

GOAL: Protect the system of **natural lands** and **water resources** that support the diverse ecology of Sonoma County



Anything else?

- Partner with local Native American tribes to learn/practice historical stewardship activities.
- Riparian setbacks – conservation easements that specifically protect linear strips along RR and creeks.
- Atascadero wetlands and riparian corridor along Atascadero Creek.
- Creek & river corridors – manage to allow flooding to slow runoff/mitigate downstream damage/aquifer recharge.
- Yes, critical to protect natural areas. Groundwater.
- Many pressures on ecosystem – we need to protect them where they remain. Highest priority for public \$\$!
- West Petaluma hillsides – preserve hillsides.
- 200 acres south of Valley House Drive along Petaluma Hill Road. Needs open space protection for groundwater and stormwater management. It is within Penngrove specific plan.
- Make sure ag use is protecting watersheds and riparian habitat. Sustainable farming practices.
- Groundwater!
- Greenbelts – corridors for wildlife and humans: Cities don't sprawl and touch.
- Oak woodlands
- Headwater areas that supply Russian River.
- Yes to all of the above but especially riparian, wetlands, estuaries, etc. & groundwater. We are still in a drought!
- Groundwater
- Areas of extremely high diversity (native)
- Habitat restoration, sharing strategies on same with public as examples.
- Rangelands – working landscapes
- Help preserve vernal pools and positive land stewardship around these features.
- Grasslands – lots of species of conservation concern live in grasslands. Protect wildlife corridors before they become fragmented and developed.

Where are places that must be protected?

- Protect/enhance recharge areas supporting GSA/SGMA goals
- Groundwater recharge
- Existing creeks are polluted
- Assist NRDCs w/ erosion control. Storms are eroding landscapes, old roads & trails; few resources available for this work.
- Main stem Russian River corridor – especially Middle Reach
- Kelly Road corridor!
- Lafferty Ranch

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- Kelly Creek, Scott Ranch (D/Windsor)
- Lafferty Ranch
- Kelly Creek
- La Cresta Ridge (water tower)
- Dutra property
- West Petaluma hills wildlife corridor
- Paula Lane adjacent properties
- All existing, intact floodplains and terraces.
- Headwaters of all tributaries to Russian River (Ditto 1x)
- All creeks & rivers – extend riparian corridors to protect water quality
- DIFCO population on Salmon Creek (Dirca occidentalis)
- Native habitat
- Intact watersheds, river banks, sloughs
- Wetlands are too easy to drain and develop; they should be saved.
- Vernal pools & surrounding habitat
- Paulin Creek Preserve

Why must they be protected?

- To provide floodable corridor – aquifer recharge – long connected habitat/recreation corridor.
- To preserve the beautiful, natural viewscape that is so rare in Sonoma County now. Easement for human-powered travel.
- Only year-round creek on south side of Sonoma Mountain.
- Extend Putnam Park, stop luxury development.
- Preservation & provide access to Sonoma Mountain, views, longer hiking trails to Glen Ellen.
- Preservation from development. Fragile watershed with many species. Direct flow to Petaluma River. Erosion & landslide prone.
- Preserve from development. Green horizon line under threat. Essential wildlife corridor.
- Protect from asphalt plant. Fragile waterway, next to Shollenberger bird nesting area. Crucial!
- To continue to protect what was advocated for over many years. Does not conflict with ag; in fact, enhances.
- Ditto above.
- To allow rivers and creeks to migrate across floodplains which creates fish habitat. Intact floodplains store stormwater.
- Keep adequate flows for fish. Replenish groundwater for human use.
- Protect threatened and endangered species.
- Rare plant
- Promote genetic diversity of plant & animal species and migration as climate changes.
- Preserve existing water paths, prevent erosion, slow additional silt to bays, prevent pollution sources.
- Wetlands support rare & endangered species, help protect water quality, and increase the beauty of our county.
- Rare plants & wildlife
- It is already a preserve!

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What threatens this goal?

