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This year the Friends of Stevens Creek Trail celebrated its **30th Anniversary!** 🎉 The organization was founded in late 1992 by Mountain View Planning Commissioner Rhonda Farrar and was incorporated in the spring of 1993. Since then, the Friends has grown into a robust grassroots organization with a broad membership and an enthusiastic volunteer Board of Directors. 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.

The trail touches four cities and we marked our anniversary in each of them by displaying a special quilt made from Trailblazer Race T-shirts, dating back to 1996. The quilt was donated by Jan and Tom Frankum. Tom was a long-time board member, former board president, and frequent race participant. We were thrilled to receive their quilt and share it with the public. We are also deeply honored to have received mayoral proclamations commemorating our anniversary from each of the four cities!

This year's **Trailblazer Race** was again one for the record books. We saw almost 20% more race participants than in 2022, supported by a large team of nearly 100 volunteers. The race is our largest source of fundraising aside from your generous donations & sponsorship, which we will put to use in our advocacy efforts in 2024.

This year we continued to invest in and carry forward projects started in years past, including improvement of the **Varian Park Connection**, annual monitoring of the **Fish Passage Project** at Deep Cliff Golf Course, and expanding coverage in two additional cities with the **Uniform Signage Project**. We also invested in legal services for agreements with Cupertino landowners to establish easements that are intended to extend the trail from Linda Vista Park to the Country Park.

None of this would have been possible without you. Our work takes time, effort, and money. We are a small organization with a dedicated all-volunteer Board of Directors and one part time staff member.

Your contributions go far and we appreciate every single one. We consider a large unsolicited grant last year from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation as 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. That's the reason it is so important to us that we received Candid's platinum seal of transparency this year.

We trust we can count on your continued (or new) financial support.
Happy Trails!

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**Donate
Now!**



The Stevens Creek Trail is one of the things that makes Mountain View a great place to live! I have walked and biked it for years – to Shoreline Park and the Baylands, to music at the Amphitheatre, to visit friends all over Mountain View and just to get outdoors under the trees and away from the cars. I urge you to support this community treasure.

- **Alison Hicks**, Mayor of the City of Mountain View

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Progress Made in 2023

We have had a busy year and it is only because of your financial support and 'sweat equity' that we are able to accomplish so much. Please continue to provide us your support in 2024 for yet another fantastic year along the trail!

Expanding & Enhancing the Trail

Last summer we cleared a ¼ mile trail extension north of Stevens Creek Boulevard linking Blackberry Farm and Varian Park in Cupertino. This year, with the help of your donations and a team of hardy HP volunteers, we significantly improved the usability and safety of that trail.

Stevens Creek Trail medallions can now be found on many more miles of the trail in Mountain View and Cupertino. In partnership with City staff in both jurisdictions, the Friends installed medallions on the 5 miles of trail in Mountain View and the 1.3 miles of trail in Cupertino. These now join the 2022 installations in Monte Bello Open Space Preserve and Stevens Creek County Park, unifying over 13 miles of the Trail from the mountains to the bay.

Creating a Uniform Trail Identity



The Friends are good people doing good work on an important community resource. This is volunteerism at its best!
- **Joe Simitian**, Member of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors

Supporting Wildlife Along Our Creeks

The Friends are required to monitor the Deep Cliff Golf Course fish passage project site for five years. In October, an external expert aided by volunteers and staff was on site to complete the first year's monitoring. The group measured the contours of the creek bed and logs installed to create pools that shelter fish. By engaging volunteers, we kept our expenses to a fifth of original estimates, and we were able to provide a fun and educational opportunity to the community. We thank the Regional Water Quality Control Board for their approval of this approach.

Design is well underway for a southern extension of the trail from Dale/Heatherstone to Fremont Ave. We have participated in public comment forums and expressed the need for the safest and most accessible options for the trail's termination or passage to the south at Fremont Ave. As a result, Sunnyvale City Council has included extra time in their process to seek additional funding and solutions to improve bike and pedestrian safety.

Advocating in Our Cities

Bringing Community to the Trail



In coordination with the City of Mountain View and Valley Water, the Friends organized public and private trail cleanups of the trail and creek bed for National River Cleanup Day and California Coastal Cleanup Day, as well as four additional cleanups with local companies and civic organizations. We also partnered with Google's GBike team to hold multiple cleanups this year collecting over 1,000lbs of garbage from the creek and surrounding areas.

I have been a long time user, advocate and supporter of the Stevens Creek Trail; and I am overjoyed to see it finally expanding into Sunnyvale. We are fortunate to have this local trail where people can exercise, commute, or just connect with the outdoors. I hope everyone will support the efforts of the Friends of the Stevens Creek Trail to preserve and enhance our trail for future generations. Your support is a testament to a sustainable tomorrow, where people and nature can continue to thrive in tandem.

- **Larry Klein**, Mayor of Sunnyvale

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.

Thank You

Find more information about our mission, projects, and the trail at www.stevenscreektrail.org. Visit [paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/64118](https://www.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.

