



**AG + OPEN SPACE**  
SONOMA COUNTY

SONOMA COUNTY OPEN SPACE DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**March 26, 2026 | 5:00 pm**

MEMBERS PLEASE CALL IF UNABLE TO ATTEND

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY PARTICIPATE VIA ZOOM OR IN PERSON**

The March 26, 2026 Sonoma County Ag + Open Space Advisory Committee meeting will be held in person at Ag + Open Space's office located at 747 Mendocino Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA. The public may also participate virtually through Zoom.

Members of the public can watch or listen to the meeting using one of the two following methods:

1. **Zoom:** Join the Zoom meeting on your computer, tablet or smartphone by clicking: <https://sonomacounty.zoom.us/j/95865054803?pwd=6kK8lsDW02YfOtu6YOzFMFSwfDH2kQ.jyJdob-eS3CqTy4C>

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2. **In Person:** Members of the public may attend in person at Ag + Open Space's office at 747 Mendocino Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA in the large conference room.

**PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THE MEETING:** You may email public comment to [Michelle.Nozzari@sonoma-county.org](mailto:Michelle.Nozzari@sonoma-county.org). All emailed public comments will be forwarded to all Committee Members and read aloud for the benefit of the public. Please include your name and the relevant agenda item number to which your comment refers. In addition, if you have joined as a member of the public through the Zoom link or by calling in, there will be specific points throughout the meeting during which live public comment may be made via Zoom and phone.

**DISABLED ACCOMMODATION:** If you have a disability which requires an accommodation or an alternative format to assist you in observing and commenting on this meeting, please contact Michelle Nozzari by email to [Michelle.Nozzari@sonoma-county.org](mailto:Michelle.Nozzari@sonoma-county.org) by 12pm Wednesday, March 25, 2026 to ensure arrangements for accommodation.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Public Comment**  
Comments on items not listed on the agenda. Time is limited to 2 minutes per person/item.
3. **Correspondence / Communications**  
Correspondence can email [aos-adminaide@sonoma-county.org](mailto:aos-adminaide@sonoma-county.org).
4. **Approval of Minutes from January 22, 2025**      **Attachment A ACTION ITEM**
5. **General Manager's Report**  
Misti Arias, General Manager
6. **Advisory Committee Administration: SB 707 Overview**      **Attachment B**  
Aldo Mercado, Deputy County Counsel
7. **Saddle Mountain OSP Prescribed Fire, Research, and Workforce Development**  
Monica Delmartini, Stewardship Specialist
8. **Acquisition Update**      **ACTION ITEM**  
Jennifer Kuszmar, Acquisition Manager
9. **Projects in Negotiations**      **Attachment C**
10. **Announcements from Advisory Committee Members**
11. **Adjournment**

**Next Advisory Committee Meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2026.**



SONOMA COUNTY OPEN SPACE DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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**PROPOSED MINUTES**

**747 Mendocino Avenue – Suite 100, Santa Rosa, CA 95401**

**January 22, 2025 | 5:00 pm**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Marjorie Morganstern, Ladi Asgill, Thembi Borrás, Paul Martin, Wendy Elliot, Steven Rabinowitsch, Richard Hodges, Emily Albert, Michelle Whitman

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Misti Arias, General Manager; Lisa Pheatt, Deputy County Counsel; Lauren Alpert, Community Resources Specialist; Irma Cuevas, Community Resources Assistant, Michelle Nozzari, Admin Aide

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Ladi Asgill called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

**2. Public Comment**

Chair Asgill opened comments on items not listed on the agenda.

- Jacob Taylor

**3. Correspondence/Communications**

No correspondence was received.

**4. Approval of the Minutes from October 23, 2025.**

Member Martin moved to approve the minutes. Member Borrás seconded the motion. The vote was passed unanimously.

**5. General Managers Report**

Misti Arias, General Manager

Public Comment:

- Susan Kirks

**6. Community Relations Update**

Lauren Alpert, Community Relations Specialist

Irma Cuevas, Community Engagement Coordinator

INFORMATIONAL



**7. 2025 Year in Review** **INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

Amy Ricard, Community Resources Manager

Chair Asgill opened public comment.

- Susan Kirks
- John Shribbs

**8. Advisory Committee Administration**

- a. Advisory Committee Rules of Procedure
- b. AB 2449 Overview

This item was removed from the agenda and continued to the next meeting.

- c. Ad Hoc Subcommittee Assignments
- d. Committee Calendar & Roster

Member Whitman motioned to approve calendar and roster, Member Borrás seconded. The item was approved unanimously.

- e. Election of Committee Officers

Member Borrás nominated Ladi Asgill to continue on as chair. Member Martin nominated John Shribbs to continue on a vice chair. Chair Asgill nominated Wendi Eliot to continue on as Chair Pro Tem. No other committee members were nominated.

Chair Asgill opened public comment.

- John Shribbs

Chair Asgill called for a vote to approve the nominees, Member Borrás motioned to elect the nominees and Member Martin seconded. The nominees were elected unanimously.

**9. Projects in Negotiations Attachment B**

Public Comment: No Public Comment

**10. Adjournment**

Chair Asgill adjourned the meeting at 6:36 pm.

Effective January 1, 2026, SB 707 authorizes a member of a Brown Act body to participate remotely without posting their location if all the following are met:

<p><i>Timing and Procedure</i></p>	<p>The member <u>notifies</u> the legislative body at the earliest opportunity possible (can be as late as the start of a regular meeting) of their need to participate remotely for “just cause,” including a general description of the circumstances justifying their need to appear remotely.</p>
<p><i>Qualifying Reason</i></p> <p><i>Meeting Minutes must include the specific reason that member relied upon to participate remotely. (Members need not disclose any medical diagnosis or disability, or any personal medical information that is otherwise exempt under existing law.)</i></p>	<p>“Just cause” means any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A childcare or caregiving need of a child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner that requires them to participate remotely.</li> <li>• A contagious illness that prevents a member from attending in person.</li> <li>• A need related to a physical or mental disability not otherwise accommodated for (<u>Note</u>: SB 707 includes separate provisions for disability accommodation)</li> <li>• Travel while on official business of the legislative body or another state or local agency.</li> <li>• An immunocompromised child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner of the member that requires the member to participate remotely.</li> <li>• A physical or family medical emergency that prevents a member from attending in person.</li> <li>• Military service obligations that result in a member being unable to attend in person because they are serving under official written orders that requires the member to be at least 50 miles outside the boundaries of the local agency.</li> </ul>
<p><i>Quorum Physically Present</i></p>	<p>At least a quorum of the members must participate in person from a singular physical location within the jurisdiction.</p>
<p><i>Audio/Visual Participation</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The member must participate through <i>both</i> audio and visual technology (<u>must stay on camera/cannot turn off camera</u>).</li> <li>• The public must be able to participate remotely through either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A two-way audiovisual platform (defined to mean an online platform that provides participants with the ability to participate in a meeting via both an interactive video conference and a two-way telephonic function); and/or</li> <li>○ A two-way telephonic service <i>and</i> a live webcasting of the meeting (defined to mean a telephone service that does not require internet access, is not provided as part of a two-way audiovisual platform, and allows participants to dial a telephone number to listen and verbally participate).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<i>Disclosures</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Member must publicly disclose at the meeting, before any action is taken, whether any other individuals 18 years of age or older are present in the room at the remote location with the member, and the general nature of the member's relationship with any such individual(s).</li> </ul>
<i>Technology Disruptions</i>	If there is a disruption in the two-way access, the body may not take any additional actions until access is restored.
<i>Voting</i>	All votes must be by roll call.
<i>Limited Number of Meetings Per Board Member</i>	Two meetings per year, if local agency "regularly" meets once per month or less.
<p>NOTE: The traditional Brown Act Teleconference option is still in place for an advanced publicly noticed teleconference location which is accessible to the public. NOTE ALSO: There are separate ADA accommodation options for remote Board member participation.</p>	