- Prioritize lands with significant biotic resources even if they are not large parcels or usable to the public.
- Roundup/Glyphosate
- Encourage recreational use of Petaluma River.
- Encroachment of vineyards into wetlands.
- Cannabis growers
- Climate change. We need to encourage reducing GHGs even more.
- Grape growers illegally taking water from the Russian River and creeks.
- Development, vineyards
- Invasive species
- Too narrow riparian corridors.
- Inappropriate levels of public access in areas with sensitive resources.
- Poor land stewardship around areas of common benefit, e.g., creeks, drainage swales and rivers, sediment from rural roads, farms, and other land uses need to be corrected to protect waterways. Ideas include buffer strips, soil preservation.

What strategies or tools should the District use to achieve this goal?

- Focus on creating access to the Russian River.
- Dredge the Petaluma River.
- Put maps in this room on the Web and develop a school curriculum to help students learn maps and place-based learning of environment.
- Protect environmentally sensitive areas prone to flooding by purchasing the land through trusts.
- Protect as much as grassland area for groundwater recharge as possible and protect wildlife movement.
- Reclaim the riparian marshlands, widen corridors, and limit groundwater use before it's too late. Meet State goals and then some!
- Widen creek channels and reconnect floodplains. Create causeways in the Santa Rosa plain that allow organisms to cross without getting hit. Todd Road and sections of Stony Point Road would be great.

What data and/or resources should we be aware of that may help to achieve this goal?

- Go to existing organizations for data – e.g., Center for Climate Protection, CNPS, and CNDDDB data on rare plant locations.

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GOAL: Protect lands that are essential to the unique scenic and open space character of Sonoma County



Anything else?

- Any land being considered as vineyard. We have more than enough water-intensive, pesticide-laden vineyards.
- Wildlands – without exclusionary fencing.
- Coastal areas
- River corridor – including Petaluma River!
- Davidon/Scott Ranch that borders Helen Putnam Park and is the gateway to Petaluma.
- City separators – Petaluma/Penngrove/Cotati/Rohnert Park/Santa Rosa. Growing together or county development.
- Grassland habitat – can co-exist with agriculture. Important combined goals, including protecting wildlife corridors.
- Oak woodlands
- Hwy 12 from Sebastopol to and including the Sonoma Coast
- Westside Road and west Dry Creek Road.
- 101 North ag
- Keep the open spaces open.
- Create open space around creeks/setbacks on waterways.
- Protect open spaces that contain intact habitat (native species & relatively low exotics). Bradley method-ish.

Where are places that must be protected?

- Sonoma Overlook Trail by easement – City of Sonoma backdrop
- Hwy 128/Knight's Valley to Napa border.
- Atascadero wetlands
- Community separators
- Coleman Valley Road
- Open range areas on Coleman Valley Road west of Ocean Song.
- Coleman Valley Road – Hendron Ranch
- Scenic = natural!
- Protect "D" St. extension!
- English Hill & La Cresta Ridge & D St. extension
- Lafferty
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- West Petaluma hillsides

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- Lafferty
- Corner of D Street & Windsor
- Former Scott Ranch
- Lafferty Ranch
- Liberty Valley in east Petaluma; groundwater recharge areas
- Kelly Creek/Scott Ranch
- Paula Lane adjacent lands & west Petaluma Hills
- West Petaluma Hills (several parcels – total 30 acres)
- Remaining wetlands, e.g., Atascadero & Green Valley systems
- Coastal hills – our coast is unparalleled in beauty & wild habitat & must never be developed even by horticulture – grazing only
- Area around Lake Sonoma
- Timber lands
- Oak woodlands
- Vernal pools
- Open space everywhere
- Paulin Creek (Parcel J) at end of Beverly Way in Santa Rosa
- Proposed Southeast Greenway
- Watersheds, collection areas
- Creek trails and 'green way'
- Working landscapes - rangelands
- Atascadero Creek and wetlands
- Corner of Llano and Hwy 12 – no gas station or minimart!

Why must they be protected?

