

# 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 650-962-9876 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/Programs/AdoptACreek.aspx	✓			
Adopt-a-Park/ Adopt-a-Trail Program	Protect and enhance San José's neighborhood parks and open spaces	200 East Santa Clara Street, Tower Floor 9 San José, CA 95113 408-793-4190 www.sanjoseca.gov/index.aspx?NID=591 adopt-a-park@sanjoseca.gov	✓			
Adopt-a-Spot	Beautify neighborhoods and open spaces by removing litter and debris in the City of Santa Clara	1500 Warburton Avenue Santa Clara, CA 95050 408-615-3080 www.santaclaraca.gov/AdoptASpot Environment@SantaClaraCA.gov	✓			

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Anti-Graffiti and Litter Program	Clean-up litter and remove graffiti in the City of San José	1661 Senter Rd., Building G, Room 10 San José, CA 95112 408-975-7233 <a href="http://www.sanjoseca.gov/prns/antigrffiti/">www.sanjoseca.gov/prns/antigrffiti/</a>	✓			
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 <a href="http://www.spn.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation">http://www.spn.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation</a>			✓	
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 650-260-3450 <a href="http://www.cnps-scv.org">www.cnps-scv.org</a> <a href="mailto:info@cnps-scv.org">info@cnps-scv.org</a>	✓	✓		✓
Canopy	Help survey the health of Palo Alto and East Palo Alto trees	3921 East Bayshore Road Palo Alto, CA 94303 650-964-6110 <a href="http://www.canopy.org">www.canopy.org</a> <a href="mailto:info@canopy.org">info@canopy.org</a>	✓	✓	✓	
City of Palo Alto Open Space	Explore Palo Alto parks and volunteer to restore and preserve native habitat	3201 E. Bayshore Road Palo Alto, CA 94303 650-496-6962 <a href="http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/csd/parks@cityofpaloalto.org">http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/csd/parks@cityofpaloalto.org</a>	✓			✓

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Committee for Green Foothills	Protect and preserve open space and habitat on the San Francisco Peninsula and Coastsides, 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	✓	✓	✓	✓
Creek Connections Action Group	Participate in National River Clean up Day (3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday in May) and Coastal Cleanup Day (3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday in September) for Santa Clara County	5750 Almaden Expressway San Jose, CA 95118 408-630-2239 www.cleanacreek.org volunteer@valleywater.org	✓			
Deer Hollow Farm	Observe and participate in a historic working farm	22500 Cristo Rey Dr. Cupertino, CA 95014 650-903-6430 www.deerhollowfarmfriends.org deerhollowfarm@mountainview.gov	✓	✓	✓	✓
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	1751 Grand Blvd. Alviso, CA 95002 408-262-5513 www.fws.gov sfbaynwrc@fws.gov	✓	✓	✓	✓
Environmental Volunteers	Promote understanding of, and responsibility for, the environment through hands-on science education	EcoCenter 2560 Embarcadero Rd. Palo Alto, CA 94303 650-493-8000 www.evols.org volunteer@Evol.org	✓	✓		✓

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Friends of Coyote Creek	Help restore and preserve Coyote Creek and surrounding Santa Clara Valley waterways	<a href="http://www.friendsofcoyotecreekwatershed.org">www.friendsofcoyotecreekwatershed.org</a>	✓			
Friends of Los Alamitos Watershed	Help clean-up and restore the Alamitos watershed	P.O. Box 122 New Almaden, CA 95042 408-268-2703 <a href="http://www.folaw.org">www.folaw.org</a> <a href="mailto:folaw@folaw.org">folaw@folaw.org</a>	✓			
Friends of the Palo Alto Parks	Enrich, enhance, and beautify Palo Alto's parks and open spaces.	425 Grant Ave., Suite 27 Palo Alto, CA 94306 650-327-7323 <a href="http://www.friendsofpapakrs.org">www.friendsofpapakrs.org</a>	✓			
Friends of Stevens Creek Trail	Help restore and preserve Stevens Creek Trail	22221 McClellan Rd. Cupertino, CA 95014 408-255-5780 <a href="http://www.stevenscreektrail.org">www.stevenscreektrail.org</a>	✓	✓		✓
Full Circle Farm	Learn about urban gardening	1055 Dunford Way Sunnyvale, CA 94087 408-735-8154 <a href="http://www.fullcirclesunnyvale.org">www.fullcirclesunnyvale.org</a> <a href="mailto:info@fullcirclesunnyvale.org">info@fullcirclesunnyvale.org</a>	✓	✓	✓	✓
Going Native Garden Tour	Help conduct native garden tours or visit the gardens featured. Tour conducted each year in April	<a href="http://www.goingnativegardentour.org">www.goingnativegardentour.org</a> <a href="mailto:info@gngt.org">info@gngt.org</a>	✓		✓	

