

D6 Leadership

Presentation by the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority

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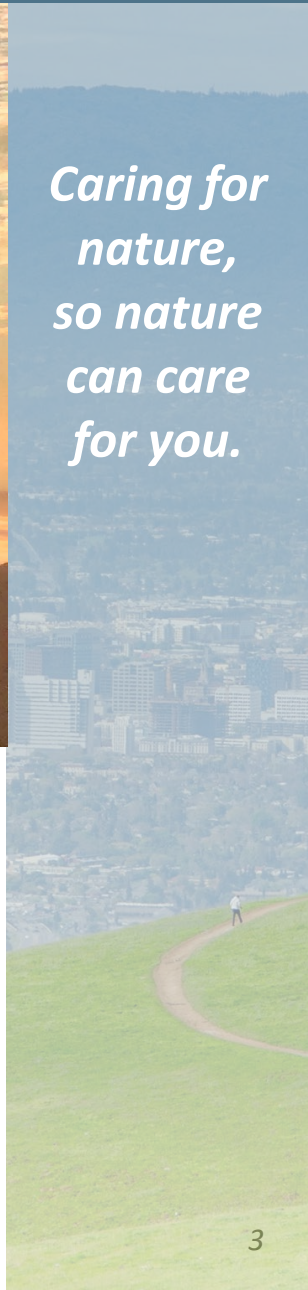
Our Mission

The Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority conserves the natural environment, supports agriculture, and connects people to nature, by protecting open spaces, natural areas, and working farms and ranches for future generations.



*Caring for
nature,
so nature
can care
for you.*

- Independent special district/public agency created in 1993
- Publicly accessible open space preserves – always free
- Funded through Measures Q & T - \$12M annually



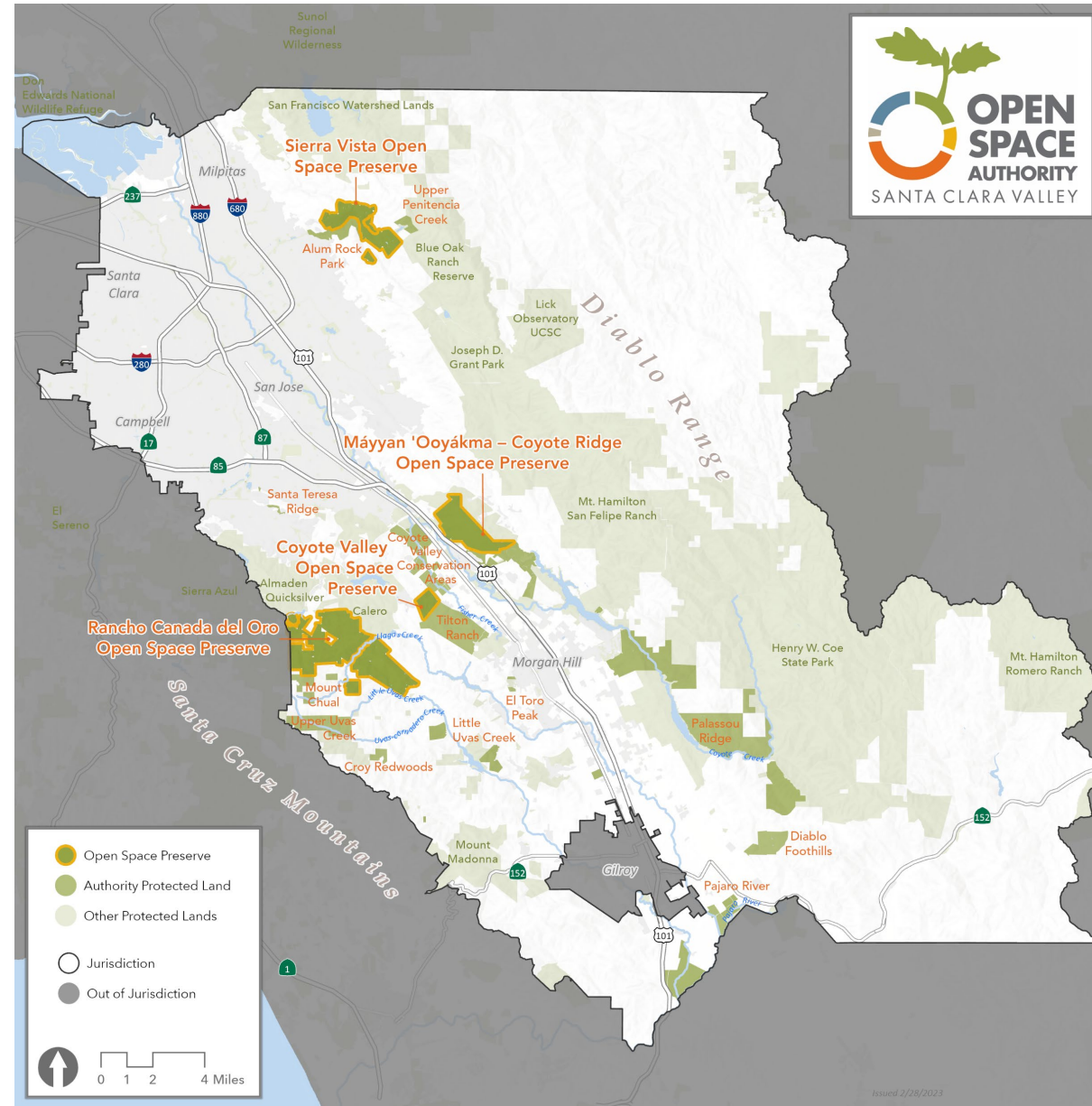
Caring for Nature: Watersheds, Wildlife and Working Lands