- It's beautiful & very undeveloped at this point, but there is heavy pressure from vineyard/winery development.
- Unique & sensitive wetlands, feeder creeks, springs, wildlife & plants.
- Support urban-centered development
- Fabulous
- One of the most scenic view areas in Sonoma County & largely undeveloped.
- Redwoods - connectivity
- Rarer & rarer – values are multiple including biological connectivity.
- Provides a corridor for people & wildlife from Helen Putnam down to Petaluma and one of the last hillsides in Petaluma.
- Protect from unlawful cannabis production.
- Access to Helen Putnam – connectivity to Bay Ridge Trail.
- Make park/support park.
- Riparian habitat; wildlife corridor; endangered species; hills are important; visual space.
- Ditto reasons above
- No other place like it for hiking and views
- Groundwater recharge/floodplain

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- Davidon developer wants to bulldoze for luxury homes.
- Critically important wildlife habitat and movement areas.
- Wildlife corridor
- Important component of fish/wildlife habitat, water systems (aquifer recharge).
- Associated with many rare species.
- Habitat for all ecosystems!
- Natural area within the City (urban island), wildlife habitat.
- A singular opportunity for all Santa Rosa communities.
- Importance to our agricultural community. Safe water supply and carbon footprint.
- To connect & allow 'green' transportation across town without vehicle use/conflicts. Increase 'green' commute ability.
- Ecosystem services – biodiversity, water, carbon
- Beauty's healing and attraction are immeasurable, not to mention habitat (Coho and steelhead).

What threatens this goal?

- Don't sell water outside of Sonoma County – detriment – negative.
- Lack of awareness and conservation education in this area of the county.
- Winery conversions; event centers
- Ditto above
- Conflicting priorities between development and open space access/usage. OSD and County Board denying Paulin Creek is an open space preserve and taking a stand to protect and preserve for the community.
- Industrial and ag processing facilities
- Addition of commercial businesses between cities.

What strategies or tools should the District use to achieve this goal?

- Have an Advisory Board with real input from staff.
- Grassland, wildlife corridor – so essential in this area of the county – West Petaluma Hills and also corridor in East Petaluma to Sonoma.
- Public education and outreach
- Alliances with neighboring agencies and conservatives. Partnerships with clubs and councils protecting open space.
- Are there ways the ARTS can play a role?

What data and/or resources should we be aware of that may help to achieve this goal?

- Greenbelt Alliance
- Resource: The Arts

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GOAL: Protect open lands that surround cities and communities within Sonoma County



Anything else?

- Hold the line on development in community separators by buying up remaining development rights on those parcels.
- Protect all community separators but with access to public. (Ditto 1x)
- Not all open space should be open to public access; e.g., if wetlands and biotic habitat would be degraded by encroachment.
- Provide connections in open spaces that separate communities for human-powered travel.
- Land that borders current open space, thereby expanding that open space.
- South County open lands purchased with public access/trails – along Petaluma River, ag lands on west side of Sonoma Mountain tops.
- Buffers of open space between developments.
- Require more park/playground areas in new and old developments, i.e., everywhere a park is walking distance for a 10-year-old.
- Space around cities to prevent invasive species and wildlife.
- Protect riparian and forested areas to help reduce noise in a community.
- Riparian corridors

Where are places that must be protected?

- Sonoma Development Center
- 8th Street, Sonoma
- Hwy 12/Oakmont areas (no more development).
- West side of Windsor.
- Wagner land off Hwy 12 before Sebastopol & Santa Rosa (aka "Dairyman").
- Lands around the Grove of Old Trees in Occidental – Hendron Ranch and lands that are adjacent.
- Laguna de Santa Rosa
- Forestville
- Surrounding Occidental
- Starr Road area between Windsor and Mark West Station Road area
- Protect "D" Street extension.
- Davidon/Scott Farm
- Petaluma River open space, wetlands, oak savannah

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- Sonoma Mountain ridge tops, including Lafferty
- D Street extension
- Lafferty – accessible from Petaluma, potential path to east side of Sonoma Mountain.
- Flat, buildable areas on the edge of urban areas. These are the next to go.
- Graveyards
- Areas with native species intact

Why must they be protected?

