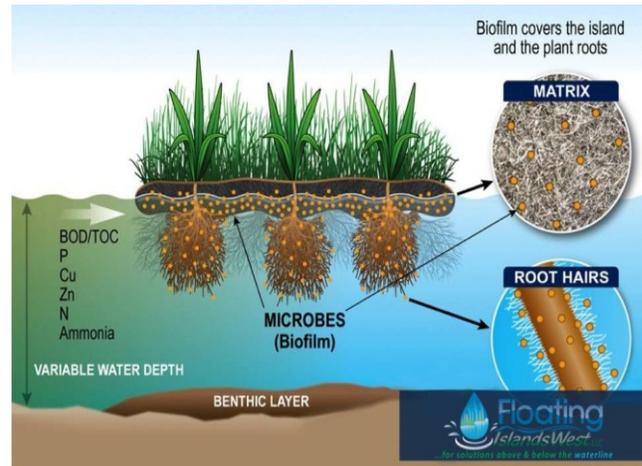


# Civic Center Lagoon Floating Island Launch at Bioneers



As of October 16, 2015 the Marin County Civic Center Lagoon in San Rafael, CA will feature two Floating Islands that will naturally work to improve the water quality of the lagoon. Come join the planting and launching of these nature-based biofilters on October 16 from 2:45 – 4:15 PM during the Bioneers Conference at the Marin Center.

The [Civic Center Watershed Restoration](#) (CCWR) project of the Gallinas Watershed Council is a partnership of community foundations, government and businesses committed to the environmental health of the Gallinas Creek and the Marin Civic Center Lagoon.



## Enhancing Watershed Resilience

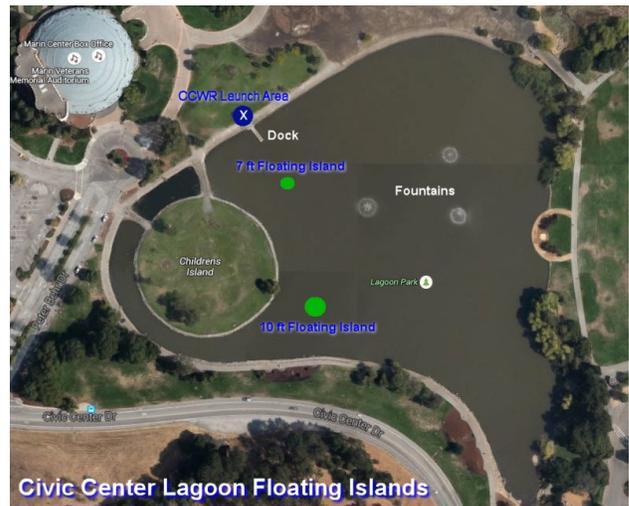
The Marin County Civic Center is a state and national Historic Site, and surrounding parklands and commons connect with the natural world. The lagoon, an integral part of architect Frank Lloyd Wright’s vision, feeds into the Gallinas Creek and its marshlands –critical habitat for wildlife and endangered species (Salt Marsh Harvest Mouse, Clapper Rail). Factors such as a burgeoning Canada goose population and runoff from parking lots affect the lagoon and in turn the Gallinas Watershed by increasing nitrates that cause algal blooms in the lagoon's shallow waters (eutrophication).

## Innovative and Natural Bioremediation

Floating Islands are a green biofilter technology presented by Bioneer John Todd. These islands support a living ecosystem of native plants (donated by The Watershed Nursery), providing natural water filtration and absorbing nutrients that can be potentially damaging to watershed systems. This passive, net-positive biological technology uses no fossil fuels, requires little maintenance, and relies on facilitating natural, plant-based bioremediation.

## Come See The Floating Islands

Support stewardship of our natural commons and water resources through education and community engagement. Come to the lagoon to see this water enhancement technology consistent with Frank Lloyd Wright’s original vision of architecture integrated with nature.



*“The floating island pilot project is wonderfully innovative and creative. Just as Frank Lloyd Wright’s vision for the Marin County Civic Center was to successfully knit a building to its surroundings, this floating island is a natural way to improve watershed health while blending with the environment. I’m sure this floating island will catch the attention and stimulate the curiosity of the many residents and visitors who enjoy Lagoon Park.”*

*Kate Sears, Marin County Supervisor and Frank Lloyd Wright Conservancy board member*



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*“I believe in God, only I spell it Nature” Frank Lloyd Wright*

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