

Berkeley's PATHS

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Oakland's Secret Walkways: March 20th

You've always known there were a few stairways in Oakland, but did you know there are over 200 walkways? Come find out about all those secret walks of Oakland, March 20th when Jason Patton presents *Walk Oakland! Map & Guide*. Learn how that city is maintaining their historic footpaths, and how the pathways fit in to Oakland's Pedestrian Master Plan and harmonize with multimodal transportation advocacy.

Come by to listen and pick up the map and guide of walkways, neighborhoods, and landmarks.

Jason Patton is the community organizer for the Oakland Pedestrian

Safety Project in Oakland. He was the editor of the City's *Pedestrian Master Plan* and project manager for the *Walk Oakland! Map & Guide* which had him surveying Oakland's 200+ walkways. He is a Doctoral Candidate in Science and Technology Studies at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. His dissertation examines pedestrian, bicyclist, and transit advocacy for pluralizing city streets to promote multiple transportation modes.

Stairs for Glendale Path?

City funds have been used for minor path repairs, now we would like to see major improvements in the pathway network. By relying on the City's technical engineering skills, and building relatively short sets of stairs at the tops and bottoms of very steep path rights-of-ways, it can economically increase our path network. We want 2003 to be the beginning of these kinds of improvements, and we want to start with one of a threesome, Glendale Path (#84). Subsequent years we will address its partner paths.

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Meetings South Berkeley Library

- 7-9 pm** **1901 Russell at MLK**
(unless otherwise noted)
- Mar. 20** **General Meeting**
Oakland's 200+ Walkways
by Jason Patton
- April 17** **Board Retreat**
6 O'clock Potluck, 7-9 meeting
Jacque's house
- May 15** **Board**
- Sept. 18** **Annual Meeting**
AT THE HILLSIDE CLUB

Path Walks RAIN OR SHINE Saturdays at 10:00 am (allow 2-3 hours)

- April 12** Another View of Northside Paths
Alan Kaplan 526-7509
Meet at Rose Garden on Euclid
- May 3** Creek Mouths in the East Shore
State Park
Susan Schwartz 848-9358
Meet at Sea Breeze at Frontage Road and University Ave.
- June 7** Boundary Walk
Paul Grunland 526-8001
Meet at Reservoir, Grizzly Peak and Spruce
- July 12** More Unimproved Paths
Charlie Bowen 540-7223
Meet at Arcade Avenue and Fairlawn Drive



The map of Oakland shows elevation grade, bike routes, stairways and paths. It also lists historical landmarks such as Francis Marion "Borax" Smith's estate where the founder of the Key Route electric train had horses, and extensive rose gardens.

Glendale Path *continued*

The 3 segments of Glendale Path could be a vital escape route in an emergency, as well as a direct transportation and recreational pedestrian route to city parks, schools, bus stops, and Tilden. It is also part of the proposed Bay-to-Ridge Codornices Creek urban trail, which the City Council approved unanimously last year. And the Luk Milani *City of Berkeley Pathways Condition Survey* of 1993 placed it on the priority list for improvements.

For the bottom segment of Path #84, BPWA volunteers have done a survey and prepared a profile to help get the project underway as soon as possible. Concrete steps built by the City on approximately the bottom 30 and the top 90 feet would open this path to the public. Wood-tie steps

installed by volunteers would complete the more gently sloped middle portion.

Volunteer Work Will Be Crucial

We look forward to a collaborative effort with the City and volunteers on this exciting new phase of “*creating, preserving, and restoring public paths and walkways in Berkeley*”—the mission of Berkeley Path Wanderers Association.



Only by walking:

*dew on toes, starflower glimpsed,
bird and worm's progress.*

—Virginia K. Anderson

Four Years of Success for City, Scouts & Citizens

Substantial improvements have been made in the safety and functionality of Berkeley's historic paths in the last four years. We are delighted with the city's excellent work in removing hazards on a number of paths. Likewise volunteers—principally Eagle Scout candidates and their troops—have improved the grading and installed simple wooden steps on many other paths. Here's the tally of all the good work accomplished.