- Traffic
- Less wildlife accidents. Bike accidents/equestrian.
- Threatened by tribal trust land exempting all land from local zoning.
- They want to build an event center/winery/distillery -- traffic, water use, visual blight.
- Connectivity to Willow Creek, wildlife corridor, fire protection.
- Dairyman Winery, Distillery & Event Center would set a bad precedent for development (intensive) in community separators and greenbelts.
- Preserve this unique historical community.
- Protect small-town feel.
- Scenic beauty, rural character, recreational value (biking, walking). This area may be threatened by tribal trust land with plans for a hotel.
- Traffic, creek overflow, could be a nice extension of Helen Putnam Park.
- Threatened by development; Petaluma needs a Central River Park!
- Almost none of this ridge top is protected, no less open to the public vs. the rest of the Bay Area ridge tops.
- Loss of food production, groundwater recharge, and our rural character.
- Social integrity
- Importance to wildlife and environment.

What threatens this goal?

- GP community separator does not protect land in perpetuity, so we need conservation easement or other District action to make these separators permanent.
- Development –million-dollar homes that will bring more traffic and reduce wildlife.
- Development in floodplain, vernal pools, wetlands along Petaluma River.
- Developers
- Need for additional/affordable housing.
- Small exurban development and lot line adjustments.
- Existing land use – industrial areas along 101 corridor.
- Industrial and large ag processing facilities.
- Event centers

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What strategies or tools should the District use to achieve this goal?

- Between Santa Rosa and Rohnert Park separator, replace grass fields with a forest of trees using recyclable water, drip system with some redwood trees.
- Protect lands within community separators.
- Utilize architecture that blends in with environment in community separators.
- Build one umbrella coalition to bring the small groups together. We have a number of folks competing for resources, and also competing for a voice in the process. Negotiate to win/win.
- Put rings around UGBs, prioritize areas that are vulnerable to development, i.e., where services are easier to obtain from the city involved vs. areas already protected by separators.
- Work with County to ensure strong riparian rules.
- Emphasize connectedness of trails, parks, etc. – i.e., appropriate use.
- Look to work with landowners to increase positive land stewardship and purchase development easements in these areas. Prioritize areas with wetlands and waterways.

What data and/or resources should we be aware of that may help to achieve this goal?

- Where is the heaviest development pressure? Especially in areas not protected by General Plan?
- How much has the District spent in South County vs. tax revenues paid in?
- Watershed to Kelly Creek and runoff statistics for drainage to B Street homes – currently floods during storms.
- Unstable hillsides with rotational slides. Cut and fill destabilizes.

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GOAL: Protect a diverse system of agriculturally-productive lands in Sonoma County



Anything else?

- Small acreage with potential for vegetable production in community separators. (Ditto 1x)
- Promote diversity of crops – discourage grape monoculture.
- Accessible mountain bike trails in WEST county.
- Sustainable food production as climate changes.
- Support small, diverse growers/farmers financially.
- Thanks to the District – public \$\$ for public purposes, not private gain.
- Ag should be compatible with ecosystem health for good of everyone.
- Protect “D” Street extension from Davidon Construction.
- Protect our waterways!
- Ecological resilience of agricultural lands, particularly with rapidly advancing climate change.
- An inventory of ongoing producers in the Sonoma Food Scape.
- Keeping “protected lands” in productive ag (MALT and McEvoy Ranch)
- Focus on small, diverse, independent growers – GMO & pesticide free. Restrict more ag/dairy/high-impact ag, high CO₂, water-intensive polluting watershed and oceans.
- Marin Creek watershed recharge basis (NW Petaluma). Very important to local ag.
- Wildlife corridors
- Help promote land stewardship around sensitive habitats that are currently in ag practices – i.e., wetlands, creek setbacks, etc.
- Urban and urban fringe ag and community gardens

Where are places that must be protected?

