



# A VOICE FOR NATURE



## 30X30 GOALS

Land conservation is key to achieving the 30x30 goal and Sonoma Land Trust is poised to lead the way with land acquisitions, conservation easements, and through collaborative partnerships with government agencies.

Our projects and programs prioritize the most threatened species and habitat areas in the county which safeguards critical water and food supplies while adsorbing harmful carbon pollution. **To achieve this goal we must conserve 78,000 acres in Sonoma County by 2030.**



## PRESCRIBED FIRE

In the wake of the devastating 2017 Nuns Fire, Sonoma Land Trust co-founded the Sonoma Valley Wildlands Collaborative (SVWC) with six local conservation organizations and land management agencies. Collectively, we manage 18,000 acres of protected land, coordinating fire and vegetation management across 27 projects in the Sonoma Valley.

Returning fire's ecological role is an essential component to rejuvenating fire resilient ecosystems. **This work improves the health and safety of our lands and communities and has the ability to scale to a state-wide program, creating a climate-ready future.**



## SANTA ROSA SOUTHEAST GREENWAY

We are partnering with the City of Santa Rosa to purchase the Southeast Greenway from Caltrans to transform a two-mile vacant corridor (the abandoned Highway 12 right-of-way) into a new, 47-acre urban greenway park and open space amenity for the largest city in Sonoma County.

This would become the City's own "Central Park" with paths for cyclists and pedestrians, pocket parks, opportunities for outdoor play and education for nearby schools. **Equitable access to nature provides clean air and cooling centers for everyone.**







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## SONOMA DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER (SDC)

SDC is situated in the heart of the **Sonoma Valley Wildlife Corridor**, and for nearly a decade, our advocacy focused on two main areas: ensuring the protection of the wildlife corridor with mandatory setbacks, and the transfer of 750 acres of open space into park ownership. As a result of this work, the Sonoma County Planning Commission recently recognized the critical importance of the wildlife corridor by expanding protected areas on the campus and delegating management of the preserved open space to the park agencies.

We appreciate the “Sonoma Open Space Area Operations” Budget Change Proposal to authorize the transfer of 750 acres of open space and wildlife habitat lands of SDC to the CA Dept. of Parks & Rec. **Connecting protected areas for wildlife to safely roam in urban spaces is a top priority.**



## STATE ROUTE 37

The redesign of State Route 37 will directly affect the ecological health and resilience of thousands of acres of wetlands along the North Bay shoreline. We coordinated meetings and site visits to the San Pablo Baylands with landowners, elected officials, and environmental and government agency leadership to collaborate on a vision for a multi-benefit redesign that supports resilient communities and healthy environments.

We support the recent Caltrans selection of an elevated causeway design, which will allow continued progress on 20,000 acres of wetland and habitat restoration. The multi-benefit project prepares us for a climate-ready future by incorporating natural infrastructure that will buffer the effects of flooding and erosion, while creating recreational spaces for everyone to enjoy. **We can build lasting infrastructure for a climate ready future today.**



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