Acquisition Project Status Chart | Conservation Easements

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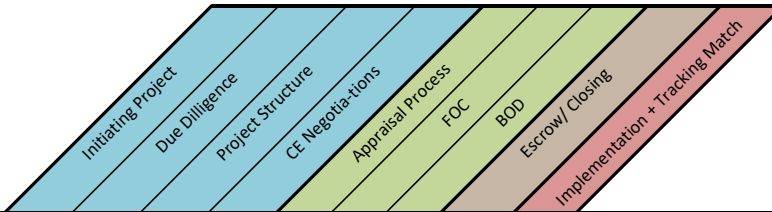
	Conservation Easement Project Name	Acreage (approx)	Sup. District	Vital Lands Initiative Goals						Step 1	Step 2			Step 3			Step 4			Project Phase	Comments	
1	Bavarian Lion Vineyards	1,858	4																		Initiating Project	Initiating Project
2	Berry Forest Preserve	133	5																		Initiating Project	Project Structure - development
3	Bianchi Ranches - Two Rock	633	2																		Appraisal Process	Property is being appraised
4	Cheda Hills	681	2																		Initiating Project	Initiating project
5	Crane Creek Ranch	290	1																		Initiating Project	Initiating project
6	Crawford Gulch	92	5																		Initiating Project	Project Structure - development
	Cougar Lane	318	1																			
7	Deniz Ernest & Beverly Trust	217	2																		Initiating Project	Project Structure - development
8	Deniz Family Farm	315	2																		Negotiating CE	Project Structure - updating
9	Diamond W Ranch	849	2																		Appraisal Process	Appraisal pending
10	Gill Creek Confluence	51	4																		Initiating Project	Project Structure - development
11	Ielmorini Ranch - Sonoma Mountain	417	2																		Initiating Project	Project Structure - development
12	Laguna Oakwild	168.9	5																		Initiating Project	Initiating project
13	Landwell	22	5																		Initiating Project	Project Structure - development
14	Limping Turkey Ranch	158	2																		Initiating Project	Initiating project
15	Little Rancheria Creek	276	5																		Initiating Project	Project Structure - development
16	Lobban - Mark West Creek	266	1																		Negotiating CE	Negotiating trail easement provisions
17	Nadale Ranch	390	2																		Initiating Project	Initiating Project
18	Osprey Hill Ranch	347	5																		Initiating Project	Project Structure - development
19	Peters Ranch	278	2																		Negotiating CE	Draft CE in Internal Review
20	Roberts Oaks	398	1																		Initiating Project	Developing Project Structure with Regional Parks
21	Rowland Mack	168	1																		Appraisal Process	Appraisal work underway + internal review of CE
22	Sea Way	247	5																		Initiating Project	Initiating project
23	South Fork Gualala River	299	5																		Negotiating CE	Draft CE in Internal Review
24	South Sonoma Mountain - Grove	366	1 & 2																		Approvals/Baseline	Offer pending
25	South Sonoma Mountain - Rodgers Creek North	393	1 & 2																		Approvals/Baseline	Offer pending
26	South Sonoma Mountain - Rodgers Creek South	421	2																		Approvals/Baseline	Offer pending
27	South Sonoma Mountain - Skyline	480	1 & 2																		Approvals/Baseline	Offer pending
28	Starrett Hill	319	5																		Negotiating CE	Draft CE in Internal Review
29	Willow Avenue Farm	8	2																		Negotiating CE	Negotiating CE
30	Witt Home Ranch	395	2																		Initiating Project	Project Structure - development
<b>Total Acres</b>		<b>11,252</b>																				

+ indicates change in phase since last update

On Hold projects																						
1	Bucher-Russell Ranch	562	4																		On-Hold	On hold as property listed for sale
2	Lafranchi		5																		On-Hold	On hold at request of owner
3	Laguna Edge	29	5																		On-Hold	Project is on hold at landowner's request
4	Nolan Creek 1	317	5																		On-Hold	Project Structure - development
5	Nolan Creek 2	171	5																		On-Hold	Project Structure - development
6	Nolan Creek 3	49	5																		On-Hold	Project Structure - development
7	Oak Ridge Angus (LaFranchi)		4																		On-Hold	On hold
8	Preston Farm	133	4																		On-Hold	Project Structure - development and CE negotiations
9	Reynoso Vineyard	395	4																		On-Hold	On-Hold due to landowner finances Site Evaluation October 16
10	Rincon Hills	218	1																		On-Hold	Updating project structure/transaction
11	Russian River Habitat Restoration	63	4																		On-Hold	On-Hold
12	Spring Hill Ranch	579	2																		On-Hold	On hold pending subordination of loans

# Acquisition Project Status Chart | Matching Grant Projects

Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District



Matching Grant Project Name	Acreage (approx)	Sup. District	Step 2				Step 3			Step 4	Step 5	Status	Comments
A Place to Play	87	5					N/A			N/A		Initiating Project	Conducting due diligence
AmeriCorps Trail	12	5										Escrow/Closing	Closing process delayed by CDFW permitting. Resolution and adjustments being made. Reviewing legal agreements.
Badger Park	20	4										Negotiating CE	MGA, CE, RC review and negotiation with City.
Bodega Bay Trail	178	5										Initiating Project	Continued due diligence by Regional Parks for project design.
Colgan Creek Phase 4 MG	4	3										Negotiating CE	Working with applicant on final edits to MGA & CE
Colgan Creek Phase 5	4	3										Initiating Project	Pending closure of Colgan Creek Phase 4 MGA.
Crane Creek Regional Trail	75	1										Negotiating CE	Regional Parks and AOS met and are working on CE edits.
Denman Reach	2	2										Negotiating CE	Pending McNear Peninsula amendment.
Geyserville Community Plaza	1	4										Negotiating CE	Negotiating legal agreements.
Graton Town Square	0.6	5										Completed Project	Closed 10/29/2025. Monitoring match.
Guerneville River Park Phase 2	3	5										Initiating Project	Reviewing title restrictions
Helen Putnam Regional Park Extension	21.5	2					N/A					Completed Project	Closed 9/30/2025. Monitoring match and ongoing compliance.
Laura Fish Somersal Park	36	4										Negotiating CE	Negotiating legal agreements.
Los Guilicos Master Gardeners' Demonstration Garden	4.5	1										Initiating Project	Project on pause as grantee and Sonoma County Public Infrastructure address site concerns.
Mark West Area Community Park Ph 2	1	4					N/A	N/A				Completed Project	Monitoring grant compliance.
Maxwell Farms	79	1					N/A	N/A				Negotiating CE	Rregional Parks reviewing MGA. Drafting CE.
Occidental Community Plaza	0.7	5										Initiating Project	Completing due diligence.
Petaluma Bounty Community Farm	3	2										Initiating Project	Completing due diligence.
Petaluma River Park	20	2										Initiating Project	Developing legal agreements with applicant.
Roseland Creek Community Park - Phase 1c	3	3										Negotiating CE	Negotiating CE, Rec Covenant.
Russian River Community Park	3.8	5										Initiating Project	Completing due diligence.
Sonoma Schellville Trail	21	1										Initiating Project	Completing due diligence.
Steamer Landing Park Development (McNear Peninsula)	27**	2										Negotiating CE	MGA and RC under review by City of Petaluma.
Tierra de Rosas Plaza	1	3										Negotiating CE	Negotiating legal agreements.
Tom Schopflin Fields Phase 2	21	4										Negotiating CE	Grantee reviewing MGA and RC.
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>602.1</b>												

\*\* Restoration/Development Project on previous acquisition.



## Active Projects

## On Hold

**Supervisory District 1**

**Crane Creek Ranch**  
This 290-acre ranch is located just east of Petaluma Hill Road to the east of the Santa Rosa, flows into the property from Crane Creek Regional Park to the southeast, and is home to California Central Coast steelhead along its entire reach through the property. Crane Ranch forms a connection between the Crane CE property to the north and Ho fee property to the south. Current land use includes sheep and cattle grazing, cultivated hay, and a 2-acre plot for hops. Vital Lands Initiative Goals: Agricultural Lands and Community Identity, Water

**Crane Creek Trail MG**  
The City of Rohnert Park will transfer 75 acres to Regional Parks to expand Crane Creek Regional Park. This project will also extend Copeland Creek trail and will provide access across Petaluma Hill Road to the park by constructing a new 1-mile trail. Vital Lands Initiative Goals: Community Identity, Healthy Communities, Wildlands

**Libban - Mark West Creek**  
The property consists of 266 acres off St. Helena Road, adjacent to Rancho Mark West and Saddle Mountain Open Space Preserve. The current owner is working with LandPaths as a project partner. The property burned in the Glass Fire, and the forest is currently being salvage-logged. Vital Lands Initiative Goals: Healthy Communities, Water, Wildlands

**Los Guillos Master Gardeners Demonstration Garden MG**  
The Los Guillos Demonstration Garden, a project of the University of California Master Gardeners of Sonoma County, will transform a once-devastated parcel on the Los Guillos campus—burned in the 2020 Glass Fire—into a thriving, educational space. With support from the Community Spaces Matching Grant Program, the Master Gardeners will create a fully accessible demonstration garden, showcasing sustainable gardening practices that support native habitats, promote wildlife-friendly landscapes, address food insecurity, and enhance climate resilience. Visitors will have the opportunity to engage in hands-on learning through themed gardens and a state-of-the-art greenhouse classroom. Planned features include an oak arbor picnic area, a children's garden expansion, a native plants garden, an outdoor classroom, a fire-resilient garden, a greenhouse and shade house, an expanded orchard, and an outdoor nature classroom—offering a welcoming space for education, inspiration, and community connection.

**Maxwell Farms MG**  
Regional Parks will construct park improvements to create new recreational opportunities at this existing park. Park amenities such as restrooms and trails will be constructed. Regional Parks is also partnering with the Sonoma Ecology Center to implement restoration on a 0.25 mile stretch of Sonoma Creek. Vital Lands Initiative Goals: Community Identity, Healthy Communities, Water

**Roberts Oaks**  
Roberts Oaks is approximately 412 acres sited directly east of Rohnert Park across Petaluma Hill Road. The property has a 4.5-acre spring fed pond, undulating mature oak woodlands with spectacular views in multiple directions. With its spectacular scenery and proximity to urban populations, Ag + Open Space will acquire the property in fee and transfer it to Regional Parks. The property's excellent access, unique topography, water, and community identity, makes it an outstanding park. Vital Lands Initiative Goals: Community Identity, Healthy Communities, Water, and Wildlands

**Sonoma Schellville Trail**  
In the mid-1980's, Sonoma County Regional Parks began their work to buy a railroad right of way in Schellville to fill a critical gap in the local and regional trail system. Regional Parks will be able to leverage Matching Grant funds to finally purchase the remaining land and build a trail that will connect local and regional trail systems, including the San Francisco Bay Trail that connects 47 cities across 9 counties.