- Protecting the land through purchases from willing sellers
- Stewarding and healing the land
- Leading new research, policy and planning initiatives

Communities We Serve

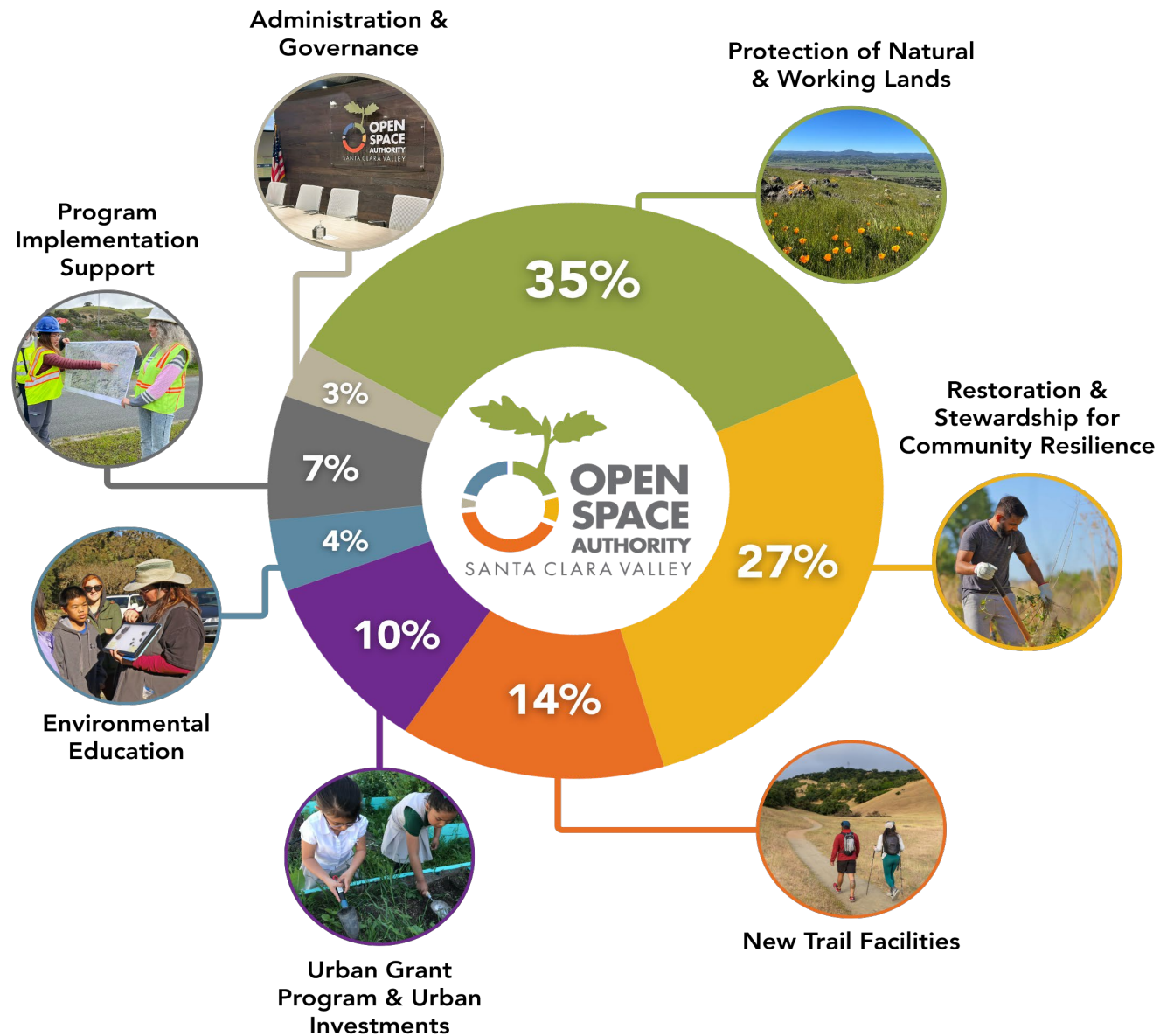
- Campbell
- Milpitas
- Morgan Hill
- San José
- Santa Clara
- Unincorporated areas of Santa Clara County



