

San Pablo Bay Watershed - South

Protecting the Wildcat and San Pablo Creek Watersheds through restoration and education

Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, Solano, and Sonoma Counties; State Senate Districts 7 & 9, State Assembly Districts 11 & 14

THE WATERSHED PROJECT



The continued urbanization of the San Pablo Bay South Watershed threatens to further alter watershed processes and functions. The Watershed Coordinator worked to develop a stewardship program to engage the urban community to take action in improving the health of their local watershed. Nearly 1,100 volunteers in the Wildcat Watershed and 1,409 volunteers in the San Pablo Creek Watershed were mobilized to assist with watershed improvement projects. Volunteers removed invasive weed species and planted native vegetation to enhance the riparian corridor along six stretches of the Wildcat and San Pablo Creeks.

The Coordinator worked with community partners, volunteers, and Contra Costa County's Watershed Forum to design and implement a water quality monitoring program for the San Pablo Creek Watershed. This program has provided valuable baseline data for measuring water quality conditions that is now being used to educate residents and encourage better stewardship.

The Watershed Project's educational programs brought interactive watershed education programs to almost 500 children each year of the three-year grant cycle. An innovative outdoor education program called the Riparian Lab has inspired a new generation of young watershed stewards.

For more information visit The Watershed Project website at <http://www.thewatershedproject.org>



- Removed over 60 cubic yards of trash over the course of 60 stewardship workdays
- Removed over 20,000 square feet of invasive vegetation and planted over 2,220 native plants along local creek banks
- Hosted 2 native garden tours at a San Pablo Creek restoration site to explain the benefits of native plants and methods for reducing invasive vegetation
- Recruited and trained 13 interns in plant identification, vegetation monitoring, restoration and erosion control techniques
- Organized 2 six-week-long job training programs for a group of at-risk youth
- Trained 243 volunteers in the identification and removal of invasive weeds
- Created a Wildcat Watershed Plant list and identification handbook

"We have strong partnerships with local municipalities and storm water managers and, more importantly, with local community groups and organizations interested in helping us protect the Wildcat and San Pablo Watersheds."

- Juliana Gonzalez, Program Manager

PARTNERS INCLUDED: Contra Costa County Public Works Dept. • Office of Supervisor John Gioia • Contra Costa County Library System • El Sobrante Chamber of Commerce • El Sobrante Boys and Girls Club • Soroptimists of Richmond • City of San Pablo • City of Richmond • Grizzly Peak Flyfishers Club • Contra Costa County Watershed Forum • Bay Area Watershed Network • California Native Plant Society • The Watershed Nursery • Native Here Nursery • Earth Team Environmental Network • Contra Costa County Unified School District • Wildcat, San Pablo, Rheem Watershed Council • Making Waves Academy • Recycle More