**South Sonoma Mountain - Grove**  
This 369-acre property, near the summit of Sonoma Mountain, shares a boundary with Moon Ranch and George Ranch. The property is located at the terminus of Grove Street and is entirely within the Sonoma Mountain Scenic Landscape Unit. A conservation easement will further the landowner's goals of having this property remain as open space for grazing and limited residential development. Vital Lands Initiative Goals: Agricultural Lands, Community Identity, Water, and Wildlands

**South Sonoma Mountain - Rogers Creek (North)**  
This 813-acre property is comprised of two parcels. The northwest half of the property is in the Sonoma Mountain Scenic Landscape Unit and the southeastern boundary is Stage Gulch Road. A conservation easement will further the landowner's goals of having this property remain as open space for grazing, some vineyard use, and limited residential development. The northern part of the property is contiguous with Moon Ranch and George Ranch. Ellis Lafferty and Rodgers Creek, all intermittent, are located on the property. Rodgers Creek hosts threatened steelhead. Vital Lands Initiative Goals: Agricultural Lands, Community Identity, Water, and Wildlands

**South Sonoma Mountain - Skyline**  
This project will place a conservation easement on a 491-acre property so it remains as open space for wildlife habitat, grazing and limited residential use. The property is contiguous with George Ranch and quite visible given its location near the summit of Sonoma Mountain. The northwest half of the property is in the Sonoma Mountain Scenic Landscape Unit. Rodgers and Lafferty creeks, two intermittent creeks, are located on the property. Rodgers Creek hosts threatened steelhead and is potential habitat for yellow-legged frog. Vital Lands Initiative Goals: Agricultural Lands, Community Identity, Water, and Wildlands

**Steamer Landing Park Development (McNear Peninsula)**  
The Petaluma River Park Foundation will construct initial public recreational improvements on their recently acquired 10-acre parcel on McNear Peninsula, adjacent to Steamer Landing Park. These improvements will include trails, docks, plantings, and restrooms. Vital Lands Initiative Goals: Community Identity, Healthy Communities, Wildlands

**Willow Avenue Farm**  
This project includes a conservation easement on a 7.5-acre diverse animal small agricultural farm. It is located within a priority greenbelt area and is highly visible from public roads and the SMART rail line. Vital Lands Initiative Goals: Agricultural Lands and Community Identity

**Witt Home Ranch**  
This project includes a conservation easement on a 395-acre beef ranch just west of Petaluma on Bodega Ave. It is located between the McDowell open space easement and the Uncle Henry's Ranch conservation easement. A very prominent and scenic hilltop is the centerpiece of the property. Vital Lands Initiative Goals: Agricultural Lands, Community Identity, Water

**Supervisory District 3**

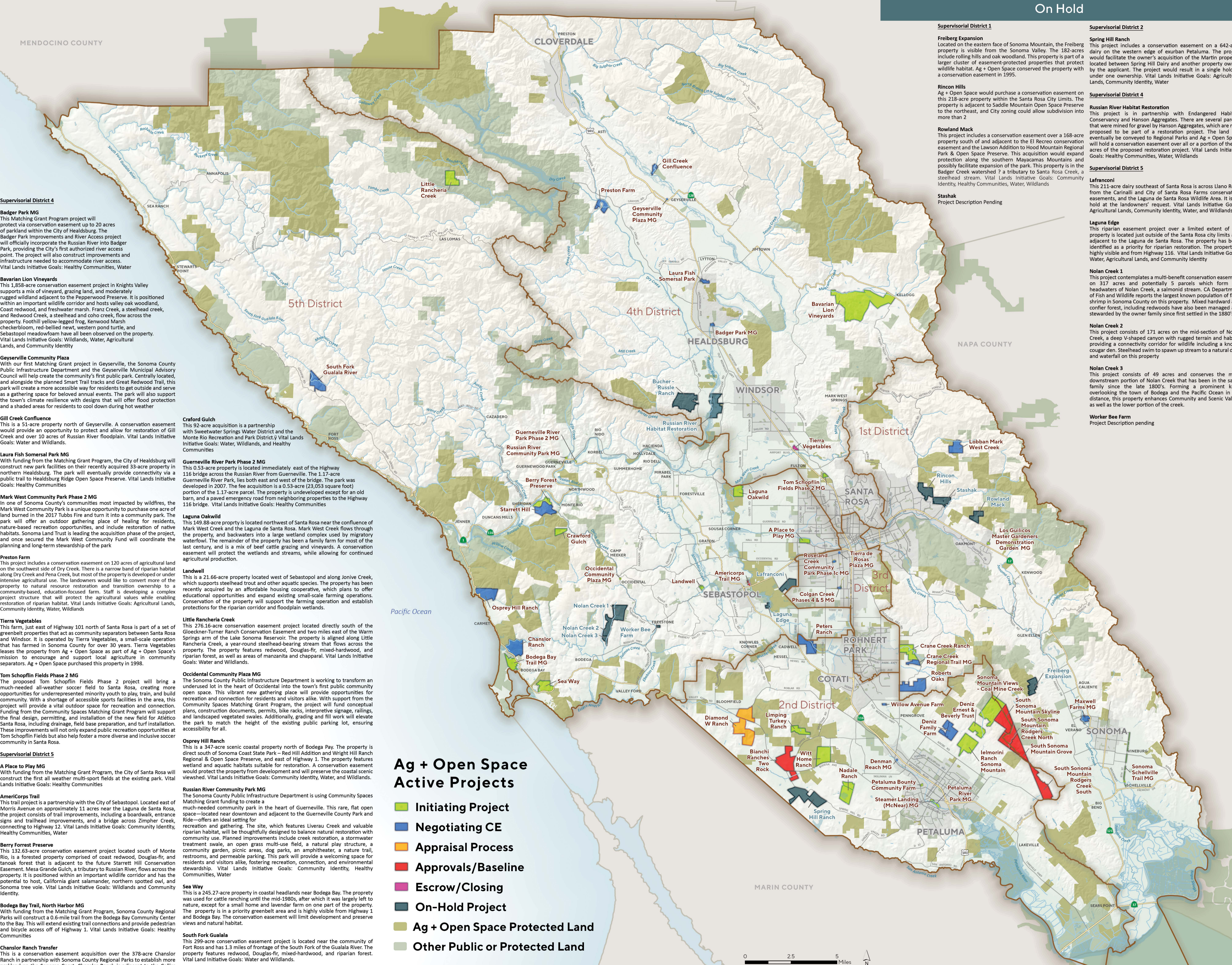
**Colgan Creek Phase 4 MG**  
This project is for the acquisition of a 4-acre parcel adjacent to the existing Colgan Creek restoration, park development, and trail project. This additional parcel will allow increased creek meander in the ongoing restoration effort, and will provide additional land for additional recreational development, including a neighborhood park. Vital Lands Initiative Goals: Healthy Communities, Water

**Colgan Creek Phase 5 MG**  
The Colgan Creek Phase 5 MG is a 3-acre neighborhood park Phase 5 improvement project, in partnership with the City of Santa Rosa, aims to bring a long-awaited 3.8-acre neighborhood park to the residents of Southwest Santa Rosa. Located next to the final segment of a multi-phase creek restoration and shared-use path project, the park will serve as a vital green space for a growing community. With support from the Community Spaces Matching Grant Program, this project will engage the community in updating the master plan and designing a park that reflects local needs. Planned improvements include enhanced public access, utility infrastructure, and a mix of active and passive recreation features. Potential amenities may include play and picnic areas, walking and biking paths, and spaces for various recreational activities—creating a welcoming and vibrant outdoor space for all to enjoy.

**Roseland Creek Community Park - Phase 1c MG**  
This project is a 3-acre addition to Roseland 1a and 1b Community Park Matching Grant projects. We are working with the City of Santa Rosa to amend and replace the 1a and 1b conservation easements, so that there is one easement over the new park. This park is located between Burbank Ave and McMinn Ave in the Roseland neighborhood of Santa Rosa. Vital Lands Initiative Goals: Healthy Communities, Water

**Terra de Rosas Plaza MG**  
This project is a 3-acre addition to Roseland 1a and 1b Community Park Matching Grant projects. We are working with the City of Santa Rosa to amend and replace the 1a and 1b conservation easements, so that there is one easement over the new park. This park is located between Burbank Ave and McMinn Ave in the Roseland neighborhood of Santa Rosa. Vital Lands Initiative Goals: Healthy Communities, Water

**\*MG Indicates Matching Grant**



**Supervisory District 4**

**Badger Park MG**  
This Matching Grant Program project will protect via conservation easement up to 20 acres of parkland within the City of Healdsburg. The Badger Park Improvements and River Access project will officially incorporate the Russian River into Badger Park, providing the City's first authorized river access point. The project will also construct improvements and infrastructure needed to accommodate river access. Vital Lands Initiative Goals: Healthy Communities, Water

**Bavarian Lion Vineyards**  
This 1,858-acre conservation easement project in Knights Valley supports a mix of vineyard, grazing land, and moderately rugged wildland adjacent to the Peppercow Preserve. It is positioned within an important wildlife corridor and hosts valley oak woodland, Coast redwood, and freshwater marsh. Franz Creek, a steamed creek, and Redwood Creek, a steelhead and coho creek, flow across the property. Foothill yellow-legged frog, Kenwood Marsh checkerblow, red-bellied nuth, western pond turtle, and Sebastopol meadowfoam have all been observed on the property. Vital Lands Initiative Goals: Wildlands, Water, Agricultural Lands, and Community Identity

**Geyserville Community Plaza**  
With our first Matching Grant project in Geyserville, the Sonoma County Public Infrastructure Department and the Geyserville Municipal Advisory Council will help create the community's first public park. Centrally located, and alongside the planned Smart Trail tracks and Great Redwood Trail, this park will create a more accessible way for residents to get outside and serve as a gathering place for beloved annual events. The park will also support the town's climate resilience with designs that will offer flood protection and a shaded areas for residents to cool down during hot weather.