City of Berkeley Public Works Department

Alta VistaPath
Billie Jean Walk
Crossways
Martinez Path
Tamalpais Path
Easter Way
South Crossways
Terrace Walk
Tunbridge Lane
Upton Lane

Boy Scout Troops with Financing by the Parks and Waterfront Mini-Grants

Anne Brower Path
Atlas Path
Keeler Path
Latham Path
Mosswood Lane
Oak Street Path
Sterling Path.

BPWA Work Parties, Neighbors and Others

Acacia Walk
Fred Herbert Path
Vistamont Trail
Columbia Path

New Paths Dedicated to the City

Geneva's Path
Scott Newhall Path

Light Clean Up Party Now Forming!

If you can't afford a lot of time but you would like to help BPWA, this is a great opportunity to volunteer just a few hours a month. The City cannot watch all the 130+ paths to keep them clear, so we are forming a group to perform light sweeping and pruning just one day per month.

Please call Eleanor at (510) 528-3739 (or email her at eleanorgibson@aol.com) and join in.

What Would You Like BPWA to Focus on?

Take part in our 3-minute member survey and let us know. Go to our website, then scroll until you see the daisy photograph on the left, and click on the link to take our brief survey about walks, meetings and other activities. We want to understand your preferences, and make BPWA more enjoyable for you. Thank you, and all the best.

Take the online survey, by going to www.berkeleypaths.org, or please write or call us.

Map Revisions Wanted

The pathway map is a popular resource and the map committee is once again anticipating the need to print more. Thank you to all who have already emailed comments about errors and omissions noticed in our 2nd Edition. We want to encourage more feedback so that the committee can review and analyze the information over the coming year and incorporate necessary changes in a Third Edition. Please send feedback by April 10th.

Please email comments to Karen at studio49@earthlink.net. Attaching a map with your markups is ideal. Or you can fax your comments to Karen, at 652-2449.



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Yearly \$5.00 membership dues were due in January for the 2003 year. If you haven't yet, please send checks to:
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Hidden Walks
by author Steven Altschuler
- Oct 16 Board Meeting**
Location TBD
- Nov 20 General Meeting**

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- Aug 9** A Garden Among the Shorebirds
Mark Liolios 549-0818
Meet at the south end of Aquatic Park at the traffic circle (northern terminus of Shellmound Street)
- Sept 13** Historic Pathway up Charter Hill
Steve Finacom stuart60@pacbell.net
Meet on campus outside Wurster Hall
- Oct 25** Paths of Northern Most Berkeley
Marilyn Siegel 549-2906
Mardi Mertens 849-1142
Meet at Ensenada and Portland Avenues

Aug. 5 Tues. Night Walk

National Night Out Walk
7:00-9:00 pm
Jacque Ensign 524-4715
Meet at Walnut Street at Live Oak Park

Aug. 6 Wednesday Walk

Celebrating Everyone Walks in Berkeley
9:00 am (allow 2-3 hours)
Meet at Walnut Street at Live Oak Park

Envisioning the Next Five Years

Looking into the future, the board set down goals and a wish list in May at our first planning retreat. Thanks to all those who responded to our web survey. Your comments added interesting topics to the discussion. See a summary of your feedback in "Survey Results." The ideas discussed fall into three categories: Maintenance, Education/Documentation, and Collaboration.

Maintenance and Improvements

■ We are on the right track. Good collaboration with the City has meant dilapidated paths are getting fixed, signs are being restored, and homeowners are getting involved with the Unimproved Paths committee.

■ Focus on building concrete steps. With our Greenfields list in hand, we can transform some impassable paths to something to enjoy all year around. See Greensfield story on back.

■ We will look to remedying a lack of a maintenance plan for the newly improved stairs.

Education and Outreach

■ Consider alternate Path Walks. We will explore the possibility of publishing Self-Guided Walks to be distributed via websites and throughout libraries and other neighborhood centers. Alternative Walks are a possibility, from Moonlight Walks, Destination Walks, an Aerobic Walk to an AC Transit + Stairs Walk (though not entirely new for some).