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Greenbelt Alliance	Join guided hikes or tours around the greenbelt or volunteer on a variety of projects	312 Sutter St., Suite 510 San Francisco, CA 94108 415-543-6771 www.greenbelt.org	✓		✓	✓
Guadalupe River Park Conservancy	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	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lake Cunningham Volunteers	Help with invasive plant removal, mulching, planting, and watering at Lake Cunningham	2305 S. White Rd. San José, CA 95148 408 715-7020 <a href="https://lakecunninghamnativegarden.org/volunteer">https://lakecunninghamnativegarden.org/volunteer</a>	✓			
Magic	Learn about taking care of plants and trees	381 Oxford Ave. Palo Alto, CA 94306 650-323-7333 www.ecomagic.org	✓	✓		
Marine Science Institute	Learn about the creatures and habitats of the San Francisco Bay	500 Discovery Parkway Redwood City, CA 94063 650-364-2760 www.sfbaymsi.org volunteer@sfbaymsi.org	✓	✓	✓	

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Master Gardener Program-U.C. Cooperative Extension	Help educate the community about sustainable gardening	408-282-3105 <a href="http://mgsantaclara.ucanr.edu">http://mgsantaclara.ucanr.edu</a>	✓	✓		
Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District	Help educate the community about the environment, construct and maintain trails, and remove invasive species	650-691-1200 <a href="http://www.openspace.org">www.openspace.org</a> <a href="mailto:info@openspace.org">info@openspace.org</a>	✓			✓
Our City Forest	Help plant trees	1590 Las Plumas Ave. San José, CA 95133 408-998-7337 <a href="http://www.ourcityforest.org">www.ourcityforest.org</a> <a href="mailto:info@ourcityforest.org">info@ourcityforest.org</a>	✓	✓		
Palo Alto Regional Water Quality Control Plant	Tour the Palo Alto Water Pollution Control Plant, request pollution prevention presentations at schools, businesses, or community organization.	2501 Embarcadero Way Palo Alto, CA 94303 650-329-2396 <a href="http://www.cleanbay.org">www.cleanbay.org</a>		✓	✓	
Project WET	Water education workshops for teachers	866-337-5486 <a href="http://projectwet.org/">http://projectwet.org/</a> <a href="mailto:info@projectwet.org">info@projectwet.org</a>	✓	✓		

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Salmon and Steelhead Restoration Group	Help restore habitat for native fish of the Guadalupe River & Coyote Creek	<a href="http://www.silichip.org">www.silichip.org</a>	✓			
San Francisco Bay Trail Project	Explore bicycling and hiking trails around the Bay	375 Beale St., Suite 700 San Francisco, CA 94105 415-820-7900 <a href="http://baytrail.org">http://baytrail.org</a>			✓	✓
Santa Clara County Creeks Coalition	Help promote stewardship for streams and stream restoration	24010 Summit Rd. Los Gatos, CA 95033 408-358-6963 <a href="http://www.scccreeks.org">www.scccreeks.org</a> <a href="mailto:info@scccreeks.org">info@scccreeks.org</a>	✓			
County of Santa Clara Home Composting Educational Program	Learn how to compost	1553 Berger Drive, Building 1 San José, CA 95112 408-918-4640 <a href="http://www.reducewaste.org">www.reducewaste.org</a> <a href="mailto:compost@pln.sccgov.org">compost@pln.sccgov.org</a>		✓		
Santa Clara County Open Space Authority	Join hikes, rides and special events that offer a chance to enjoy trails and preserves and learn about nature.	33 Las Colinas Ln., San José, CA 95119 408-224-7476 <a href="http://www.openspaceauthority.org">www.openspaceauthority.org</a>	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department	Help maintain park trails	298 Garden Hill Drive Los Gatos, CA 95032 408-355-2200 www.parkhere.org parkinfo@prk.sccgov.org	✓	✓	✓	✓
Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society	Learn about birds and participate in many fun and educational activities	22221 McClellan Rd Cupertino, CA 95014 408-252-3747 www.scvas.org programs@scvas.org	✓	✓	✓	✓
Save the Bay	Help educate the community about protecting the Bay	1330 Broadway, Suite 1800 Oakland, CA 94612-2519 510-463-6850 www.savesfbay.org info@saveSFbay.org	✓	✓		
Youth Science Institute Science and Nature Center: Alum Rock Park, Sanborn Park and Vasona Park	Nature based science education	296 Garden Hill Dr. Los Gatos, CA 95032 408-356-4945 www.ysi-ca.org info@ysi-ca.org	✓	✓		
Sempervirens Fund	Donate time & skills in the forest & in the office to help preserve the coastal redwoods of the Santa Cruz Mountains.	419 South San Antonio Rd. #211 Los Altos, CA 94022-3640 650-949-1453 www.sempervirens.org redwoods@sempervirens.org	✓		✓	✓