- Greenbelts
- Smaller farms
- Old ranches (Arnold Scott) for parkland
- Lafferty
- East-West corridor south & north of Petaluma

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- All ag lands
- Preserve ranches
- Food farmers
- All prime farmlands. Protect this most valuable resource.

Why must they be protected?

- Cause higher density in cities.
- Smaller farms support diverse agriculture.
- Developers (Davidon) will build luxury homes.
- Wildlife need east-west movement across or around Petaluma GaP.
- Ecosystem services
- Not enough food being grown, just alcohol & cannabis.
- Conditions are best for growing food. Protecting ensures food security in the future – smart thing to do.

What threatens this goal?

- Succession issues: What happens when land or farming operations pass on to the next generation?
- The political power of the wine industry.
- Development/housing market.
- Monoculture – grapes.
- Too many event centers on ag lands.
- Lack of keeping protected lands in Production Ag!
- Selling water to areas outside Sonoma County is a negative draw.
- Monoculture! No more vineyards! No more cattle! Development, overpopulation!
- Encourage accessibility & appreciation of protecting ag land.
- Lack of awareness of coexistence of conservation with ag-productive lands.
- Lack of education to public and Ag & Open Space staff on agriculture.
- Unrealistic regulations on farm lands that do not meet rancher need or correct recommendations.
- Know the difference between production agriculture and niche market. What feeds the growing population.
- More urban farming opportunity.
- Educate public on ag.
- All lands need management – offer ag community opportunity to help that management (logging, grazing, etc.).
- Monoculture of wine grapes.

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What strategies or tools should the District use to achieve this goal?

- Educate the public on the environmental harm of grape monoculture.
- Collaboration with health providers to secure healthy local foods.
- Long-term leases for small farms using permaculture-inspired techniques to build soil, preserve water and resources.
- Enforce the requirement to remain in “Productive” Ag.
- Support organic practices – especially helpful to small farmers.
- Teach landowners how to conserve water – reservoirs, ponds, systems – and help to create.
- Secure veganic farms to balance ranches that pollute the water, air & limit wildlife (coyotes, wolves, etc.) expansion.
- Please be aware that sensitive habitat and ag lands with conservation easements can co-exist. A lot of education is needed in South Sonoma County about this.
- Provide incentives to protect areas around sensitive habitats. Support farmers to create buffers between ag lands and waterways.
- Expand Matching Grant Program so more cities, schools, etc. can include agriculture.

What data and/or resources should we be aware of that may help to achieve this goal?

- Monitor farms more as to practices. More \$\$ on farms, less on acquisition.
- Carbon farming?
- Preserve the dairy lands in the town of Bodega region.
- Collaborate with California Climate and Agriculture Network (CalCAN) to become more active at the State level of policy advocacy.
- Greatest emphasis on integration of open space and agricultural preservation/regeneration.

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GOAL: Work with partners to provide recreational and educational opportunities on District-protected lands that are consistent with and feature conservation values



Anything else?

- Wildlife corridors to maintain genetic diversity of wild populations.
- All new trails be multi-use by default.
- Connectivity of trails
- Overnight primitive campsites for horses (and their people) – and bikes!!
- Opportunities for little kids (pre-K) to experience nature – natural play areas, easy nature trails with shade – near urban areas. The experience has to be close to the parking area. There are so few places near Santa Rosa for me to take my toddler & preschooler to be in nature and walk a short trail.
- Trail links for Bay Area Ridge Trail (ditto 2x)
- Educate adults, not just children, about ag – close-to-home articles in the Press Democrat by working farmers/ranchers.
- Link up open spaces & parks by preserving or acquiring lands needed to increase ease of access and use (that's what it's there for and will increase awareness, too).
- Opening trailhead from Creekside Park (Monte Rio) to connect to Willow Creek trail system.
- Encourage the arts as yet another way to engender and sustain connection.
- Education of public about the value of ecosystem services provided by working lands with good management plans.
- Is it time to move the development of bike trails/paths out of the recreational theme and into an infrastructure need?
- Boyes Hills: Trails from existing roads up to beautiful lands on the east side of Boyes/Springs between Agua Caliente Rd & Siesta Way. Easements on private parcels, prevent further parcelization, vineyard development, & residential development.
- Sonoma Mountain Galvin Ranch – Stagecoach Road to Jack London Park!
- Cross-county connections – Napa/Marin/Solano/Mendocino link-up with regional trail networks.
- Provide some dog-free areas and some dog-allowed areas so that different users can benefit from land.
- Ditto above with mountain bikes
- Protect most sensitive natural resources from dogs and mountain bikes