■ Document the paths and their history, and BPWA's accomplishment for presentations to other groups. We would like to involve a broader level of community storytelling about the paths and begin compiling a photographic record of the paths. Perhaps a newsletter issue could be entirely devoted to community members recounting path tales.



Neighbors and Berkeley Path Wanderers Association members added steps to the middle section of Stoddard Path on July 19th. This followed three earlier work parties over the last couple of months. Transformation has been amazing. When CalCorps students arrived for the first work party they looked uphill at a mess of ivy, weeds and tangled berry bushes.

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Greenfields List

The three Glendale Paths were recommended as prime candidates for improvement in the 1992 Luk Milani Study. The paths were defined as an important escape route as well as a key pedestrian corridor to community parks, the regional park, and the University. Together they make for a quick descent from Fairlawn Drive (a block below Grizzly Peak Blvd.) to the Glendale-La Loma Park.

Now as the City is actively studying the bottom portion of Glendale Path #84, in prepara-

tion to build stairs, we appreciate the insights provided by the 1992 study, and extend our thanks to all the path supporters.

The term "greenfields" refers to new construction; Glendale (#84) tops this list which BPWA provided to the City recently. The list includes seven of our historic impassable paths for the City to study improving. Others on the list are:

**Please Take
Care while
enjoying the
impassable
Paths.**

- Glendale Paths #83, & #82
- Summit Path #92
- Stevenson Path #61 (lower)
- Wilson Walk #96
- Shasta Path #64



Five Year Plan *continued*

Collaborations

■ We would like to collaborate with teachers, school kids and organizations. Possibilities include encouraging a teacher to build an in-the-field learning curriculum along the paths; organize one new event with other groups in the next year — a "sustainability" day with a bicycle or pedestrian group perhaps; Plan a benefit stair walk to raise funds for a charity; work more closely with groups like Santa Fe Right of Way (SFROW).

*No sound but our feet
scuffing pebbles in the road
and wind in our ears.*

—Virginia K. Anderson

■ We should explore the possibilities of public art for paths and landscaping path parkways. This might include a collaboration with a garden club, or collaboration with school children to create artwork

Path Signs & Hand Railings

The City has done a fantastic job lately installing signs on 12 pathways. Many thanks to Ken, Adrian and Vincent in the City Public Works Department.

Upton Lane meanwhile has some new, attractive black handrailings which blend nicely into the surrounding foliage.

September 14th — Solano Stroll

Please volunteer for BPWA at the Solano Stroll. Call Emma Morris at 525-4894 for more information.

September 28th — How Berkeley Can You Be?

Please contact Helen Wynne, 843-5738, to join in the fun of showing off the paths while marching in the parade.

Sadly, Mr. Ronald Ross passed away on June 25th. Physics professor at Cal, he also loved hiking, and walked all over Berkeley. He walked to church, to campus, and was an active member of BPWA. His wife Lee requested that memorial contributions be sent to BPWA. Several generous donations have been received which will be used for the unimproved pathways.

Survey Results

In March 2003, seventy-one members of BPWA responded to a 12-question survey on the web. More than half of the respondents have been members for several years. You shared thoughts on our Saturday walks, on volunteering, and you offered suggestions for improving the paths and creating new path-centered events.

Seventy percent of you prefer to be reminded of upcoming walks and events by email, the remainder by the newsletter.

Saturday Path Walks

One third of you have been on several Saturday walks, while two thirds have been on one or no walks. Members love the walks but favor having fewer participants. Others of you would partake if the day and time differed. One third would prefer Sunday afternoon. About a third think a dozen walkers is the right number, and another third would limit walks to two dozen people.

Volunteerism

More than half of you volunteered to work on path maintenance. A third offered to help restore unimproved paths. A quarter have volunteered to do research and document items for the newsletter and website—expect to be taken up on your offer soon.

Thank you for responding. Your wealth of suggestions provided great input for the Board retreat in May.



