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# Strawberry Creek and Schoolhouse Creek Watersheds

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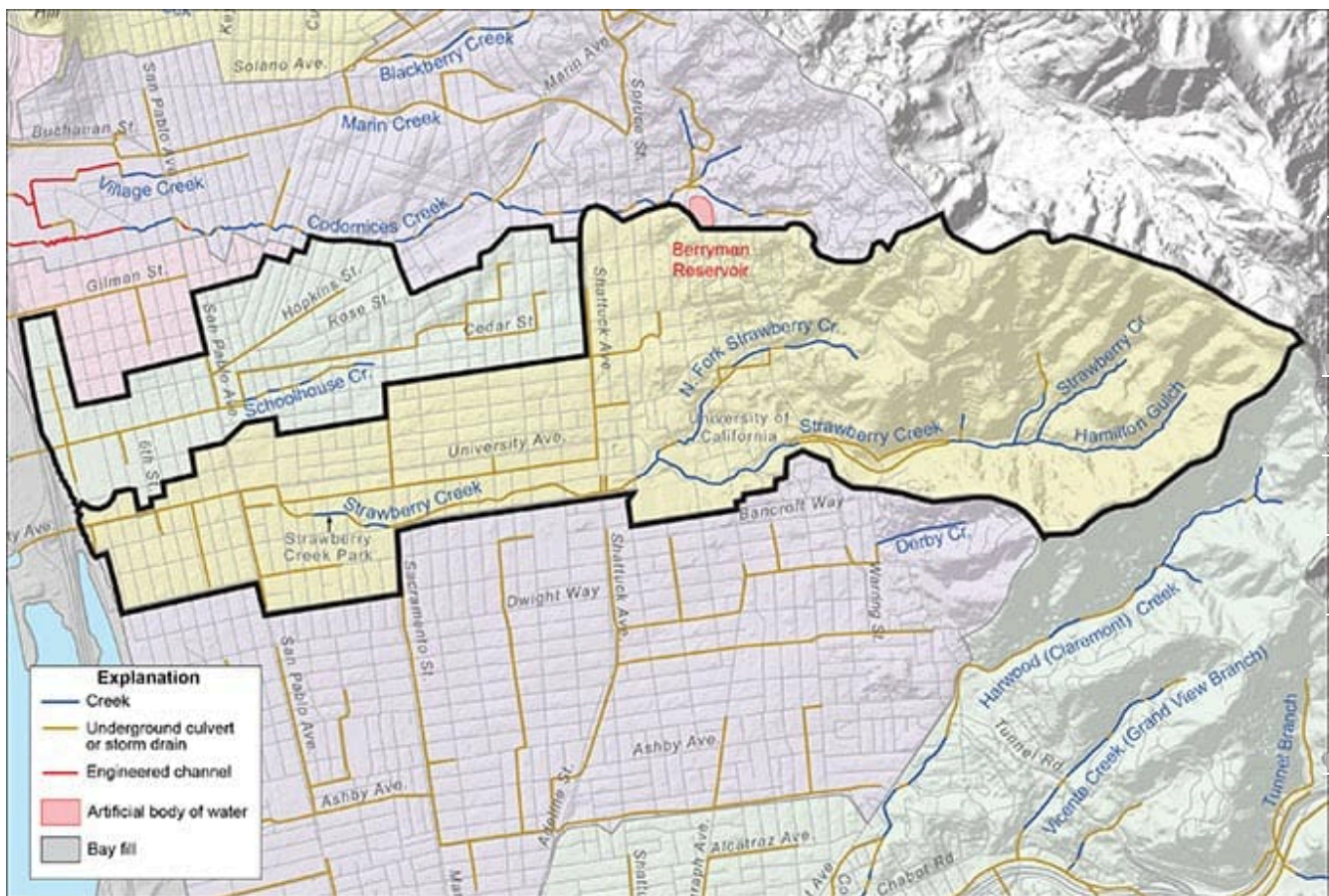
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## Overview

The three-square-mile Strawberry Creek Watershed begins on the western slope of the Berkeley hills with a series of small springs and tributaries, the most prominent being the North Fork and Hamilton Gulch. Strawberry Creek and Hamilton Gulch converge to flow through Strawberry Valley, then through the University of California, Berkeley (UC Berkeley) campus. The North Fork joins Strawberry Creek at the

eucalyptus grove in the center of the campus. Shortly after this confluence the creek enters the city culvert at Oxford Street and flows underground, west through Berkeley, eventually emptying into San Francisco Bay near University Avenue. Stormwater routing as well as stream culverting and channel confinement have significantly altered the natural drainage courses of the North Fork and Strawberry Creek.

Schoolhouse Creek emerges in the Berkeley hills from a number of small springs just south of Codornices Creek and north of Virginia Street. With no real tributaries, Schoolhouse Creek proper begins in the vicinity of McGee and Cedar streets on the flatlands below the hills, forming a one-square mile watershed that extends to the bay. From there the creek runs southwest between Virginia and Cedar streets. Throughout most of its upper and middle courses, the creek is culverted. It emerges for part of the block between Sacramento and Acton streets, above Chestnut Street, and again at Curtis Street. Where it crosses the old right-of-way of the Santa Fe Railroad, now a pedestrian-bicycle trail, a massive buried concrete abutment and culvert hide the creek. The creek eventually passes under I-880 and enters San Francisco Bay.



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