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Dear

For more than three decades, the Friends of Stevens Creek Trail has worked to protect and enhance the Stevens Creek wildlife corridor and trail. None of this would be possible without you.

In October, we completed the third round of post-project monitoring at the site where, in 2022, we removed a barrier to fish passage along Stevens Creek. Just a month earlier, we celebrated the 32nd Trailblazer Race, bringing together hundreds of runners, walkers, and volunteers. The two efforts couldn't have been more different - one quiet and technical, the other lively and festive - but both shared the same heart: volunteers at the center, not as a nice-to-have, but as the driving force behind our work. Engaging the community in our work not only keeps costs low; it is essential to stewarding the trust our donors have placed in us.

What Your Support Provides

- **Protecting Wildlife:** Donations help us maintain and restore habitat along Stevens Creek, from removing invasive plants to planting native species and monitoring fish passage improvements.
- **Expanding Access:** Your support helps advocate for trail connections and enhancements, allowing more people to enjoy the trail and explore our creek corridor safely.
- **Engaging the Community:** Contributions fund events, educational materials, and the Trailblazer Race, bringing neighbors together to celebrate and care for the trail and the corridor.

Looking ahead, the Stevens Creek corridor will continue to flourish as a haven for wildlife, while the trail remains a safe and welcoming place for the community. Every gift strengthens our volunteer efforts, supports habitat restoration, and ensures the trail and creek corridor are cared for for decades to come.

Please make your gift today. Whether online, by check, or via PayPal, your donation ensures the Friends can continue protecting wildlife, expanding the trail, and bringing the community together

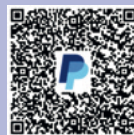
With gratitude,

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We are fortunate to have the Friends of Stevens Creek Trail working so hard over the years to create a pathway that connects the mountains to the bay. Everyone needs the benefits of green space and self-powered mobility for work and play. When you support the Friends, you help bring the trail a little bit closer to completion – for yourself and future generations.

- **Margaret Abe-Koga**, Santa Clara County Supervisor



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Now!



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.

The work we do is in your hands.

Two thirds of our funding comes from individual donors like you. Thanks to the hard work of our volunteers, we are able to run a tight operating budget and direct your donations where they will have the greatest positive impact on the Stevens Creek wildlife corridor and trail. This year we have kept up our usual activities, even in the face of economic conditions that have made institutional sponsorships less certain. We count on donors like you to keep the Friends thriving in 2026.

Almost all of the work that we do is at the hands of volunteers - from our Board members to the volunteers who help identify new trail alignments, plant native vegetation, pick up trash, or lead our events. Your donations and hands-on time allow us to continue the work of our mission year after year. Please continue to support us in 2026 for another fantastic year along the trail!

Expanding & Enhancing the Trail

The Friends have overseen 30 years of trail development and we are still going. A “Stevens Creek Park Chain” was proposed in the early 1960’s. The Valley Water District published detailed plans almost 20 years later, and it was another 11 years before the first segment of the trail was opened. Not long after that, the Friends was launched to care for the existing trail and maintain momentum behind its growth.

We remain focused on the long-term goal of a continuous 25 mile trail from Skyline to the Bay. Any work in the creek corridor requires multiple agencies to come together, and the Friends can play a major role in coordinating these efforts. We are now working to bring these agencies to the table to chart the course for the next three decades. Your financial support is needed to turn this vision into action.



Supporting Wildlife Along Our Creeks

In 2025 the Friends hosted over a dozen trail cleanups and work days. Trash cleanups remain our most popular activity and we have recently put more emphasis on removing invasive species like Cape ivy and Italian thistle from the area surrounding the creek. We have partnered with Mountain View Parks and Grassroots Ecology to host planting days where native species are reintroduced. The Friends provide the supplies to make this happen and it’s become our tradition to reward our volunteers with a pizza lunch after a morning of hard work.

At the Fish Passage Project site in Cupertino, the financial support you provide allows us to perform the required long-term monitoring and maintenance. There are several barriers to fish passage along Stevens Creek. Your support helps us address these challenges and enhance the health of the entire wildlife corridor.

Bringing Community to the Trail

The Friends have established a recurring presence at community events like the Sunnyvale and Mountain View Art & Wine Festivals, Silicon Valley Kids Triathlon, and SVBC’s Bike to the Future and Bike to Work events. The funds you provide allow us to give out, free of charge, our logo bike bells (keeping you and us safe) and copies of VTA Bikeways maps to help you navigate Santa Clara County without a car. We provide hundreds of these to the community each year.

Our signature annual event, the Trailblazer Race, is now in its fourth decade. Costs to execute this event have risen year over year but we remain committed to continuing the tradition. It is with your support that we can bring hundreds of runners and walkers onto the trail each September and also support the more than 100 volunteers who come out to assist us.



Thank You

Find more information about our mission, projects, and the trail at stevenscreektrail.org. Visit [paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/64118](https://www.paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/64118) or **Venmo @fosct** to provide your financial support for the Friends of Stevens Creek Trail. Check with your employer for matching contributions.