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by author Stephen Altschuler

Elections for two new board members will precede the talk

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Stephen Altschuler, Author of "Hidden Walks..." Talks at the Hillside Club September 18th

On September 18th, Stephen Altschuler—a writer, counselor, consultant, and perhaps above all, a walker and hiker—will talk about the history of Berkeley's pathways at the Hillside Club. He'll discuss some of the individuals, such as Maybeck, Julia Morgan, and Keeler, who influenced the look of the neighborhoods, and discuss the significance of early Hillside Club members, as well as early landscape architects, in shaping the streets and paths.

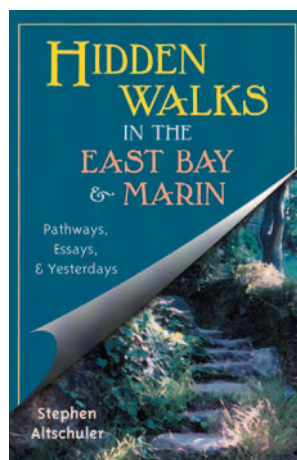
He'll show slides of the East Bay and Southern Marin, presenting images of urban creeks, waterfalls and hidden hiking trails within the city limits.

Historical photos will be shown too.

Since 1969, he has published many features and essays in regional and national magazines, and is the author of four books, including: *Hidden Walks in the Bay Area*, and *Sacred Paths and Muddy Places—Rediscovering Spirit in Nature*. His

fifth book, *On the Trail to Find Out—Where the Beaten Trail Fades and the Mindful Path Appears* will be published in June 2004.

It is a multi-faceted account of Stephen's relationship with a wilderness trail in Point Reyes National Seashore, covering the past 20 years. He lives in Sonoma County.



September 13th Walk: Charter Hill & the Big "C"

This walk covers more than a century of UC history, starting with a stroll through a 19th century residential neighborhood now part of the campus, including a home visited by Jack London. Next, the Greek Theatre, 100 years old this month. Then a climb along the historic "Big C Trail" route, overlooks of

Memorial Stadium and Strawberry Canyon and, finally, the Big "C" itself, built as a symbol of student unity in 1905; the giant concrete letter overlooking Berkeley is the oldest feature of its type in the Western American landscape. Views are spectacular (bring a camera!)—

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Charles Keeler: Civic Leader, Mistaken Biologist, Bad Poet

Charles Keeler (1871-1937) recently came to the notice of more Americans than ever knew his name before. He was cited as a member of the Harriman Alaska Expedition of 1899 in an article in the June 2003 issue of *Smithsonian*. Described as “Poet Charles Keeler,” he was also a qualified biologist, one of several on this expedition that included John Muir, John Burroughs, and Louis Agassiz Fuertes (the Audubon of his day). Keeler had been the director of the natural history museum of the California Academy of Sciences (hired in 1891 at the age of 20) and a USDA biologist sent to Lake Tahoe to study birds and mammals in 1889 (while still a student at Berkeley High)!

BPWA members know Keeler best for his contributions to the Hillside Club (President, 1903-1905) and his association with architect Bernard Maybeck: Keeler’s home was Maybeck’s first private commission. Keeler wrote *The Simple Home* (1904) to express his philosophy that the home was a shelter which, when it fostered a better family life, improved the community as well. He encouraged a simple, unadorned (unpainted, even) style of wooden house, with better carpentry and joinery than that seen in the overly decorated Queen Anne/Eastlake style, with sunbursts on pediments, mechanically-produced bargeboard details, “gim-cracks and geegaws.” In the Hillside Club yearbook of 1906-07, he wrote,

“hillside architecture is landscape gardening around a few rooms for use in case of rain.” You can still see the wonderful “few rooms” that Maybeck designed and built for Keeler’s family on Highland Place in Berkeley.

Charles Keeler is forgotten as a biologist because his book, *Evolution of the Colors of North American Land Birds* (1893) came down on the wrong side of the debate about inheritance of acquired traits. Keeler, along with most American biologists of the time, took the “Neo-Lamarckian” position that, somehow, traits acquired during a bird’s lifetime could pass to its offspring. The re-discovery of Mendel’s laws of heredity was still 7 years away.