**Gill Creek Confluence**  
This is a 51-acre property north of Geyserville. A conservation easement would provide an opportunity to protect and allow for restoration of Gill Creek and over 10 acres of Russian River floodplain. Vital Lands Initiative Goals: Water and Wildlands.

**Laura Fish Somersal Park MG**  
With funding from the Matching Grant Program, the City of Healdsburg will construct new park facilities on their recently acquired 33-acre property in northern Healdsburg. The park will eventually provide connectivity via a public trail to Healdsburg Ridge Open Space Preserve. Vital Lands Initiative Goals: Healthy Communities

**Mark West Community Park Phase 2 MG**  
In one of Sonoma County's communities most impacted by wildfires, the Mark West Community Park is a unique opportunity to purchase one acre of land burned in the 2017 Tubbs Fire and turn it into a community park. The park will offer an outdoor gathering place of healing for residents, nature-based recreation opportunities, and inclusion of restoration of native habitats. Sonoma Land Trust is leading the acquisition phase of the project, and once secured the Mark West Community park will coordinate the planning and long-term stewardship of the park.

**Preston Farm**  
This project includes a conservation easement on 120 acres of agricultural land on the southwest side of Dry Creek. There is a narrow band of riparian habitat along Dry Creek and Pena Creek, but most of the property is developed or under intensive agricultural use. The landowners would like to convert more of the property to natural resource restoration and transition ownership to a community-based, education-focused farm. Staff is developing a complex project plan that will protect the agricultural values while enabling restoration of riparian habitat. Vital Lands Initiative Goals: Agricultural Lands, Community Identity, Water, Wildlands

**Tierra Vegetables**  
This is a 21.66-acre property located west of Sebastopol and along Jonive Creek, which supports steelhead trout and other aquatic species. The property has been recently acquired by an affordable housing cooperative, which plans to offer educational opportunities and expand existing small-scale farming operations. Conservation of the property will support the farming operation and establish protections for the riparian corridor and floodplain wetlands.

**Little Rancharia Creek**  
This farm, just east of Highway 101 north of Santa Rosa is part of a set of greenbelt properties that are as community separators between Santa Rosa and Windsor. It is operated by Tierra Vegetables, a small-scale operation that has farmed in Sonoma County for over 30 years. Tierra Vegetables separates the property from Ag + Open Space as part of Ag + Open Space's mission to protect local agriculture in community separtors. Ag + Open Space purchased this property in 1998.

**Occidental Community Plaza MG**  
The Sonoma County Public Infrastructure Department is working to transform an underused lot in the heart of Occidental into the town's first public community open space. This vibrant new gathering place will provide opportunities for recreation and connection for residents and visitors alike. With support from the Community Spaces Matching Grant Program, the project will fund conceptual plans, construction documents, permits, bike racks, interpretive signage, railings, and landscaped vegetated swales. Additionally, grading and fill work will elevate the park to match the height of the existing public parking lot, ensuring accessibility for all.

**Osprey Hill Ranch**  
This is a 347-acre scenic coastal property north of Bodega Bay. The property is direct south of Sonoma Coast State Park - Red Hill Addition and Wright Hill Ranch Regional & Open Space Parks, and east of Highway 1. The property features wetland and aquatic habitats suitable for restoration. A conservation easement would protect the property from development and will preserve the coastal scenic viewshed. Vital Lands Initiative Goals: Community Identity, Water, and Wildlands.

**Russian River Community Park MG**  
The Sonoma County Public Infrastructure Department is using Community Spaces Matching Grant funding to create a much-needed community park in the heart of Geyserville. This rare, flat open space—located near downtown and adjacent to the Geyserville County Park and recreation and gathering. The site, which features Liverau Creek and valuable riparian habitat, will be thoughtfully designed to balance natural restoration with community use. Planned improvements include creek restoration, a stormwater treatment swale, an open grass multi-use field, a natural play structure, a community garden, picnic areas, dog parks, an amphitheater, a nature trail, restrooms, and permeable parking. This park will provide a welcoming space for residents and visitors alike, fostering recreation, connection, and environmental stewardship. Vital Lands Initiative Goals: Community Identity, Healthy Communities, Water

**Sea Way**  
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## Ag + Open Space Active Projects

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### Active Projects

**Crane Creek Ranch**  
This 290-acre ranch is located just east of Petaluma Hill Road to the east of the City of Rohnert Park. Crane Creek, a tributary of the Laguna de Santa Rosa, flows into the property from Crane Creek Regional Park to the southeast, and is home to California Central Coast steelhead along its entire reach through the property. Crane Ranch forms a connection between the Crane CE property to the north and Ho fee property to the south. Current land use includes sheep and cattle grazing, cultivated hay, and a ~2-acre plot for hops. Vital Lands Initiative Goals: Agricultural Lands and Community Identity, Water

**Crane Creek Regional Trail MG**  
The City of Rohnert Park will transfer 75 acres to Regional Parks to expand Crane Creek Regional Park. This project will also extend Copeland Creek trail and will provide access across Petaluma Hill Road to the park by constructing a new 1-mile trail. Vital Lands Initiative Goals: Community Identity, Healthy Communities, Wildlands

**Lobban - Mark West Creek**  
The property consists of 266 acres off St. Helena Road, adjacent to Rancho Mark West and Saddle Mountain Open Space Preserve. The current owner is working with LandPaths as a project partner. The property burned in the Glass Fire, and the forest is currently being salvage-logged. Vital Lands Initiative Goals: Healthy Communities, Water, Wildlands conservation easement project. The project will protect roughly 500 feet of Mark West Creek, prevent construction within the riparian zone, and it could allow construction of a foot-bridge across Mark West Creek to facilitate public access to the larger 266-acre Lobban - Mark West Creek project. Vital Lands Initiative Goals: Community Identity, Healthy Communities, Water, Wildlands

**Los Guilicos Master Gardner's Demonstration Garden MG**  
A project of the University of California Master Gardeners of Sonoma County, will transform a once-devastated parcel on the Los Guilicos campus—burned in the 2020 Glass Fire—into a thriving, educational space. With support from the Community Spaces Matching Grant Program, the Master Gardeners will create a fully accessible demonstration garden, showcasing sustainable gardening practices that support native habitats, promote wildlife-friendly landscapes, address food insecurity, and enhance climate resilience. Visitors will have the opportunity to engage in hands-on learning through themed gardens and a state-of-the-art greenhouse classroom. Planned features include an oak arbor picnic area, a children's garden expansion, a native plants garden, an outdoor classroom, a fire-resilient garden, a greenhouse and shade house, an expanded orchard, and an outdoor nature classroom—offering a welcoming space for education, inspiration, and community connection.

**Maxwell Farms MG**  
Regional Parks will construct park improvements to create new recreational opportunities at this existing park. Park amenities such as restrooms and trails will be constructed. Regional Parks is also partnering with the Sonoma Ecology Center to implement restoration on a 0.25 mile stretch of Sonoma Creek. Vital Lands Initiative Goals: Community Identity, Healthy Communities, Water

**Roberts Oaks**  
Roberts Oaks is approximately 412 acres sited directly east of Rohnert Park across Petaluma Hill Road. The property has a 4.5-acre spring fed pond, undulating mature oak woodlands with spectacular views in multiple directions. With its spectacular scenery and proximity to urban populations, Ag + Open Space will acquire the property in fee and transfer it to Regional Parks. The property's excellent access, unique topography, water and habitat features including numerous wooded and shady glades with bucolic views tee it up to be an outstanding park.

**Sonoma Schellville Trail MG**  
In the mid-1980's, Sonoma County Regional Parks began their work to buy a railroad right of way in Schellville to fill a critical gap in the local and regional trail system. Regional Parks will be able to leverage Matching Grant funds to finally purchase the remaining land and build a trail that will connect local and regional trail systems, including the San Francisco Bay Trail that connects 47 cities across 9 counties.