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Making Every Dollar Count

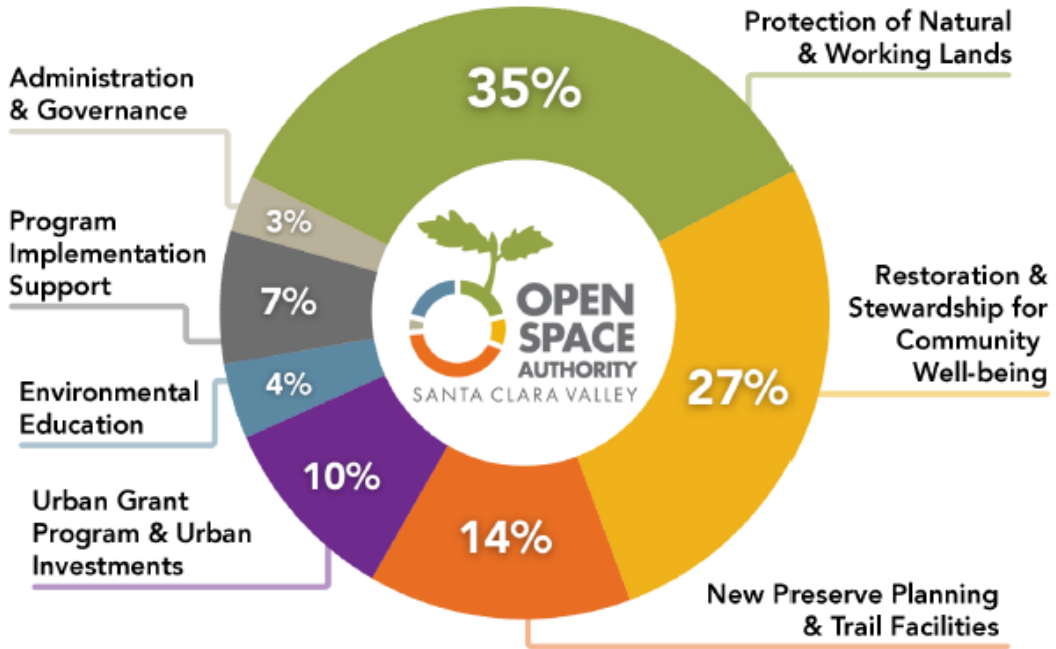
Measure Q and Measure T Expenditures 2015-2024



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Leveraging Outside Funding

Leveraged Funding 2015-2024



2.5X

Nature-based Resilience



Nature-based resilience to climate change and support health and sustainability of communities

- Nature-based solutions for increasing resilience to wildfire, drought, and flooding
- Providing benefits to mental, physical health in times of crisis

Nature as *Infrastructure*



- **Caring for Nature, So Nature Can Care for everyone**
- **Multi-Benefit Landscapes**

INNOVATION > SUSTAINABILITY

The Next Infrastructure Boom May Be Nature Itself

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Connecting People To Nature and Nature's Benefits