Keeler is also forgotten as a poet. Unfortunately for him, he was an almost exact contemporary of William Butler Yeats (1865-1939), arguably the greatest poet writing in English in the first decades of the 20th century. Yeats, William Carlos Williams, Ezra Pound, Siegfried Sassoon and the other British War Poets, the Russian Symbolists and many others turned away from the late Victorian romantic style that Keeler continued to write in. His 1919 *Sequoia Sonnets* is full of archaic constructions (“heaeth,” “cometh,” “nigh,” “o’er” and the like).

Keeler was a “booster” of the Bay Area who was director (manager?) of the Berkeley Chamber of Commerce, 1920-27. He lived on El Camino Real in the Claremont Hills neighborhood

of Berkeley (behind today’s John Muir School), and died there in 1937. In his later years, he became a religious visionary; in his *An Epitome of Cosmic Religion* (1925) he referred to himself as “the founder of Cosmic Religion.”

An article in the Berkeley Daily Gazette in 1949 called Keeler, “Berkeley’s Forgotten Man.” If not for Dimitri Shipounoff’s introduction to the 1979 reprint of *The Simple Home*, we would not have what little detail of Keeler’s life I’ve recounted here.

by Alan Kaplan



Berkeley Paths Notecards Will be on Sale at the Solano Stroll

BPWA now has blank greeting cards for sale at \$6.50 for a set of four cards. Each set includes watercolors of **Billie Jean Walk, Visalia Steps, The Cut-Off, and Fountain Walk** by artist, Karen Kemp. Buy them at BPWA’s booth at the Solano Stroll—#1597 near Ordway. A portion of the sales will benefit BPWA’s path improvements. See our website for details.

September 13th Charter Hill Walk *continued*

the natural world at hand, and the history extensive and varied.

Steven Finacom, local historian and University staff member, leads the tour.

Gather at 10:00 a.m. sharp at the plaza West of Wurster Hall on campus (look for the triangular wooden sculpture). Bring water and wear good

climbing shoes; we go up a steep dirt trail, and gain 400 feet in elevation.

The UC Foothill Parking Lot (\$7 public parking) is closest to the end of the walk. Drive Hearst Avenue to above Gayley and follow the signs. Double check signs to ensure you’re not parking in restricted spaces!

Board Elections September 18

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Susan Schwartz 848-9358
Meet at the end of Buchanan St. in Albany

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Helen Wynne 843-5738
Meet at the corner of Ashby Ave. & Domingo

Feb 14 Town & Gown Interstices Revisited
Jim Sharp 841-7271
Location TBD

Sharing Stories of the Paths November 20th

Come and share stories about the paths this November 20th—invite your neighbors. In a casual setting we'll record the event and scan any photos brought along, and create a web-archive of such stories (see examples below.)

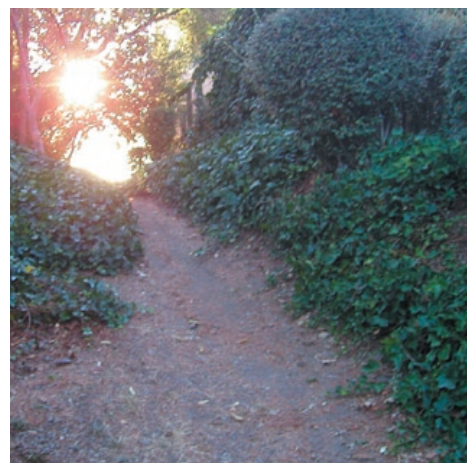
Terrace Walk was nicknamed the daisy path for the Shasta Daisies that grew along its borders. Growing up during the 30's and 40's within a half block of the path, I have memories of running down the two blocks to catch the Red Train (Southern Pacific) which took me to the Oakland Mole and then San Francisco by Ferry.

I remember going alone in the third grade to an art class, when my parents hadn't given me enough money, but the conductor let me go without paying.

Early on there was a gazebo at the base of the path, but it was torn down after it had been vandalized.

—Jacque Ensign

Acacia Walk My husband and I moved to Berkeley in 1998 and in 1999 I found myself with kidney failure. I was on dialysis and could no longer bike or trail run. I found myself wandering the streets of Berkeley with my dog when I noticed a path that cut up



Near the top portion of Acacia Walk.

between two houses on a street near ours. As I continued walking, I saw more and more paths. I thought it might be fun to map all the different paths I found.

