

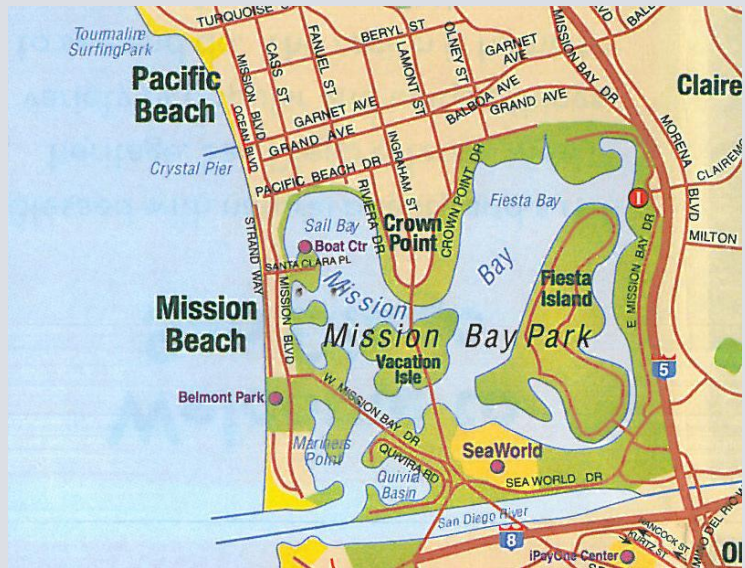
# SUSTAINABLE DESIGN ASSISTANCE TEAM (SDAT)

## SAN DIEGO – PACIFIC BEACH & MISSION BEACH AREAS

### What is a Sustainable Design Assistance Team (SDAT)?

Since 1967, the American Institute of Architects (AIA) has run Design Assistance Team (DAT) programs. These are results-driven community design programs based on the principles of interdisciplinary solutions, objectivity, and public participation. The programs combine local resources with the expertise of a multidisciplinary team of nationally recognized professionals who volunteer their time to identify ways to encourage desirable change in a community.

The team visits a community for three to four intense, productive days. The process is fast-paced, exciting, and energizing. This approach—which can address social, economic, political, and physical issues—offers communities a tool that mobilizes local support and fosters new levels of cooperation. The SDAT program has used this grassroots approach across the nation to help create communities that are healthy, safe and livable, as well as more sustainable.



### WHAT IF THE PB/MB AREA WAS SUSTAINABLE AND SELF-SUFFICIENT? IMAGINE A COMMUNITY THAT:

- PRODUCED IT'S OWN ENERGY AND FOOD
- TREATED IT'S OWN WASTE
- RECLAIMED IT'S OWN WATER
- LOWERED IT'S CO<sub>2</sub> FOOTPRINT
- MANAGED IT'S GROWTH
- PROVIDED COMMUNITY MEMBERS WITH AN EXCELLENT QUALITY OF LIFE
- WAS PREPARED FOR FUTURE NATURAL DISASTERS

THIS COMMUNITY MODEL COULD BE A VISIONARY EXAMPLE THAT COULD BE APPLIED TO OTHER REGIONS.

Join the American Institute of Architects -San Diego Committee on the Environment (COTE) in planning and preparing for an SDAT team to come to San Diego. We will assess the Community's Sustainability, identify key issues, and build strong partnerships to plan for the future. 6-7 cities are chosen each year. Our deadline for submitting will be October of this year for the 2013 SDAT.