**South Sonoma Mountain - Grove**  
This 369-acre property, near the summit of Sonoma Mountain, shares a boundary with Moon Ranch and George Ranch. The property is located at the terminus of Grove Street and is entirely within the Sonoma Mountain Scenic Landscape Unit. A conservation easement will further the landowner's goals of having this property remain as open space for grazing and limited residential development. Vital Lands Initiative Goals: Agricultural lands, Community Identity, Water, and Wildlands

**South Sonoma Mountain - Rogers Creek (North & South)**  
This 813-acre property is comprised of two parcels. The northwest half of the property is in the Sonoma Mountain Scenic Landscape Unit and the southeastern boundary is Stage Gulch Road. A conservation easement will further the landowner's goals of having this property remain as open space for grazing, some vineyard use, and limited residential development. The northern part of the property is contiguous with Moon Ranch and George Ranch. Ellis, Lafferty, and Rodgers Creek, all intermittent, are located on the property. Rodgers Creek hosts threatened steelhead. Vital Lands Initiative Goals: Agricultural lands, Community Identity, Water, and Wildlands

**South Sonoma Mountain - Skyline**  
This project will place a conservation easement on a 491-acre property so it remains as open space for wildlife habitat, grazing and limited residential use. The property is contiguous with George Ranch and quite visible given its location near the summit of Sonoma Mountain. The northwest half of the property is in the Sonoma Mountain Scenic Landscape Unit. Rodgers and Lafferty Creeks, two intermittent creeks, are located on the property. Rodgers Creek hosts threatened steelhead and is potential habitat for yellow-legged frog. Vital Lands Initiative Goals: Agricultural lands, Community Identity, Water, and Wildlands

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### On Hold

**Freiberg Expansion**  
Located on the eastern face of Sonoma Mountain, the Freiberg property is visible from the Sonoma Valley. The 182-acres include rolling hills and oak woodland. This property is part of a larger cluster of easement-protected properties that protect wildlife habitat. Ag + Open Space conserved the property with a conservation easement in 1995.

**Rincon Hills**  
Ag + Open Space would purchase a conservation easement on this 218-acre property within the Santa Rosa City Limits. The property is adjacent to Saddle Mountain Open Space Preserve to the northeast, and City zoning could allow subdivision into more than 2

**Rowland Mack**  
This project includes a conservation easement over a 168-acre property south of and adjacent to the El Recreo conservation easement and the Lawson Addition to Hood Mountain Regional Park & Open Space Preserve. This acquisition would expand protection along the southern Mayacamas Mountains and possibly facilitate expansion of the park. This property is in the Badger Creek watershed ? a tributary to Santa Rosa Creek, a steelhead stream. Vital Lands Initiative Goals: Community Identity, Healthy Communities, Water, Wildlands

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Project Description Pending

### Active Projects

#### Bianchi Ranches - Two Rock

Bianchi Ranches - Two Rock is a 632 acre property which seeks the protection of an agricultural based conservation easement over three contiguous ranches. Presently, Ag + Open Space is working with the owner on an NCRS application for grant monies.

#### Deniz Ernest & Beverly Trust

This project includes a conservation easement on a 217-acre property on the western slope of Sonoma Mountain within the Sonoma Mountain Scenic Landscape Unit. Adobe Creek, a tributary to the Petaluma River, crosses the property. A conservation easement would preserve the land for agricultural production. Vital Lands Initiative Goals: Agricultural Lands, Community Identity, Water

#### Deniz Family Farm

This project includes a conservation easement on a 315-acre property on the western slope of Sonoma Mountain within the Sonoma Mountain Scenic Landscape Unit. A mile of Lynch Creek, a tributary to the Petaluma River, flows across the property. Based on existing legal lots and zoning, the property could be subdivided into nine separate ownerships. Vital Lands Initiative Goals: Agricultural Lands, Community Identity, Water

#### Denman Reach MG

The City of Petaluma seeks to acquire a 2.1-acre parcel that is pivotal to the completion of a larger 23.5-acre riparian restoration, public trail, environmental education, and flood control project on the Petaluma River. Vital Lands Initiative Goals: Healthy Communities, Community Identity, Water, Wildlands

#### Diamond W Ranch

This is certified organic 850-acre dairy near Valley Ford and Two Rock. It has a small stretch of Stemple Creek and is highly visible along Bodega Ave/Valley Ford Rd and Roblar Rd. The family would like to retire all but two of the nine development rights. A conservation easement would protect a large and highly productive agricultural property from parcelization and potential conversion out of agricultural use. Vital Lands Initiative Goals: Agricultural Lands, Water, Wildlands.

#### Ielmorini Ranch - Sonoma Mountain

This 417-acre cattle ranch is located northeast of Petaluma on the lower slopes of Sonoma Mountain. There is a year-round stream, Washington Creek, on the property, and the landowner has expressed interest in riparian conservation as well as continued

#### Limping Turkey Ranch

This 158-acre ranch is located between the Mattos and Camozzi conservation easements. The property's grasslands, terrain, abundant water, and adjacency to other agricultural lands make it a critical addition to a large block of agricultural conservation easements in the area. It is at high risk of conversion to rural residential homes because it has already been subdivided and prepared for development with wells, perc tests, and defined legal lots. A conservation easement on this property would likely consist of an amendment to the Camozzi easement to add this land with protection of its natural resource values. Vital Lands Initiative Goals: Agricultural Lands, Community Identity, Water, Wildlands

#### Nadale Ranch

This is a 389.5 acre property west of Petaluma. Historically operated as an independent ranch and dairy, it is now leased to a neighboring dairy producer. The property contains sweeping views of Petaluma and Marin County, and is at the dividing point between three watersheds. Conservation will protect the scenic vistas from development and prevent subdivision and conversion from agricultural use. Vital Lands Initiative Goals: Agricultural Lands, Community Identity

#### Petaluma Bounty Community Farm MG

For over 15 years, Petaluma People's Services' Bounty Community Farm has grown and sold affordable, locally-grown fruits and vegetables in the center of Petaluma, while prioritizing the creation of opportunities for low-income and vulnerable community members to have fresh and healthy food. Matching Grant funds will help them purchase the land they've long farmed and continue their work of bringing fresh, healthy food and sustainable agricultural education to their community

#### Petaluma River Park MG

The Petaluma River Park Foundation will construct initial public recreational improvements on their recently acquired 10-acre parcel on McNear Peninsula, adjacent to Steamer Landing Park. These improvements will include trails, docks, plantings, and restrooms. Vital Lands Initiative Goals: Community Identity, Healthy Communities, Wildlands

#### Peters Ranch

This project would include a conservation easement over a 277-acre dairy farm, located on Llano Road near the Laguna Treatment Plant. The property consists of rolling hills with mature oaks, woodlands, wetlands, and riparian habitats. Split by Laguna de Santa Rosa, it supports an active wildlife and recreation corridor. George McClelland, the owner and a respected Sonoma County dairy operator, intends to maintain and expand dairy operations whilst preserving the natural resources of a complex pasture, wetland, woodland, and riparian parcel. Vital Lands Initiative Goals: Agriculture Lands, Community Identity and Water.

#### South Sonoma Mountain Views - Coal Mine Creek

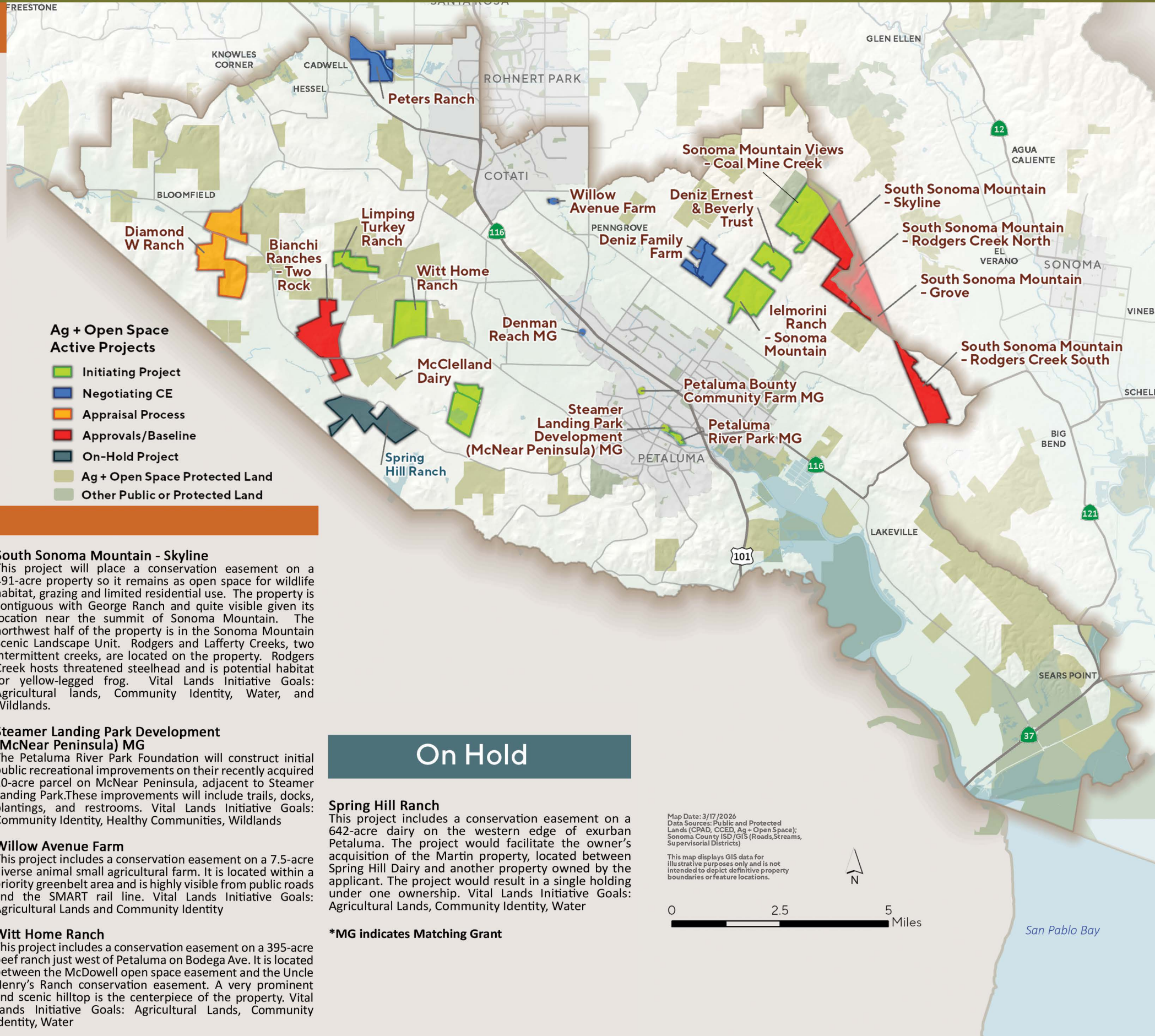
This 681-acre ranch located on the western slope of Sonoma Mountain. This family-owned ranch is operated as part of a larger complex, and is completely undeveloped, with wide spaces of open grasslands and oak savannah.

