

Public Participation Opportunities

Get Involved in Your Watershed!

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Want to learn about watersheds and pollution prevention? Earn community service hours? Or just go out and enjoy nature? Browse this list of local organizations to find an activity that fits your needs.

This list is alphabetical by organization.

Organization or Program	Description or Opportunity	Contact Information	Activity			
			Volunteer	Take a Class	Tours and Events	Explore Nature
Acterra	Opportunities for individuals and groups to learn about ecology, have fun, and participate in restoration work	3921 East Bayshore Road Palo Alto, CA 94303 650-961-1035 www.acterra.org	✓	✓	✓	✓
Adopt a Creek Program	Preserve the health and beauty of Santa Clara County Creeks by conducting clean up events	5750 Almaden Expressway San José, CA 95118 408-265-2600 www.valleywater.org	✓			
Adopt-a-Park/ Adopt-a-Trail Program	Maintain neighborhood parks, trails, and other City of San José parkland	200 East Santa Clara Street, Tower Floor 9 San José, CA 95113 408-793-4190 www.sjadoptapark.org adoptapark@sanjoseca.gov	✓			
Anti-Graffiti and Litter Program	Clean-up litter and remove graffiti in the City of San José	501 Vine St San José, CA 95113 408-277-3208 www.sanjoseca.gov/prms/antiLITTERprogram/litterindex.asp	✓			

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Bay Model Visitor Center	See a working model of the San Francisco Bay and Sacramento - San Joaquin River Delta System	2100 Bridgeway Sausalito, CA 94965 415-332-3871 www.spn.usace.army.mil/bmvc			✓	
California Native Plant Society: Santa Clara Valley	Help at local parks around the county to restore native habitat through planting California natives, trail maintenance, and removing invasive plants	3921 E. Bayshore Road. Room 205 Palo Alto, CA 94303 www.cnps-scv.org Cnps_scv@yahoo.com	✓	✓		
Canopy	Help survey the health of Palo Alto trees	3921 East Bayshore Road Palo Alto, CA 94303 650-964-6110 www.canopy.org info@canopy.org	✓			
City of Palo Alto Open Space	Explore Palo Alto parks and volunteer to restore and preserve native habitat	650-496-6962 www.cityofpaloalto.org/depts/csd/parks_and_open_space/default.asp	✓			✓
Committee for Green Foothills	Protect and preserve open space and habitat on the San Francisco Peninsula and Coastside, throughout San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties	Peninsula Conservation Center 3921 East Bayshore Road Palo Alto, CA 94303 650-968-7243 www.greenfoothills.org info@GreenFoothills.org	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Common Ground Garden Supply and Education Center	Learn about organic gardening and sustainable practices	559 College Avenue Palo Alto, CA 94306 650-493-6072 www.commongroundinpaloalto.org manager@commongroundinpaloalto.org	✓	✓		
County of Santa Clara Home Composting Educational Program	Learn how to compost	1553 Berger Drive, Building 1 San José, CA 95112 408-918-4640 www.reducewaste.org compost@pln.sccgov.org		✓		
Creek Connections Action Group	Coordinates National River Clean up Day (3 rd Saturday in May) and Coastal Cleanu Day (3 rd Saturday in September) for Santa Clara County	www.cleanacreek.org	✓			
Deer Hollow Farm	An educational center where the public, schools, and community groups can observe and participate in a historic working farm	City of Mountain View Recreation Division Post Office Box 7540 Mountain View, CA 94039 650-903-6430 http://www.ci.mtnview.ca.us/city_hall/comm_services/recreation_programs_and_services/deer_hollow_farm.asp	✓	✓		✓
Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge	Visit the Refuge and see the place where "San Jose meets the Bay". Lots of volunteer opportunities and programs for adults and kids	Gold Street Alviso, CA 95134 510-792-0222 ext. 41 www.fws.gov/desfbay/index.htm	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Environmental Volunteers	Promote understanding of, and responsibility for, the environment through hands-on science education	4020 Moorpark Ave. Suite 104 San José, CA 95117 408-244-2449 www.evols.org info@evols.org	✓	✓		
Friends of Coyote Creek	Help restore and preserve Coyote Creek and surrounding Santa Clara Valley waterways	408-292-8171	✓			
Friends of Foothill Park	Help remove invasive species from Foothill Park in Palo Alto	2015 Middlefield Road Palo Alto, CA 94301 650-321-7882 www.friendsoffoothillspark.org	✓			
Friends of Guadalupe River Park and Gardens	Join this community group to promote active use of the park through education, advocacy and stewardship	438 Coleman Ave San Jose, CA 95110 (408) 298-7657 www.grpg.org	✓	✓	✓	✓
Friends of Los Alamitos Watershed	Help clean-up and restore the Alamitos watershed	www.folaw.org	✓			
Friends of Stevens Creek Trail	Join this community group to help raise community awareness and support for the completion of a trail in the Stevens Creek Corridor.	www.stevenscreektrail.org	✓	✓		✓