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- Classes/programs in high school, colleges, and elementary schools that specifically address the importance of land preservation in large enough areas to positively affect natural systems. Offer in Spanish, too.
- Funding to support field trips for kids.
- Engagement opportunities for small-property landowners – so many dotted around the county with ‘wild’ properties or corners who could help connect/protect existing protected lands.
- Integrate Regional Parks “blue sky” master planning into the District’s priority development – in as much as connectivity between parks and open spaces are concerned. Work more tightly together.
- Develop a policy to not give fee title to State Parks. They are too dysfunctional. Keep it local.
- Russian River Trails – Healdsburg to Forestville and beyond. Multi-use.
- Salmon Creek school has observation deck to view migrating salmon. Great resource to bring people to and encourage usage of as almost anyone who sees a fish jumping a waterfall will appreciate/become an advocate for.
- Iconic uplands overlooking towns should be acquired for parks and trails. Notably, the Petaluma side of Sonoma Mountain including, but not limited to, Lafferty Ranch.
- Hard to get students out on landscape – need access & programs.
- Desosrolvalion farms on ag psr Theat (?)

Where are places that must be protected?

- All lands in the west Petaluma Hills wildlife corridor
- Creek trails & “Greenway” spaces
- Areas that are currently still wild or mostly wild
- Paulin Creek near old community hospital
- Space with native species
- Paulin Creek @ end of Beverly Way
- Connected open spaces
- Near schools (Ditto 1x)
- Creeks and watersheds
- Lands that connect to Grove of Old Trees
- Hendron Ranch – Teach about redwoods
- Main stem Russian River, and creek corridors – longer-distance walking & cycling trails
- Multi-use trails! Ensure that historical roads at minimum are preserved/improved for access.
- Black Mountain to Mount Jackson
- Protected should conserve nature
- All areas left that support wildlife movement, foraging, feeding, & reproduction; many species are in decline.
- Estero kayak access
- Sonoma Development Center
- Buckeye Forest (tours or access)
- West Petaluma Open Space Hills

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- D & Windsor in Petaluma; red barn & Old Scott Ranch
- Lafferty Ranch
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- Petaluma side of Sonoma Mountain including, but not limited to, Lafferty Ranch.
- All hillsides around Petaluma.
- Oak woodland
- Scott Ranch on D & Windsor in Petaluma; Davidon developer owns

Why must they be protected?

- Wildlife movement & biodiversity
- Connect parks & get around/through Santa Rosa off roads with traffic.
- Protect wildlife diversity and ecosystem diversity – EPA not likely to help in the future
- Animal corridor – birds, meadow grasses
- Cultural importance
- Oak woodland resources, animal corridor, plant species
- Habitat for people, animals, life!
- So kids can walk and ride there.
- Habitat connectivity
- Connectivity – wildlife corridors
- Fire protection
- Connectivity for wildlife habitat and recreation
- Access – connectivity – safety – teaching youngsters stewardship.
- Access to curb illegal activity (marijuana grows). Reduce Fire danger. Protect watersheds.
- All waterways impaired.
- High priority to protect & preserve! Very limited access to Estero currently.
- History of public use.
- Connectivity to Helen Putnam Park.
- Beautiful entry to Petaluma
- Only Sonoma Mountain top property in South County and it is the headwaters of Adobe Creek.
- Very important place for recreation and as a scenic visual corridor and wildlife corridor.
- Obvious place to want to hike from east Petaluma, with a commanding view of our town.
- Not do what LA and San Diego did – need visual open space, no housing on hills
- Tends to be developed and fragmented – need open space.
- Better to extend Putnam Park – trails, parking, conservation

What threatens this goal?

