atop the old ferry pier that still juts far into the Bay. Bumps are the pier timbers.
- **Bay fill was stopped by a 20-year citizen struggle** started in Berkeley in the 1960s.
- **Mudflats along today’s shoreline** are vital to thousands of shorebirds that rest or winter in San Francisco Bay.
- **The Bay’s fish and shellfish** are food for terns and pelicans hunting from the air; diving cormorants, grebes and ducks; and wading herons and egrets.
- **Grasslands and brush** are used by hawks, owls, rabbits, ground squirrels, snakes, meadowlarks, and many more .

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- **Use less water**, so more flows to our rivers, Delta, and Bay.
- **Minimize chemicals.** Wash and caulk, or trap insects. Mulch and hand weed instead of spraying. Use compost rather than commercial fertilizers. Use "Bay-friendly," less-toxic products and hire contractors certified in these techniques.
- **Let rain soak into soil.** Dig gardens deeply and keep them well planted and mulched. Direct runoff into vegetation – if practical, make slightly sunken "rain gardens." Use chips, gravel, sand, decking, or permeable paving instead of non-permeable concrete or asphalt.
- **Drive less.** Exhaust, gas and oil, and wear from tires and brakes are major sources of toxic runoff pollution. Check cars for leaks and recycle motor oil. Use car washes, which recycle and filter, rather than washing cars in driveways.
- **Don't buy** cleansers or cosmetics containing triclosan, products containing silver ions, or synthetic-pyrethroid pesticides (names ending in "-thrin").

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