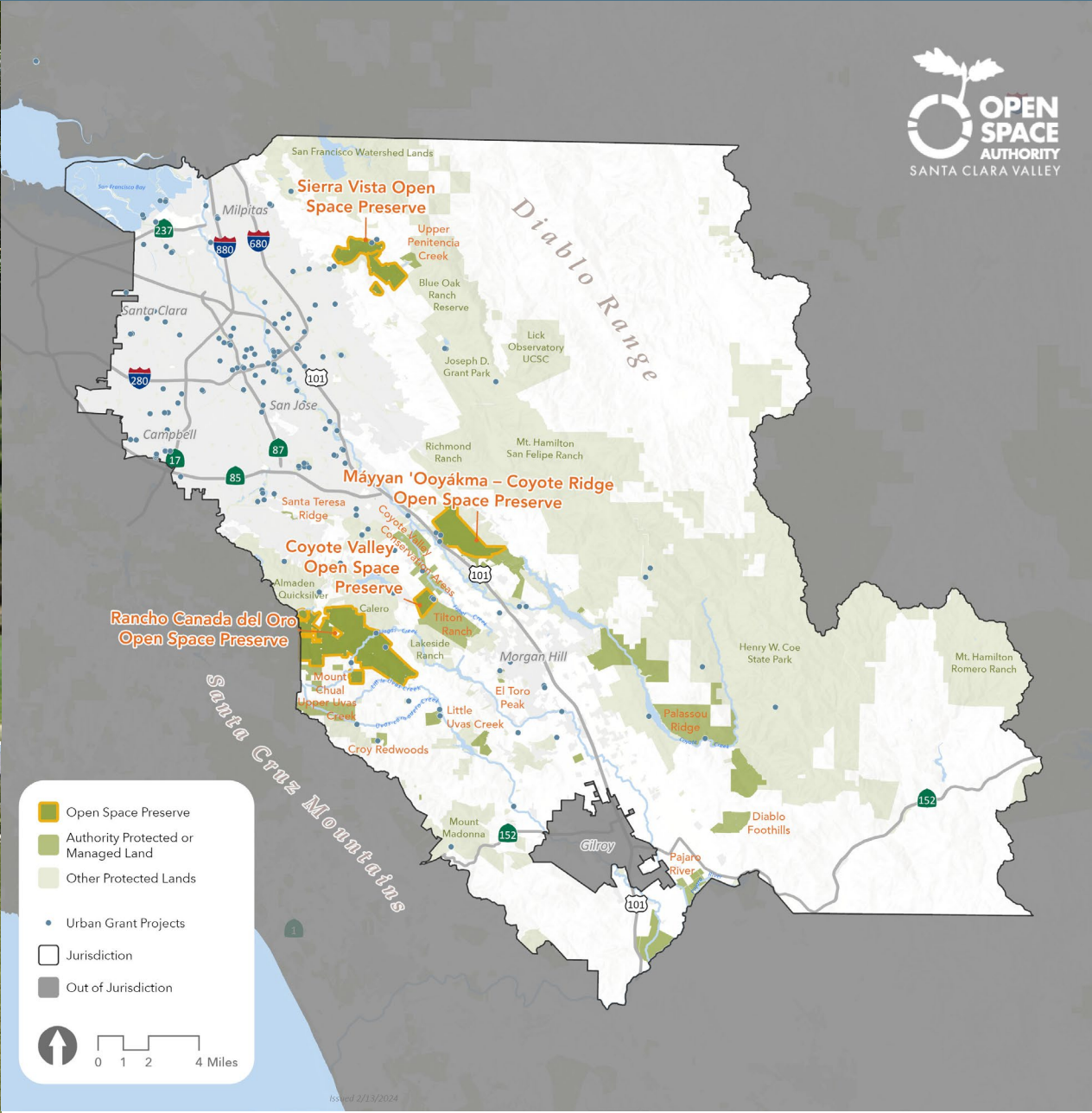


Engaging Diverse Communities



- Urban Grant Programs
- Volunteer Programs
- Community Outreach & Education

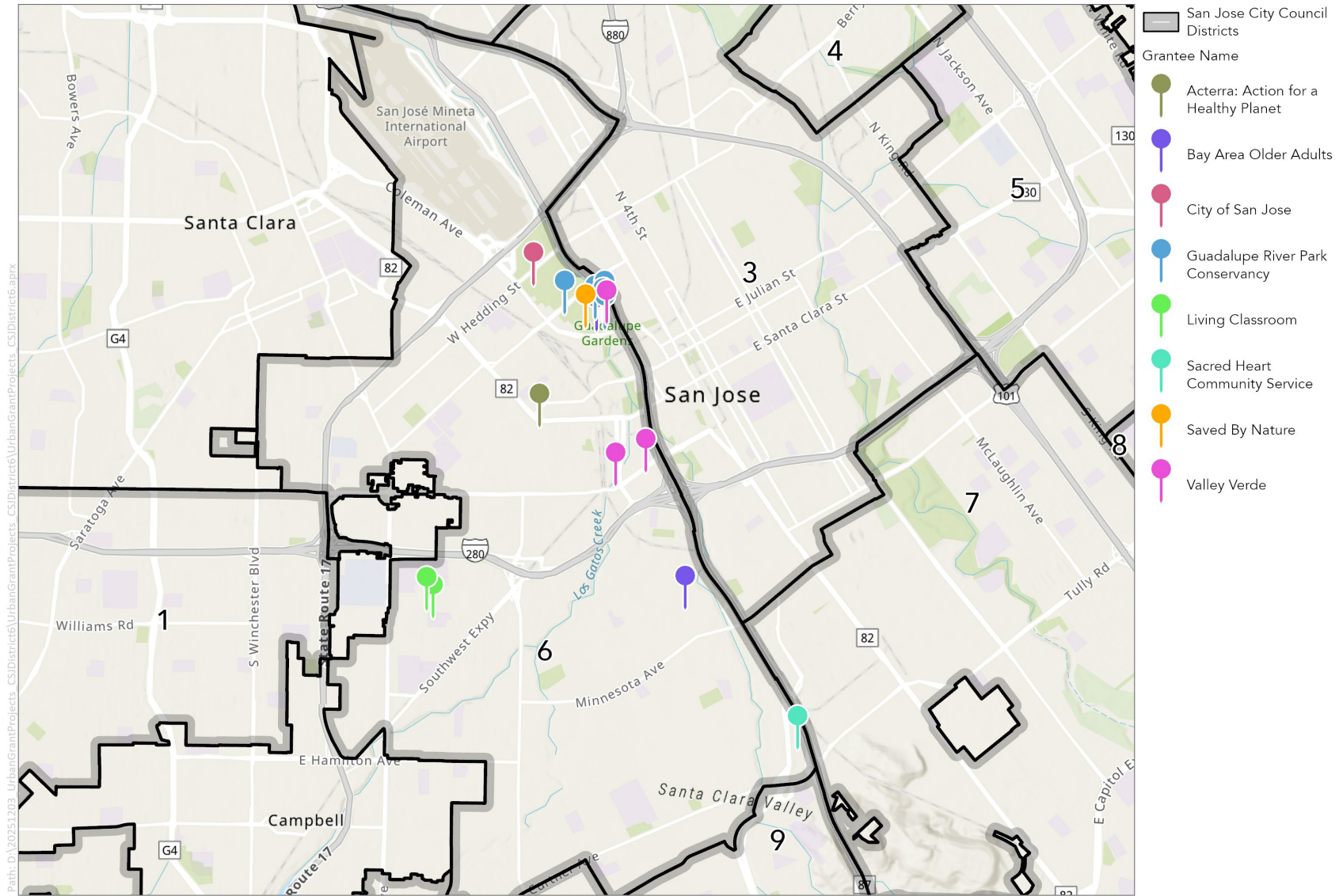
Urban Grant Program



Urban Grants



Urban Grant Program Awards in CSJ District 6



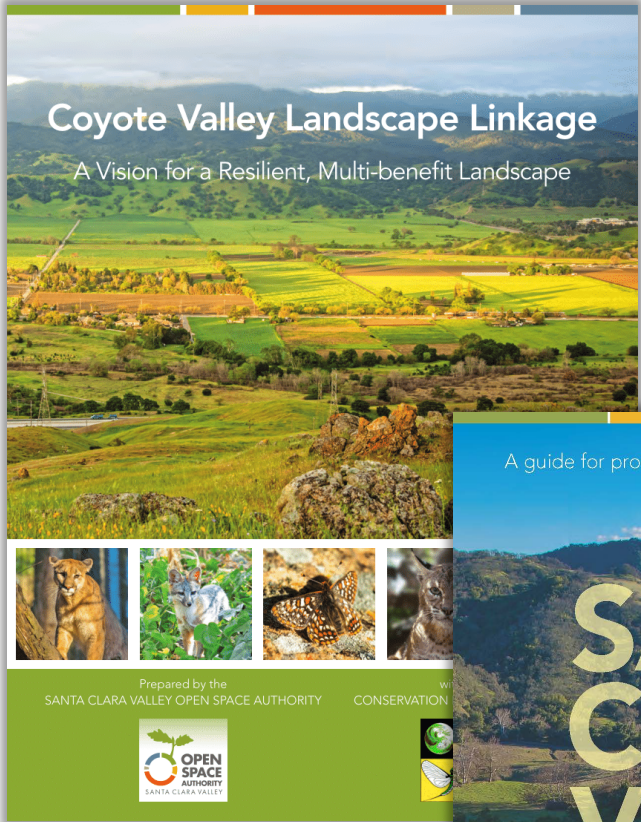