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#### Steamer Landing Park Development (McNear Peninsula) MG

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#### Willow Avenue Farm

This project includes a conservation easement on a 7.5-acre diverse animal small agricultural farm. It is located within a priority greenbelt area and is highly visible from public roads and the SMART rail line. Vital Lands Initiative Goals: Agricultural Lands and Community Identity

#### Witt Home Ranch

This project includes a conservation easement on a 395-acre beef ranch just west of Petaluma on Bodega Ave. It is located between the McDowell open space easement and the Uncle Henry's Ranch conservation easement. A very prominent and scenic hilltop is the centerpiece of the property. Vital Lands Initiative Goals: Agricultural Lands, Community Identity, Water

### On Hold

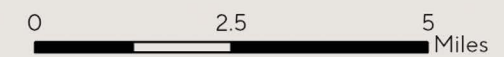
#### Spring Hill Ranch

This project includes a conservation easement on a 642-acre dairy on the western edge of exurban Petaluma. The project would facilitate the owner's acquisition of the Martin property, located between Spring Hill Dairy and another property owned by the applicant. The project would result in a single holding under one ownership. Vital Lands Initiative Goals: Agricultural Lands, Community Identity, Water

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San Pablo Bay

### Active Projects

#### Colgan Creek Phase 4 & 5 MG

This project is for the acquisition of a 4-acre parcel adjacent to the existing Colgan Creek restoration, park development and trail project. This additional parcel will allow increased creek meander in the ongoing creek restoration effort, and will provide additional land for additional recreational development, including a neighborhood park. Vital Lands Initiative Goals: Healthy Communities, Water

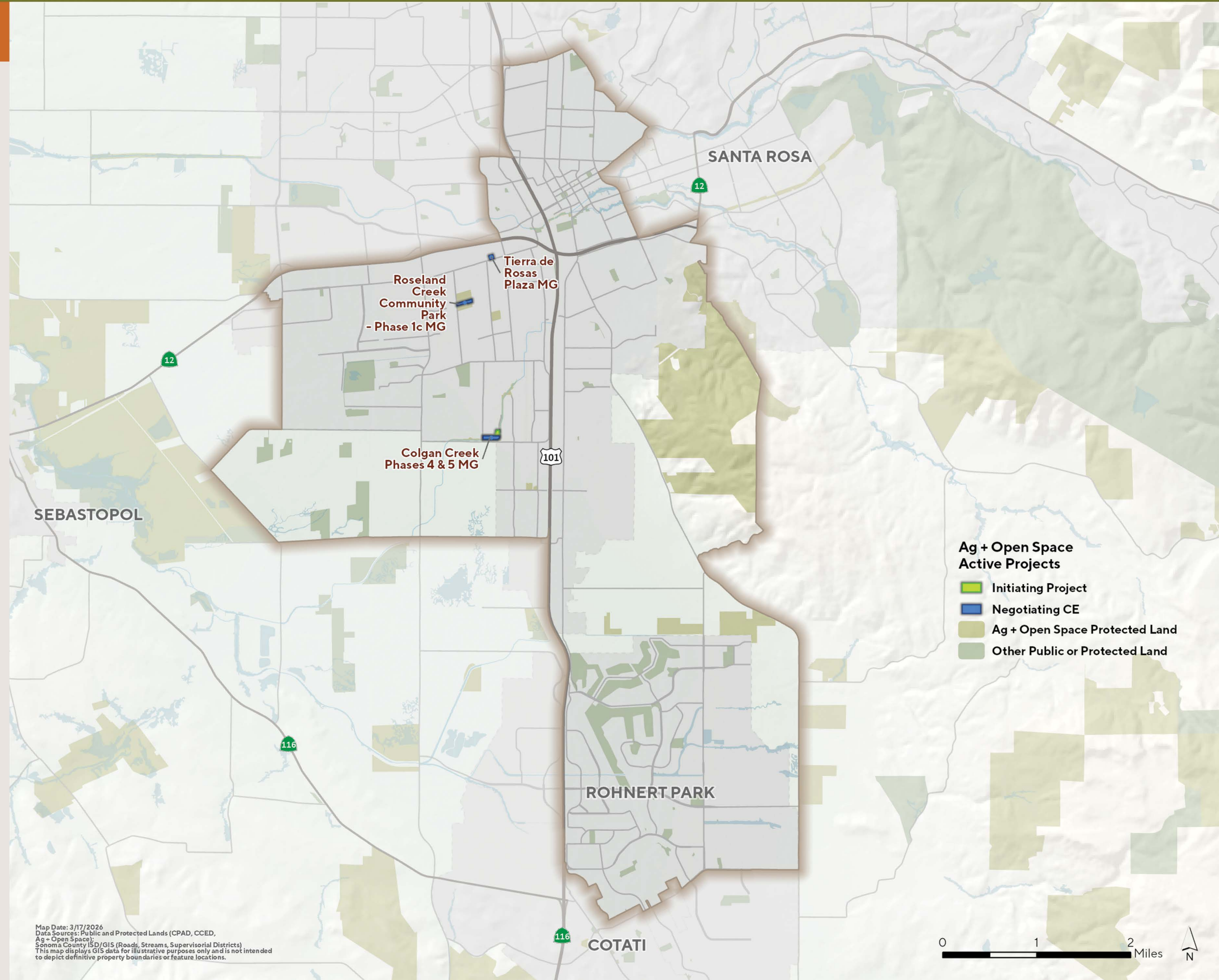
#### Roseland Creek Community Park - Phase 1c MG

This project is a 3-acre addition to Roseland 1a and 1b Community Park Matching Grant projects. We are working with the City of Santa Rosa to amend and replace the 1a and 1b conservation easements, so that there is one easement over the new park. This park is located between Burbank Ave and McMinn Ave in the Roseland neighborhood of Santa Rosa. Vital Lands Initiative Goals: Healthy Communities, Water

#### Tierra de Rosas Plaza MG

As part of long-term dream of the Roseland community, the Sonoma County Community Development Commission's Tierra de Rosas project will create an open green space in the heart of a major mixed-use development. In addition to the beloved Mitote Food Park, this park will be a core element of the plan to convert what is mostly parking lots and empty storefronts into a vibrant gathering, celebration, and recreation hub for Roseland residents

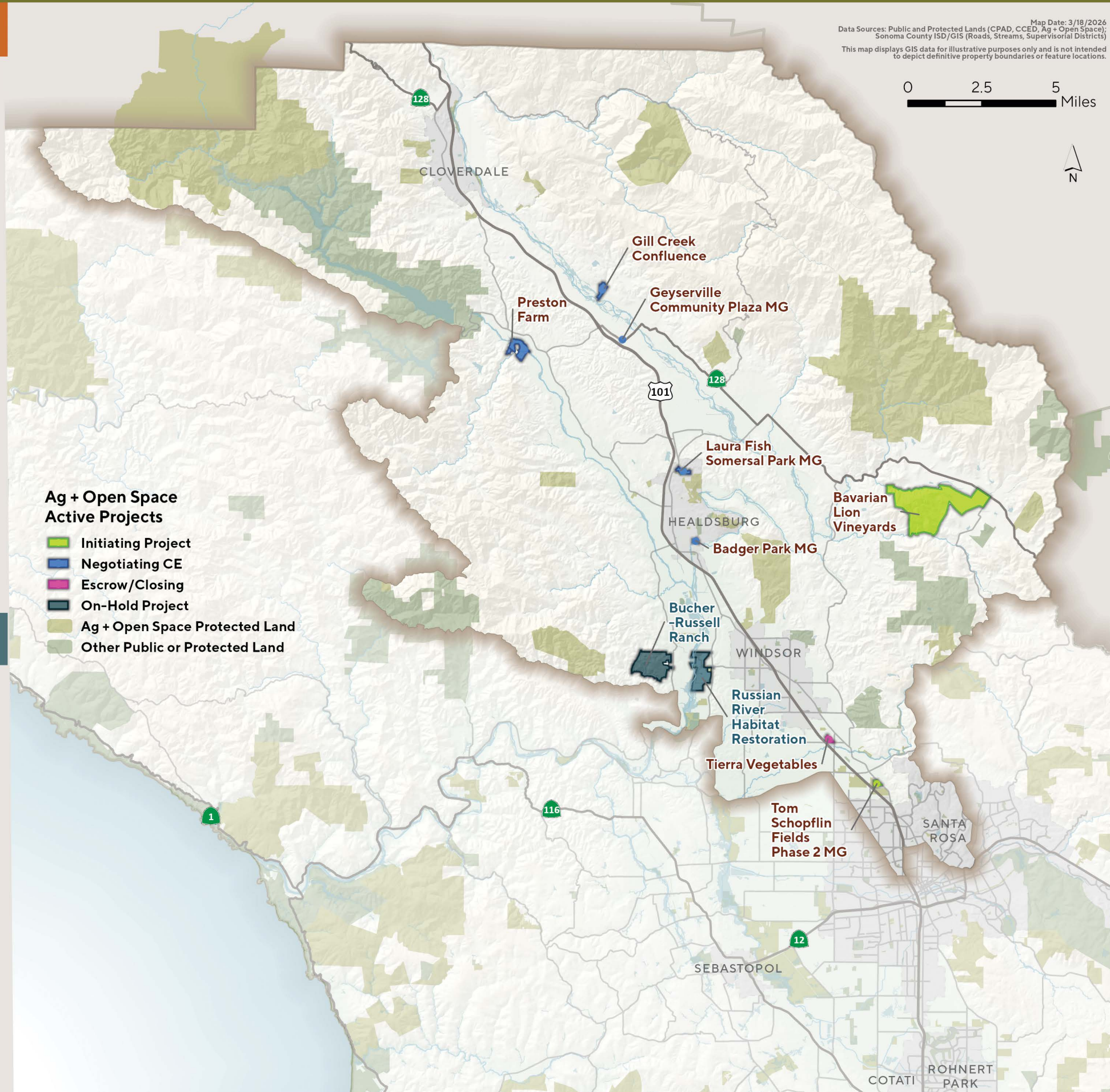
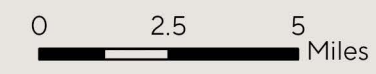
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**Preston Farm**