Then, one day, I came to Acacia Path, saw a box of flyers and learned about BPWA. That night, I sent in my membership check. Within months, I joined the BPWA Map Committee.

Walk Oakland's Paths November 15th

Following a streetcar right-of-way, we will ride the bus to the Glenview neighborhood then walk through Trestle Glen—a neighborhood of gracious homes and many paths.

Ending at Grand Lake, people may stop for lunch and then bus or walk back along Lake Merritt.

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Dues paid after November 1 will apply to 2004 membership. We encourage early renewals so that we can continue our work.

Sharing Stories *continued*

Then, months later, I was lucky enough to receive my husband's donated kidney. Though I'm now able to ride my bike again, I still love walking the paths. It thrills me to see how fast people buy the BPWA map at Pegasus on Solano. It seems like I'm always running up there to replenish their map supply. I hope the people buying the maps enjoy the paths as much as I do! —Lisa Frieden



Ardmore Path near Oakland's Trestle Glen neighborhood.



Mortar Rock Park near Indian Rock Park in the Berkeley Heights neighborhood.

Berryman Path is named for Henry Berryman, the entrepreneur who built Berryman Reservoir by Codornices Park to provide a major



*In spite of concrete:
freshly-turned earth, new-mown
grass, nature's fragrances.*

—Virginia K. Anderson

part of the city's then-private water system. He also brought steam trains to Shattuck and Rose at Berryman Station.

Berryman path is an early example of Berkeley citizen activism. About 1905, when Oxford Street was extended north to Eunice Street through Berryman's property, the city proposed making Berryman a street up to

Spruce. Neighbors petitioned, successfully, that they didn't need the road and would rather have quiet along the creek. So a path it stayed.

Live Oak Park, through which the path continues, came later—Berkeley bought it as the city's first "nature park" just before World War I. The beautiful fireplace and stone walls along the creek date from that period.

—Susan Schwartz

Path Wanderers Have Improved More Paths

Wonderfully varied volunteers have opened up a record number of paths. And more are on the way!

Upper Stevenson Path

An enjoyable path to explore is Upper Stevenson Path from Sterling to Miller. Volunteers cleared brush, and the city has installed signs at top and bottom, as well as one on the gate in the deer-fence midway clarifying that this is a public right-of-way.

Sterling Path

In September, Eagle Scout candidate Adrian Delmer and 18 fellow members of Berkeley Scout Troop 19 made striking further improvements on Sterling Path. Adrian's friends, parents, and Scoutmaster Paul Maheu pitched in to install water bars, steps, a french drain, and a retaining wall.

Adrian's was the second Troop 19 project on beautiful Sterling Path, which alternates concrete steps with

what had been slippery dirt stretches. A third Eagle project is expected to complete the improvements.

Wilson Walk

UC Berkeley students participating in the fall CalCorps service day cleared steep Wilson Walk #96. The path has a beautiful view, but remains very steep and without steps—it's best explored going up, rather than down.

Acacia Steps

Neighbors helped BPWA clear a walkable route along Acacia Steps between Cragmont and Spruce. It is now passable, but steps are needed to correct the problem of a low retaining wall at the bottom of the path.

BPWA is excited to be working with the city to solve just such problems on paths that need only a few concrete steps to make them passable. We hope that the first such city project will be completed soon! Thanks,

Two New Board Members Elected

Welcome to two new board members, Sandy Friedland and Paul Maheu. They will take office in January 2004.

Notecards are Available by Mail

The set of 4 blank notecards can be purchased at our general meetings, monthly walks or by mail. When ordering by mail, please add the cost of postage and make checks payable to:

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\$6.50 per set (including tax).

Postage Costs

1 set	\$.60	3 sets	\$ 1.52
2 sets	\$ 1.06	4 sets	\$ 1.98

Berkeley, for putting up signs, picking up brush we clear, preventing encroachments on paths, and now for this exciting partnership to open up more paths!

Interested in helping open up a path or in making one safer? Contact us!

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