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Supporting Rural and Urban Agriculture



- Ag Land Conservation
- Spina Farms
- Pajaro River Agricultural Preserve
- Santa Clara Valley Agricultural Plan
- Climate Smart Practices and Policies
- Urban Farms / Community Gardens

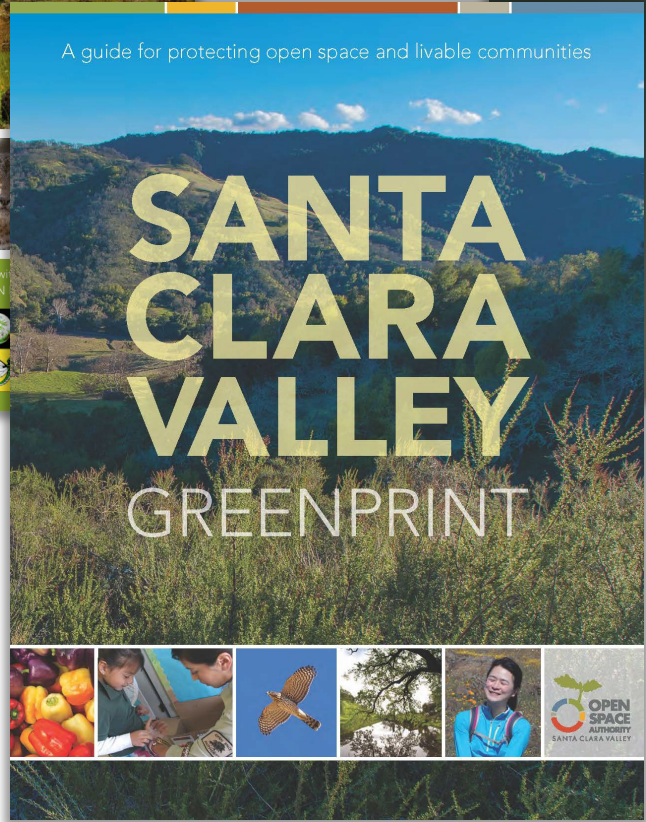