This project includes a conservation easement on 120 acres of agricultural land on the southwest side of Dry Creek. There is a narrow band of riparian habitat along Dry Creek and Pena Creek, but most of the property is developed or under intensive agricultural use. The landowners would like to convert more of the property to natural resource restoration and transition ownership to a community-based, education-focused farm. Staff is developing a complex project structure that will protect the agricultural values while enabling restoration of riparian habitat. Vital Lands Initiative Goals: Agricultural Lands, Community Identity, Water, Wildlands

**Tierra Vegetables**

This farm, just east of Highway 101 north of Santa Rosa is part of a set of greenbelt properties that act as community separators between Santa Rosa and Windsor. It is operated by Tierra Vegetables, a small-scale operation that has farmed in Sonoma County for over 30 years. Tierra Vegetables leases the property from Ag + Open Space as part of Ag + Open Space's mission to encourage and support local agriculture in community separators. Ag + Open Space purchased this property in 1998.

**Tom Schopflin Fields Phase 2 MG**

The proposed project will bring a much-needed all-weather soccer field to Santa Rosa, creating more opportunities for underrepresented minority youth to play, train, and build community. With a shortage of accessible sports facilities in the area, this project will provide a vital outdoor space for recreation and connection. Funding from the Community Spaces Matching Grant Program will support the final design, permitting, and installation of the new field for Atlético Santa Rosa, including drainage, field base preparation, and turf installation. These improvements will not only expand public recreation opportunities at Tom Schopflin Fields but also help foster a more diverse and inclusive soccer community in Santa Rosa.

**Bucher-Russell Ranch**

This project comprises a pair of properties totaling 561.56-acres in Sonoma County, just off Westside Road and west of the Town of Windsor, and a short way east of the Pryor Ranch Conservation Easement. The Bucher portion of the ranch has been operated as a dairy in the recent past but is now used for cattle grazing and vineyards. If conserved, the two properties would protect a large block of farmland, mature oaks, and steelhead habitat

**Russian River Habitat Restoration**

This project is in partnership with Endangered Habitats Conservancy and Hanson Aggregates. There are several parcels that were mined for gravel by Hanson Aggregates, which are now proposed to be part of a restoration project. The land will eventually be conveyed to Regional Parks and Ag + Open Space will hold a conservation easement over all or a portion of the 63 acres of the proposed restoration project. Vital Lands Initiative Goals: Healthy Communities, Water, Wildlands

**Badger Park MG**  
 This Matching Grant Program project will protect via conservation easement up to 20 acres of parkland within the City of Healdsburg. The Badger Park Improvements and River Access project will officially incorporate the Russian River into Badger Park, providing the City's first authorized river access point. The project will also construct improvements and infrastructure needed to accommodate river access. Vital Lands Initiative Goals: Healthy Communities

**Bavarian Lion Vineyards**  
 This 1,858-acre conservation easement project in Knights Valley supports a mix of vineyard, grazing land, and moderately rugged wildland adjacent to the Pepperwood Preserve. It is positioned within an important wildlife corridor and hosts valley oak woodland, Coast redwood, and freshwater marsh. Franz Creek, a steelhead creek, and Redwood Creek, a steelhead and coho creek, flow across the property. Foothill yellow-legged frog, Kenwood Marsh checkerbloom, red-bellied newt, western pond turtle, and Sebastopol meadowfoam have all been observed on the property. Vital Lands Initiative Goals: Wildlands, Water, Agricultural Lands, and Community Identity

**Geyserville Community Plaza MG**  
 With our first Matching Grant project in Geyserville, the Sonoma County Public Infrastructure Department and the Geyserville Municipal Advisory Council will help create the community's first public park. Centrally located, and alongside the planned Smart Trail tracks and Great Redwood Trail, this park will create a more accessible way for residents to get outside and serve as a gathering space for beloved annual events. The park will also support the town's climate resilience with designs that will offer flood protection and a shaded areas for residents to cool down during hot weather. Vital Lands Initiative Goals: Healthy Communities

**Gill Creek Confluence**  
 This is a 51-acre property north of Geyserville. A conservation easement would provide an opportunity to protect and allow for restoration of Gill Creek and over 10 acres of Russian River floodplain. Vital Lands Initiative Goals: Water and Wildlands.

**Laura Fish Somersal Park MG**  
 With funding from the Matching Grant Program, the City of Healdsburg will construct new park facilities on their recently acquired 33-acre property in northern Healdsburg. The park will eventually provide connectivity via a public trail to Healdsburg Ridge Open Space Preserve. Vital Lands Initiative Goals: Healthy Communities

**Mark West Community Park Phase 2 MG**  
 An important step in creating the area's first central public park—a much-needed space for community gathering and healing in a neighborhood still recovering from the 2017 Tubbs Fire. This project builds on the recent acquisition of the parkland, made possible by support from the Community Spaces Matching Grant Program and the Mark West Area Community Foundation. Phase 2 will focus on essential planning, design, and infrastructure improvements to make the park safe, accessible, and welcoming for all. Planned upgrades include an ADA pathway and parking enhancements, safety features like swing-arm gates and low fencing, water and power hookups, tree and vegetation plantings, a lawn, benches, picnic tables, an irrigation system, and interpretive signage. These improvements will help transform the space into a vibrant community resource for recreation, connection, and reflection.

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### On Hold

### Active Projects

**A Place to Play MG**  
 With funding from the Matching Grant Program, the City of Santa Rosa will construct the first all weather multi-sport fields at the existing park. Vital Lands Initiative Goals: Healthy Communities

**Americorps Trail MG**  
 This trail project is a partnership with the City of Sebastopol. Located east of Morris Avenue on approximately 11 acres near the Laguna de Santa Rosa, the project consists of trail improvements, including a boardwalk, entrance signs and trailhead improvements, and a bridge across Zimpher Creek, connecting to Highway 12. Vital Lands Initiative Goals: Community Identity, Healthy Communities, Water

**Berry Forest Preserve**  
 This 132.63-acre conservation easement project located south of Monte Rio, is a forested property comprised of coast redwood, Douglas-fir, and tanoak forest that is adjacent to the future Starrett Hill Conservation Easement. Mesa Grande Gulch, a tributary to Russian River, flows across the property. It is positioned within an important wildlife corridor and has the potential to host, California giant salamander, northern spotted owl, and Sonoma tree vole. Vital Lands Initiative Goals: Wildlands and Community Identity.

**Bodega Bay Trail, North Harbor MG**  
 With funding from the Matching Grant Program, Sonoma County Regional Parks will construct a 0.6-mile trail from the Bodega Bay Community Center to the Bay. This will extend existing trail connections and provide pedestrian and bicycle access off of Highway 1. Vital Lands Initiative Goals: Healthy Communities

**Chanslor Ranch**  
 This is a conservation easement acquisition over the 378-acre Chanslor Ranch in partnership with Sonoma County Regional Parks to establish more parkland on the Sonoma Coast. Chanslor Ranch is adjacent to the Colliss conservation easement, Sonoma Coast State Park, and Carrington Coast Ranch Regional Park and OSP. The property hosts a variety of habitat types including Western North American Freshwater Marsh and native grasses. A portion of Salmon Creek runs through the property and hosts steelhead and freshwater shrimp. The property helps conserve a highly scenic piece of the Sonoma County coastline that is visible from Highway 1 and Carrington Coast Ranch Regional Park and OSP. Vital Lands Initiative Goals: Water, Wildlands, Community Identity and Healthy Communities

**Crawford Gulch**  
 This 92-acre acquisition is a partnership with Sweetwater Springs Water District and the Monte Rio Recreation and Park District. Vital Lands Initiative Goals: Water, Wildlands, and Healthy Communities

**Guerneville River Park Phase 2 MG**  
 This 0.53-acre property is located immediately east of the Highway 116 bridge across the Russian River from Guerneville. The 1.17-acre Guerneville River Park, lies both east and west of the bridge. The park was developed in 2007. The fee acquisition is a 0.53-acre (23,053 square foot) portion of the 1.17-acre parcel. The property is undeveloped except for an old barn, and a paved emergency road from neighboring properties to the Highway 116 bridge. Vital Lands Initiative Goals: Healthy Communities

**Laguna Oakwild**  
 This 149.88-acre property is located northwest of Santa Rosa near the confluence of Mark West Creek and the Laguna de Santa Rosa. Mark West Creek flows through the property, and backwaters into a large wetland complex used by migratory waterfowl. The remainder of the property has been a family farm for most of the last century, and is a mix of beef cattle grazing and vineyards. A conservation easement will protect the wetlands and streams, while allowing for continued agricultural production.