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Full Circle Farm	Learn about urban gardening	1055 Dunford Way Sunnyvale, CA 94087 www.fullcirclesunnyvale.org		✓		
Going Native Garden Tour	Help conduct native garden tours or visit the gardens featured. Tour conducted each year in April	www.goingnativegardentour.org/index.php	✓		✓	✓
Green Challenge	Help clean-up the baylands and rivers, and restore native vegetation in the Bay Area	1922 The Alameda, Suite 100 San José, CA 95126 408-247-1126 www.greenchallenge0709.org	✓			
Greenbelt Alliance	Join guided hikes or tours around the greenbelt or volunteer on a variety of projects	631 Howard Street, Suite 510 San Francisco, CA 94105 415-543-6771 www.greenbelt.org/regions/southbay/index.shtml	✓			✓
Lake Cunningham Volunteers	Help remove invasive species from Lake Cunningham	2927 Glen Craig Court San José, CA 95148 408 715-7020 http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LakeCunninghamVolunteers/	✓			
Magic	Learn about taking care of plants and trees	P.O. Box 15894 Stanford, CA 94309 650-323-7333 www.ecomagic.org		✓		

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Marine Science Institute	Learn about the creatures and habitats of the San Francisco Bay	500 Discovery Parkway Redwood City, CA 94063-4715 650-364-2760 www.sfbaymsi.org		✓		
Master Gardener Program-U.C. Cooperative Extension	Help educate the community about sustainable gardening	408-282-3105 www.mastergardeners.org/scc.html	✓	✓		
Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District	Help educate the community about the environment	650-692-1200 www.openspace.org volunteer@openspace.org	✓			
Our City Forest	Help plant trees	151 West Mission Street San José, CA 95110 408-998-7337 www.ourcityforest.org info@ourcityforest.org	✓			
Palo Alto Regional Water Quality Control Plant	Learn about preventing water pollution by touring the Palo Alto Water Pollution Control Plant. Available to East Palo Alto, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Mountain View, Palo Alto and Stanford residents 11 years and older.	2501 Embarcadero Way Palo Alto, CA 94303 650-329-2598 www.cityofpaloalto.org			✓	

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Project WET	Water education workshops for teachers	5750 Almaden Expressway San José, CA 95118-3686 408-979-5646 www.valleywater.org/For_teachers_and_students/Teaching_materials/Project_WET.shtm		✓		
Project WILD	Environmental education source for teachers and students	Dept. of Fish & Game 1807 13th St.Rm 104 Sacramento, Ca 95814 916-322-8974 www.projectwild.org		✓		
Salmon and Steelhead Restoration Group	Help restore habitat for native fish of the Guadalupe River	www.silichip.org rocast1@comcast.net	✓			
San Francisco Bay Trail Project	Explore bicycling and hiking trails around the Bay	baytrail.abag.ca.gov				✓
Santa Clara County Creeks Coalition	Help promote stewardship for streams and stream restoration	www.sccreeks.org	✓			
Santa Clara County Open Space Authority	Join hikes, rides and special events offer a chance to enjoy trails and preserves and learn about nature.	6980 Santa Teresa Blvd. Suite# 100 San José, CA 95119 408-224-7476 www.openspaceauthority.org	✓	✓		✓