Science-based Research & Informed Public Policy



Coyote Valley Landscape Linkage
A Vision for a Resilient, Multi-benefit Landscape


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CONSERVATION




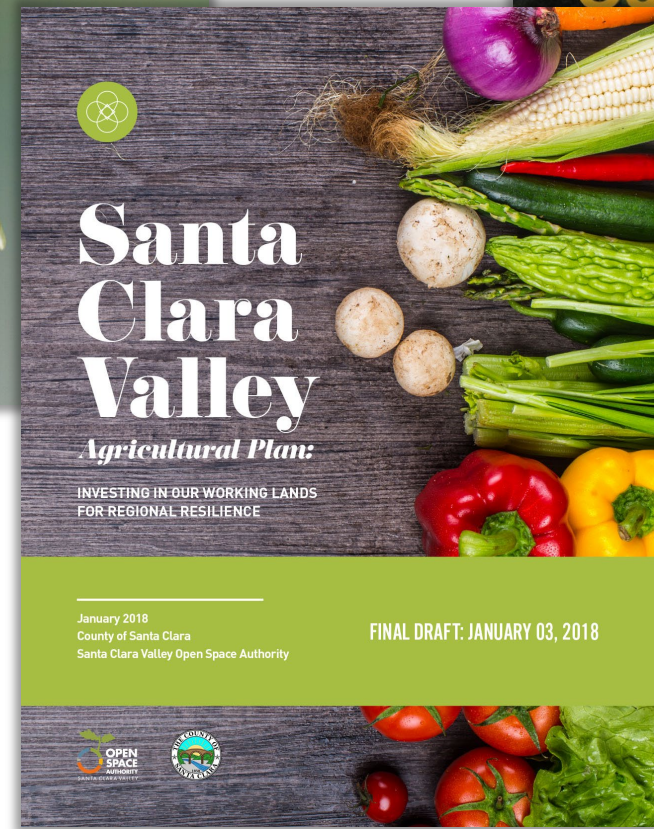
A guide for protecting open space and livable communities