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Shoreline at Mountain View	Explore the bike and walking trails on the north edge of Shoreline	<a href="http://www.mountainview.gov/depts/cs/">http://www.mountainview.gov/depts/cs/</a>	✓			✓
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 <a href="http://www.sierraclub/loma-prieta">www.sierraclub/loma-prieta</a> <a href="mailto:loma.prieta.chapter@sierraclub.org">loma.prieta.chapter@sierraclub.org</a>	✓			✓
South Bay Clean Creeks Coalition (Friends of Los Gatos Creek)	Help restore habitat, preserve and clean-up local creeks in the Santa Clara Basin watershed	<a href="http://sbccleancreeks.com">http://sbccleancreeks.com</a>	✓			
South Bay Salt Pond Restoration	Learn about the South Bay Salt Ponds and help with restoration by pulling weeds and planting native species.	<a href="http://www.southbayrestoration.org">www.southbayrestoration.org</a> <a href="mailto:sbrfeedback@sfei.org">sbrfeedback@sfei.org</a>	✓		✓	✓
Sunnyvale Baylands Park	Explore the pathways and picnic areas of the baylands	999 E. Caribbean Dr. Sunnyvale, CA 94089 408-730-7350 <a href="https://www.sccgov.org/sites/parks/parkfinder/Pages/SunnyvaleBaylands.aspx">https://www.sccgov.org/sites/parks/parkfinder/Pages/SunnyvaleBaylands.aspx</a>				✓
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	301 Carl Rd. Sunnyvale, CA 94089 408-752-8530 <a href="https://sunnyvale.ca.gov/property/recycling/getrid/center.htm">https://sunnyvale.ca.gov/property/recycling/getrid/center.htm</a>			✓	

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Sunnyvale Water Pollution Control Plant	Learn about preventing water pollution by touring the Sunnyvale Water Pollution Control Plant or requesting classroom presentations	1444 Borregas Avenue Sunnyvale, CA 94088 408-730-7717 <a href="https://sunnyvale.ca.gov/property/water/sewer/controlplant.htm">https://sunnyvale.ca.gov/property/water/sewer/controlplant.htm</a> wpcp@sunnyvale.ca.gov			✓	
Ulistac Natural Area	Explore the walking and biking trails of Ulistac and enjoy the natural habitats	4901 Lick Mill Blvd Santa Clara, CA 95054 408-615-2260 <a href="http://ulistac.org/">http://ulistac.org/</a> ulistac@gmail.com	✓		✓	✓
Veggielution	Learn about urban gardening	Emma Prusch Park 647 South King Road San José, CA 95116 408-753-6705 <a href="http://www.veggielution.org">www.veggielution.org</a> info@veggielution.org	✓	✓	✓	
Village Harvest	Learn about urban gardening	P.O. Box 9231 San José, CA 95157 888-FRUIT-411 <a href="http://www.villageharvest.org">www.villageharvest.org</a> info@villageharvest.org	✓	✓		
Wild Zones	Explore Family Play Days at Ulistac Natural Area	4901 Lick Mill Blvd Santa Clara, CA 95054 <a href="http://www.wild-zone.net">www.wild-zone.net</a>			✓	✓
Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley	Learn about wildlife and habitats in Silicon Valley	3027 Penitencia Creek Rd San José, CA 95132 408-929-WILD <a href="http://www.wcsv.org">www.wcsv.org</a> info@wcsv.org	✓	✓		