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The Friends of Stevens Creek Trail entered its fourth decade of activity, and already it has been one of great progress!

In 2024, we made the most significant progress toward trail development and expansion since 2021 when the extension to Linda Vista Park was inaugurated. Volunteer driven efforts cleared nearly one mile of dirt track connecting Linda Vista Park to Stevens Creek County Park. We continued to improve the Varian Park Connection with retaining walls bearing native plants. Annual monitoring of the creek restoration and barrier removal site at Deep Cliff Golf Course continues to show positive results.

As ever, we remain focused on our vision: welcoming trails and healthy wildlife corridors that connect people from the Bay to the mountains in the Stevens Creek and Permanente Creek watersheds. We are planning for a State of the Creek Summit in March 2025 - a gathering of Municipal, NGO, and other partners aimed at developing shared goals and an action plan that balances trail and habitat development for the coming decades.

Our mission to bring the community to the trail was highlighted this year with the 30th anniversary of the Trailblazer Race. It was an outstanding event with over 625 race participants, supported by a team of nearly one hundred volunteers. In June, we also co-hosted the first Solstice Ride along the trail to bring a free family-friendly cycling event to our annual calendar.

None of this would have been possible without you. Your contributions make progress like this possible, both this year and into the future. Your support is an endorsement of not only the work we do but also how we do it - being responsible custodians of your funds and the trust you place in us. We have received Candid's platinum seal of transparency again this year.

We thank you for your financial support.
Happy Trails!

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**Donate
Now!**



Stevens Creek is at the heart of what we consider Silicon Valley, running from its headwaters in our open spaces on Skyline ridge, through the cities of Sunnyvale, Mountain View, Los Altos, and Cupertino to the wetlands of San Francisco Bay for 27 miles. There is one organization that promotes both the walking and biking trails and the biodiversity corridor along the creek and that is the Friends of Stevens Creek Trail. They do a tremendous job for all of us - they deserve our support!

- **Yoriko Kishimoto**, Director, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District

We are happy to publicize, facilitate and coordinate activities of all types that support the trail and local wildlife corridor. If you or your organization are interested in such an activity, contact **volunteer@stevenscreektrail.org**. You can also find us at various Mountain View, Sunnyvale, Cupertino and Los Altos events.

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Achievements in 2024 (Made possible by you!)

Almost all of the work that we do is at the hands of volunteers - from our Board members to those who dig new trails, plant native vegetation, pick up trash, or lead our events. Your donations provide us with equipment, supplies and ability to produce communications for our public events enabling these volunteers to succeed. Please continue to support us in 2025 for another fantastic year along the trail!

Expanding & Enhancing the Trail

Closing gaps in the trail is an objective that supports our vision of welcoming trails that connect our community and bring people to nature. The development of the 1mi "Chen Arroyo" segment connecting Linda Vista Park to Stevens Creek County Park is a significant move forward toward that vision. Developing this segment through the basin of an old quarry takes hard work and resources. We hosted multiple work days this year to make this segment passable by hiking and mountain bike. But our work is far from done - we need your support to continue this project and close the gap that exists today.

At our tabling events throughout the year, one of the most frequent questions we get is "What are the plans to bridge the gaps and expand the trail?" We are proud of the progress we have made with our first-hand efforts and we are also looking forward to the kickoff of construction for the expansion of the paved trail from its current end point at Dale / Heatherstone south to Fremont Avenue. We are closely monitoring progress with both Sunnyvale and Mountain View to ensure this project moves forward with best results for the community.



Supporting Wildlife Along Our Creeks

In 2020, the Friends took on an ambitious project to remove a barrier to steelhead trout at Deep Cliff Golf Course in Cupertino. The funding you provide, coupled with grants we secured from local authorities, allowed us to complete the project in 2022. Just this month, habitat experts supported by volunteers performed an annual assessment and confirmed that the project site is meeting requirements and provides deep pool shelters for fish. We are evaluating remaining barriers to fish passage along the rest of the Stevens Creek and value your backing to help us achieve this mission to improve the wildlife corridor.

Bringing Community to the Trail

We are overjoyed by the amount of support we received in 2024 from community partners and Corporate groups. Our trail cleanups and volunteer work days provide the opportunity for teambuilding and the satisfaction of working together to improve our environment.

In coordination with the City of Mountain View and Valley Water, the Friends organized both public and private trail cleanups of the trail and creek bed, hosting participants from HP, Google, Kodiak Robotics, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Kol Emeth congregation, the "green teams" from Mountain View High School and Los Altos High Schools, and others. These events were generally run on Friday, Saturday or Sunday mornings, as well as on National River Cleanup Day and California Coastal Cleanup Day. Most of these groups are returning participants who value the experience so much that they collaborate with us every year - we would love to have your organization join this list in 2025.



Thank You

Find more information about our mission, projects, and the trail at stevenscreektrail.org. Visit paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/64118 or use the QR code to provide your financial support for the Friends of Stevens Creek Trail. Check with your employer for matching donations.