SANTA CLARA VALLEY GREENPRINT



HEALTHY LANDS & HEALTHY ECONOMIES:

NATURE'S VALUE IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY

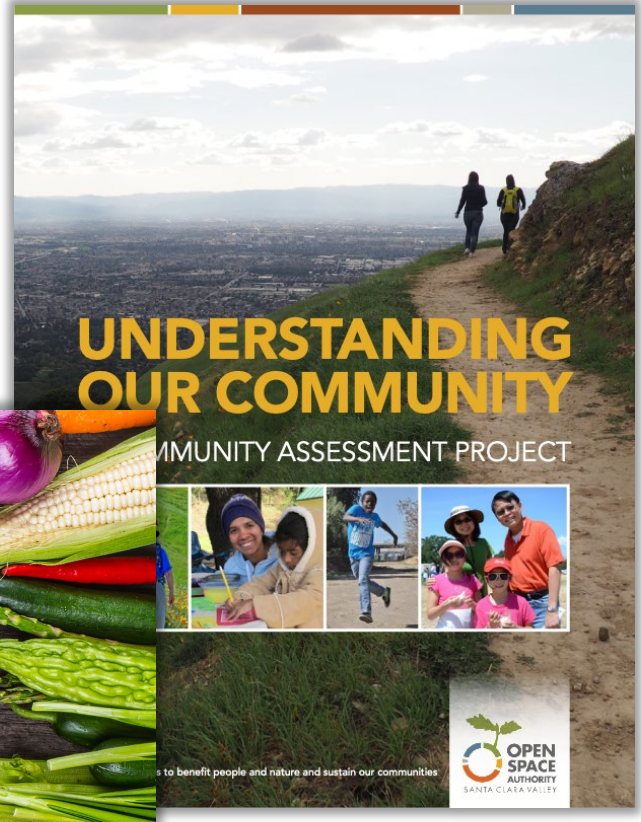



Santa Clara Valley

Agricultural Plan:
INVESTING IN OUR WORKING LANDS FOR REGIONAL RESILIENCE


January 2018
County of Santa Clara
Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority

FINAL DRAFT: JANUARY 03, 2018




UNDERSTANDING OUR COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT PROJECT



to benefit people and nature and sustain our communities



Current Agency Priorities



- Protecting and restoring strategic farmland, rangeland, natural lands and waterways
- Coyote Valley Master Plan and land restoration

- Managing natural lands to help enhance resilience in communities
- Expanding public access opportunities

COYOTE VALLEY

CONSERVATION AREAS
MASTER PLAN

Lead Agency



Core Partners



- CVCAMP Properties
- Nearby Protected Lands

SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS

Tilton Ranch

Coyote Valley
Open Space
Preserve

PALM AVE

BAILEY AVE

SANTA TERESA BLVD

MONTEREY RD + RAIL

US 101

Máyyan 'Ooyákma-Coyote Ridge
Open Space Preserve

DIABLO RANGE

Projected Revenue Needs for Next 15-20 Years

- OSA is managing more lands (30,000 acres)
 - with growing stewardship responsibility
 - and greater urgency to address climate change
- Well-managed lands protect communities from
 - Wildfire
 - Drought
 - Flood
 - Extreme heat
- Land conservation is very cost-effective for benefits it brings

Ways to Get Involved



- Stewardship and other volunteer opportunities
- Public walks, education programs, and other nature-oriented events
- Master Planning workshops
- Board and Citizens' Advisory Committee meetings

Thank You!



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