**Landwell**  
 This is a 21.66-acre property located west of Sebastopol and along Jonive Creek, which supports steelhead trout and other aquatic species. The property has been recently acquired by an affordable housing cooperative, which plans to offer educational opportunities and expand existing small-scale farming operations. Conservation of the property will support the farming operation and establish protections for the riparian corridor and floodplain wetlands.

**Little Rancheria Creek**  
 This 276.16-acre conservation easement project located directly south of the Gloeckner-Turner Ranch Conservation Easement and two miles east of the Warm Springs arm of the Lake Sonoma Reservoir. The property is aligned along Little Rancheria Creek, a year-round steelhead-bearing stream that flows across the property. The property features redwood, Douglas-fir, mixed-hardwood, and riparian forest, as well as areas of manzanita and chapparal. Vital Lands Initiative Goals: Water and Wildlands.

**Occidental Community Plaza**  
 The Sonoma County Public Infrastructure Department is working to transform an underused lot in the heart of Occidental into the town's first public community open space. This vibrant new gathering place will provide opportunities for recreation and connection for residents and visitors alike. With support from the Community Spaces Matching Grant Program, the project will fund conceptual plans, construction documents, permits, bike racks, interpretive signage, railings, and landscaped vegetated swales. Additionally, grading and fill work will elevate the park to match the height of the existing public parking lot, ensuring accessibility for all.

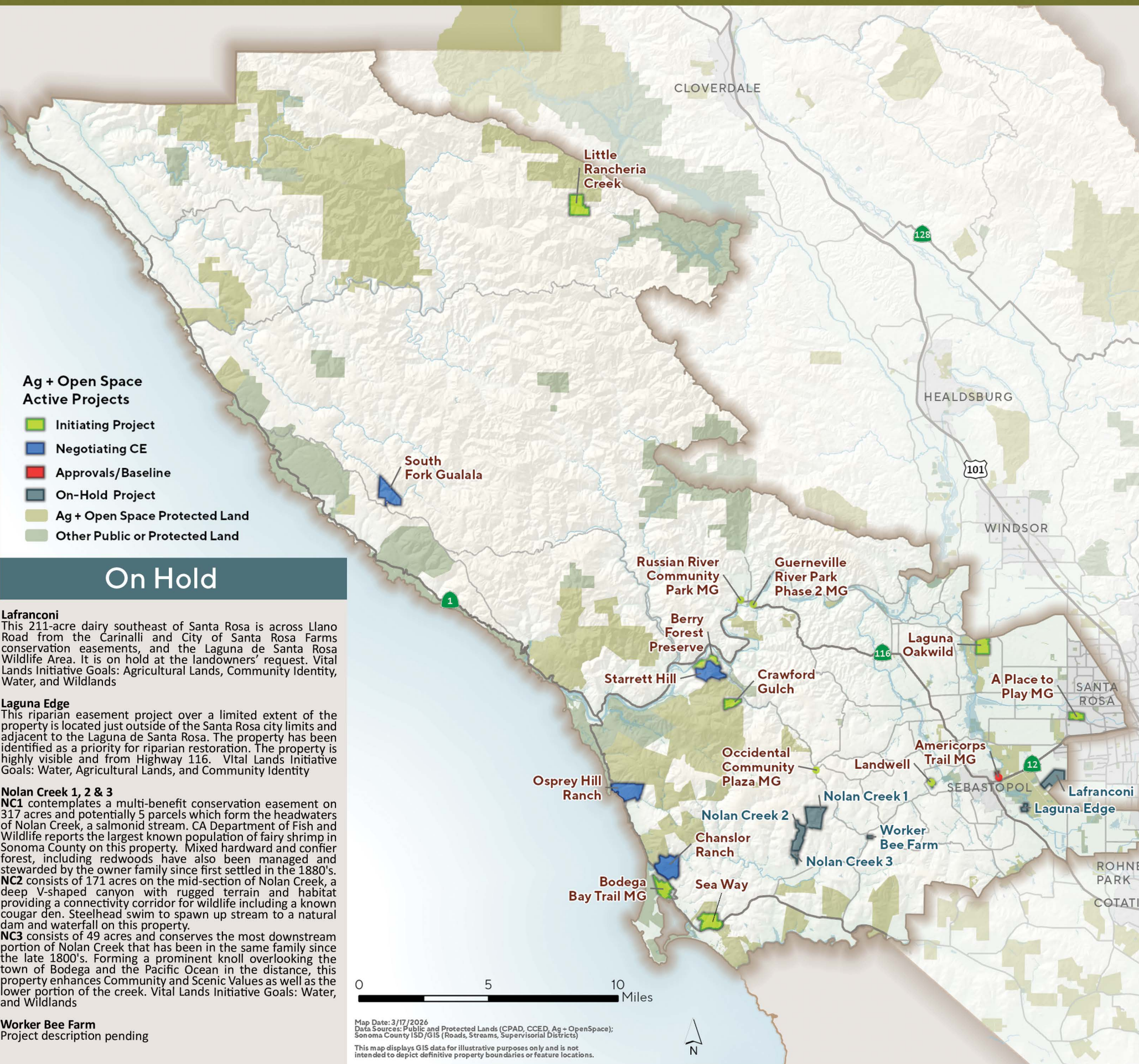
**Osprey Hill Ranch**  
 This is a 347-acre scenic coastal property north of Bodega Bay. The property is direct south of Sonoma Coast State Park – Red Hill Addition and Wright Hill Ranch Regional & Open Space Preserve, and east of Highway 1. The property features wetland and aquatic habitats suitable for restoration. A conservation easement would protect the property from development and will preserve the coastal scenic viewshed. Vital Lands Initiative Goals: Community Identity, Water, and Wildlands.

**Russian River Community Park**  
 The Sonoma County Public Infrastructure Department is using Community Spaces Matching Grant funding to create a much-needed community park in the heart of Guerneville. This rare, flat open space—located near downtown and adjacent to the Guerneville County Park and Ride—offers an ideal setting for recreation and gathering. The site, which features Liverau Creek and valuable riparian habitat, will be thoughtfully designed to balance natural restoration with community use. Planned improvements include creek restoration, a stormwater treatment swale, an open grass multi-use field, a natural play structure, a community garden, picnic areas, dog parks, an amphitheater, a nature trail, restrooms, and permeable parking. This park will provide a welcoming space for residents and visitors alike, fostering recreation, connection, and environmental stewardship

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  - On-Hold Project
  - Ag + Open Space Protected Land
  - Other Public or Protected Land

### On Hold

**Lafranconi**  
 This 211-acre dairy southeast of Santa Rosa is across Llano Road from the Carinalli and City of Santa Rosa Farms conservation easements, and the Laguna de Santa Rosa Wildlife Area. It is on hold at the landowners' request. Vital Lands Initiative Goals: Agricultural Lands, Community Identity, Water, and Wildlands

**Laguna Edge**  
 This riparian easement project over a limited extent of the property is located just outside of the Santa Rosa city limits and adjacent to the Laguna de Santa Rosa. The property has been identified as a priority for riparian restoration. The property is highly visible and from Highway 116. Vital Lands Initiative Goals: Water, Agricultural Lands, and Community Identity

**Nolan Creek 1, 2 & 3**  
**NC1** contemplates a multi-benefit conservation easement on 317 acres and potentially 5 parcels which form the headwaters of Nolan Creek, a salmonid stream. CA Department of Fish and Wildlife reports the largest known population of fairy shrimp in Sonoma County on this property. Mixed hardwood and conifer forest, including redwoods have also been managed and stewarded by the owner family since first settled in the 1880's. **NC2** consists of 171 acres on the mid-section of Nolan Creek, a deep V-shaped canyon with rugged terrain and habitat providing a connectivity corridor for wildlife including a known cougar den. Steelhead swim to spawn up stream to a natural dam and waterfall on this property. **NC3** consists of 49 acres and conserves the most downstream portion of Nolan Creek that has been in the same family since the late 1800's. Forming a prominent knoll overlooking the town of Bodega and the Pacific Ocean in the distance, this property enhances Community and Scenic Values as well as the lower portion of the creek. Vital Lands Initiative Goals: Water, and Wildlands

**Worker Bee Farm**  
 Project description pending

Map Date: 3/17/2026  
 Data Sources: Public and Protected Lands (CPAD, CCEd, Ag + OpenSpace); Sonoma County ISD/GIS (Roads, Streams, Supervisorial Districts)  
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