HUNTERS POINT SHIPYARD PRIVATE TENANTS MOVE INTO THE SHIPYARD

The US Navy closed operations at the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard in 1974, with over 5,000 workers laid off or reassigned. For 35 years, this single economic industry both built and devastated the Hunters Point neighborhood. The Shipyard opened the facilities to lease by private tenants, including food business training and a commercial ship repair company.

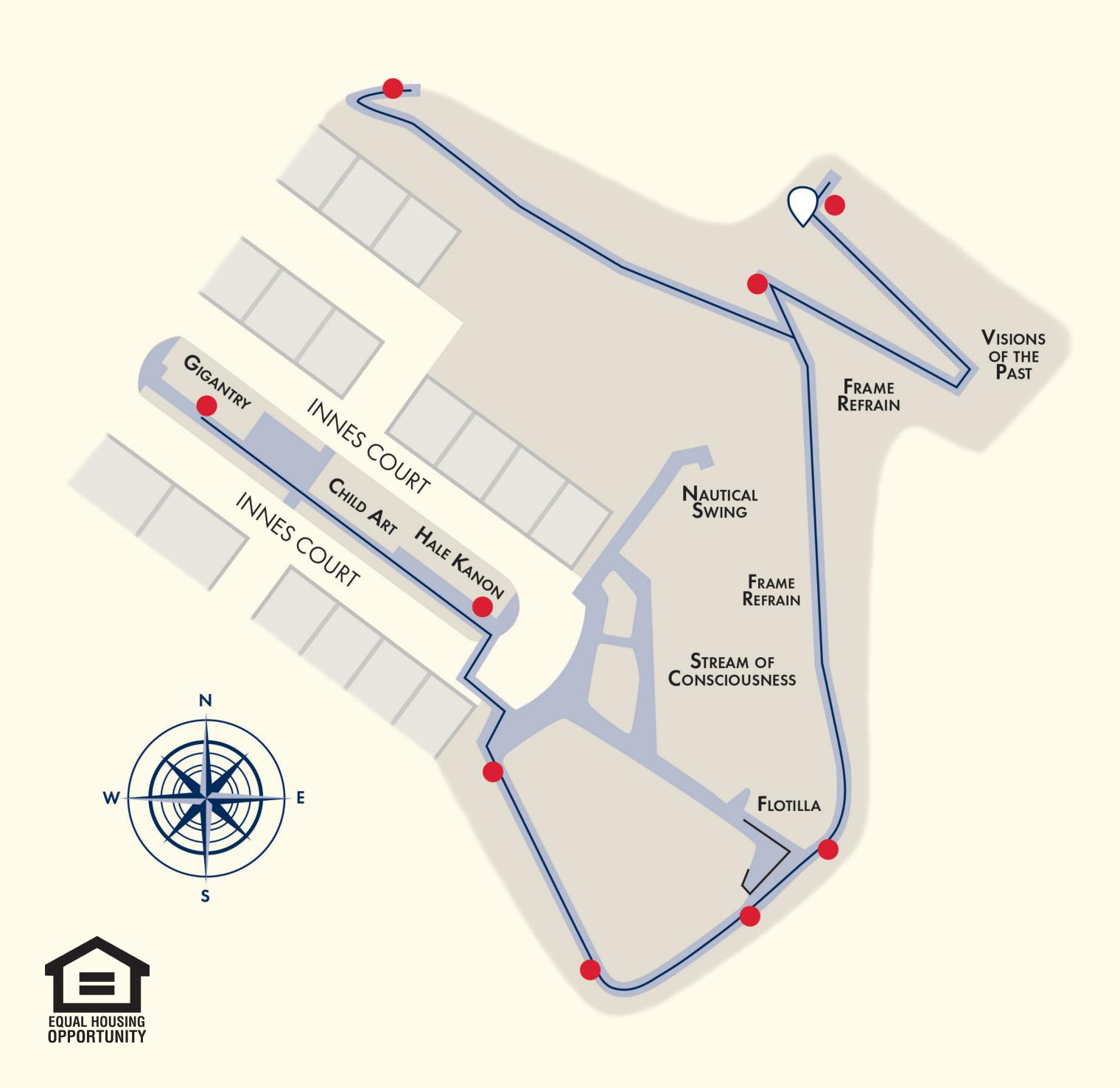
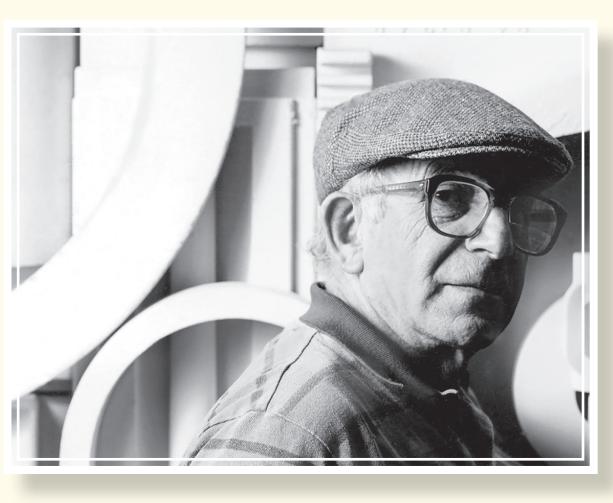




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1976: After the US Navy opens up the Shipyard to private ventures, sculptor Jacques Terzian subleted a warehouse and transformed it into an artist's studio. He invited friends and colleagues to open their own studios nearby.



Jacques Terzian, photo by Judy Reed



Though still referred to as Hunters Point Shipyard, the area began to cultivate a new identity as a crucible for artistic production.



1983: The artists organized grew to become the largest

to form The Point, which artist colony in the United States. Today, The Point Community includes over 300 artists.

1984: Scott Madison, a local restaurateur, opened Eclectic Cookery in the shipyard's former Marine Corps barracks. The Cookery provided timeshared kitchen facilities to new food businesses. Over the next three decades, the space served as a launch pad for hundreds of San Francisco's beloved food establishments.

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