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Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department	Help maintain park trails	298 Garden Hill Drive Los Gatos, CA 95032 408-355-2267 www.parkhere.org	✓			✓
Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society	Learn about birds and participate in many fun and educational activities	22221 McClellan Rd Cupertino, CA 95014 408-252-3740 www.scvas.org programs@scvas.org	✓	✓		
Save the Bay	Help educate the community about protecting the Bay	350 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Suite 900 Oakland, CA 94612 510-452-9261 www.savesfbay.org savebay@saveSFbay.org	✓			
Youth Science Institute Science and Nature Center: Alum Rock Park	Nature based science education	16260 Penitencia Road San José, CA 95127 408-356-4945 www.yisi-ca.org alumrock@ysi-ca.org	✓	✓		
Science and Nature Center: Sanborn Park	Nature based science education	16055 Sanborn Road Saratoga, CA 95070 408-356-4945 www.yisi-ca.org sanborn@ysi-ca.org	✓	✓		

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Science and Nature Center: Vasona Park	Nature based science education	333 Blossom Hill Rd Los Gatos, CA 95032 408-356-4945 www.ysi-ca.org info@ysi-ca.org	✓	✓		
Sempervirens Fund	Help remove invasive species in the Santa Cruz Mountains	P.O. Drawer BE Los Altos, CA 94023 www.sempervirens.org	✓			
Shoreline at Mountain View	Explore the bike and walking trails on the north edge of Shoreline	www.ci.mtnview.ca.us/city_hall/comm_services/shoreline_regional_wildlife_area/default.asp				✓
Sierra Club - Loma Prieta Chapter	Explore hiking trails in the Santa Clara County area	3921 East Bayshore Road, Suite 204 Palo Alto, CA 94303 650-390-8411 www.lomaprieta.sierraclub.org loma.prieta.chapter@sierraclub.org				✓
South Bay Salt Pond Restoration	Learn about the South Bay Salt Ponds	www.southbayrestoration.org sbrfeedback@sfei.org			✓	✓
Stevens Creek/Permanente Creek Watershed Council	Help protect the Stevens Creek and Permanente Creek Watersheds	2353 Venndale Ave San José, CA 95124 408-356-8258 www.spcwc.org info@spcwc.org	✓		✓	✓

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Sunnyvale Baylands Park	Explore the pathways and picnic areas of the baylands	E Caribbean Dr and Moffet Park Dr Sunnyvale, CA 94087 408-730-7751 www.sunnyvale.ca.gov/Departments/Parks+and+Recreation/Parks/Baylands				✓
Sunnyvale Materials Recovery and Transfer (SMaRT) Station	Learn about local waste disposal and recycling efforts to protect our watershed by touring the Sunnyvale SMaRT Station	1444 Borregas Avenue Sunnyvale, CA 94088 (408) 752-8530 www.sunnyvale.ca.gov/Departments/Public+Works/Water+Pollution+Control+Plant/			✓	
Sunnyvale Water Pollution Control Plant	Learn about preventing water pollution by touring the Sunnyvale Water Pollution Control Plant	1444 Borregas Avenue Sunnyvale, CA 94088 (408) 730-7738 www.sunnyvale.ca.gov/Departments/Public+Works/Water+Pollution+Control+Plant/ wpcp@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us			✓	
Ulistac Natural Area	Explore the walking and biking trails of Ulistac and enjoy the natural habitats	4901 Lick Mill Blvd Santa Clara, CA 95054 (408) 554-5419 www.santaclaraca.gov/park_recreation/pr_ulistac.html ulistac@scu.edu				✓
Veggielution	Learn about urban gardening	Emma Prusch Park 647 South King Road San José, CA 95116 408-887-2562 www.veggielution.org	✓	✓		

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Village Harvest	Learn about urban gardening	P.O. Box 9231 San José, CA 95157 888-FRUIT-411 www.villageharvest.org		✓		
Wild Zones	Explore Family Play Days at Ulistac Natural Area	4901 Lick Mill Blvd Santa Clara, CA 95054 www.wild-zone.net				✓
Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley	Learn about wildlife and habitats in Silicon Valley	3027 Penitencia Creek Rd San José, CA 95132 408-929-WILD www.wcsv.org		✓		
Wonders of Our Water Works	Learn about protecting our watersheds by touring the San José/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant	700 Los Esteros Road San José, CA 95134 www.piersystem.com/go/doc/1823/258436			✓	