- Lack of public access.
- Lack of funding for trail and parking access.

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- Consider working with local equestrian community – SoCo Horse Council and Back Country Horseman.
- Use revenue to fund the above rather than continue to purchase non-accessible properties.
- Strive to create a trail from Petaluma to Jack London State Park. Create camping at Jack London. All OE TAIS is threatened by lack of political will.
- An absence of awareness of conservation in general and emphasizing recreation over everything.
- Overuse
- Development
- Sometimes bicyclists threaten the enjoyment of trails for others (Education?).
- Keeping trails multi-use.
- Not looking after trails conservation and sustainability.
- Ensure there are ever-increasing recreational opportunities to reduce the potential for conflicts between trail users.
- NIMBY mentality that has restricted access in Marin County.

What strategies or tools should the District use to achieve this goal?

- Be cautious regarding the types of uses permitted.
- Look at the “Watershed Classroom” projects sponsored by the Water Agency and Friends of Petaluma River. This program inspires children to engage with watershed and natural environment.
- Open Lafferty Ranch for public access – political will.
- Utilize conservation organizations like Paula Lane Action Network and Madrone Audubon Society.
- Kelly Creek, west Petaluma hills (several parcels – Hayes Lane, English Hill, California Water Service) – all made into corridor for wildlife and education to the public.
- If the development of bike paths and bike trails are seen as part of needed infrastructure for towns (and the whole county) other monies would be available to develop them.
- Data collection – e.g., Sonoma Ecology Center studies
- Public outreach & education
- Paulin Creek Open Space Preserve needs access to and crossing for creek connecting the meadows area to Chanate Road side of Preserve, and poison oak removal.
- Paulin Creek Open Space Preserve (I guess not Parcel J though) needs trails to eliminate the negative elements (homeless encampments, drug use, etc.) in the space and bring the surrounding neighborhood together.
- Additional docent walks with emphasis on diversity of environment, native plants, and importance of environment.
- Buy lands and use the \$\$ to best/safely allow access to see and use the land.
- Engage the cycling community in designing, building, fundraising & maintaining trail systems.

What data and/or resources should we be aware of that may help to achieve this goal?

- Provide access to Saddle Mountain.
- Connectivity to Bay Area Ridge Trail.
- Take advantage of Petaluma River as access to Sonoma County open space lands.

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- Help link Hwy 1 to hike/bike trail (like American River Prwy).
- Open Lafferty Ranch – create political will.
- Connect education programs like the Phenology Project to lands in the West Hills corridor.
- LandPaths no doubt can provide info and guidance.
- So.Co. Bike Coalition
- So.Co. Horse Council
- # of users, types of users (use)

GOAL: Enhance **urban open space** in and near **cities** and **communities** in Sonoma County



Anything else?

- Community separators between Healdsburg and Windsor (Ditto 1x)
- Community gardens (Ditto 1x)
- Imwalle Gardens
- Connecting parks and open space with trails (Ditto 3x)
- Linking communities with safe alternatives to driving or riding bicycles or roads.
- Trails for all uses – hiking, equestrian between parks and open space, and bikes.
- Protect D Street extension from Davidon Construction! (Ditto 1x)
- Protect greenbelts by creating a hiking/biking trail between cities. Walk from north to south or east to west across county.
- Protect wetlands even on small parcels.
- Help ag families/ranches stay in agriculture.
- Ensure conservation easements are not permitted for hospitality and events.
- Ag on ag land. Open space: Keep it open.
- Connect urban trail systems: Santa Rosa Creek to Brush Creek to Spring Lake, for example. (Ditto 1x)
- Incorporate Pine Creek Reservoir into a park/make it a park.
- Open Space District and County honor and enforce designation of Paulin Creek as an open space preserve.
- Maintain safe, user-friendly access to Paulin Creek OSP – could be an important connector for pedestrian/bikes from Hillside area to Chanate Road area.
- Protect and work with tribal land and resources.
- Provide parks, belts and space around SMART train and new bike paths.

Where are places that must be protected?

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- Andronico Vallejo Adobe and Vineyard @ 700 Curtin Lane off of 5th Street West, Sonoma.
- Greenways and utility corridors – should all be trail easements as well as community gardens, etc.
- Western hills
- D Street extension near Helen Putnam Park
- Low-income communities/communities of color
- Southeast Greenway
- Wetlands
- Freestone, Bodega, the Sonoma Coast (Ditto 1x)
- Urban agricultural lands
- Caltrans through Fairgrounds-Hwy 12-Farmer's Lane to Summerfield
- Paulin Creek OSP

Why must they be protected?

- Preserve the last historic property in the area currently agricultural/Last large vineyard within city limits.
- Connectivity & access, health & ag education.
- Connectivity to Helen Putnam Park. Preserve oak woodlands/diversity.
- This area is so crucial in the town and development would destroy it.
- Need more diverse population represented in community in meetings, in open space – accessibility for this population.
- Unique corridor connecting wildlife & bike trails and east-west Santa Rosa.
- Superior groundwater recharge; flood control.
- Why we live here! Irreplaceable resources, lands & landscapes.
- Ecosystem services
- Open space – old orchards
- Major connector pathways from Chanate Road to Beverly Way region of City of SR

What threatens this goal?

- Please consider locations for permanent protection east of Petaluma along Adobe Road, Frates Road, Stagecoach Road, extending east up Sonoma Mountain; also Ellis Creek and west of Petaluma in the Helen Putnam area. I grew up in Petaluma since 1981, and see pressure and threats of development in those areas as especially high from vineyards, urban development and potentially marijuana.
- Annexing lands currently unincorporated (Windsor).
- Poor regulation of housing developers allowing them short-term profits rather than a long view of the area and considering climate change – inclusionary zoning congregate housing complexes.
- Resist urban pressure on community separators.
- Lack of access is a threat to maintaining open space. The growing impatience of communities (urban & rural – ag & recreation) is making them question the value of non-connected spaces. Provide trails!
- Development of housing projects.
- Lack of civic will to preserve open space.
- Development! Commercial pretending to be agriculture.

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- Commercialization of ag land by hospitality activities and development.
- Pressure to build more housing.

What strategies or tools should the District use to achieve this goal?

- Focus on greenway connections between communities that can accommodate trails.
- Support current urban open space areas to enhance those properties.
- Work with other agencies, nonprofits, private stakeholders, & businesses to gain easements that allow connections between existing trails, parks, schools, & businesses so that people can walk/hike/bike/skate – any non-motorized way to get to school, work, recreation, etc.
- Education and outreach to citizens – encourage input to visions (?)
Enlist young people and students to work on initiatives.
- Focus on acquisitions in path of development.
- Expand Matching Grant Program.

What data and/or resources should we be aware of that may help to achieve this goal?

- Resources perhaps with bike tour companies as enhanced open space will help them build their businesses.
- Data on all the different transportation agencies and schedules – local & county buses, Golden Gate Transit, SMART. Who coordinates these schedules? Can there be a pass to allow someone to easily move from one bus/train system to another? There needs to be a study of actual users, County- and region wide, to see where they come from and where they need to go. E.g., Santa Rosa Junior College students (and staff) – can they use public transportation easily and cheaply? What about employees of the largest County employers (e.g., Sonoma County itself, large hospitals, large high-tech)?
- Traffic studies -- public transit data showing how people get to the parks/open space. E.g., number of cars at Helen Putnam park or Shollenberger.
- Petaluma General Plan has some excellent sections that describe preservation goals.
- Southeast Greenway support

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